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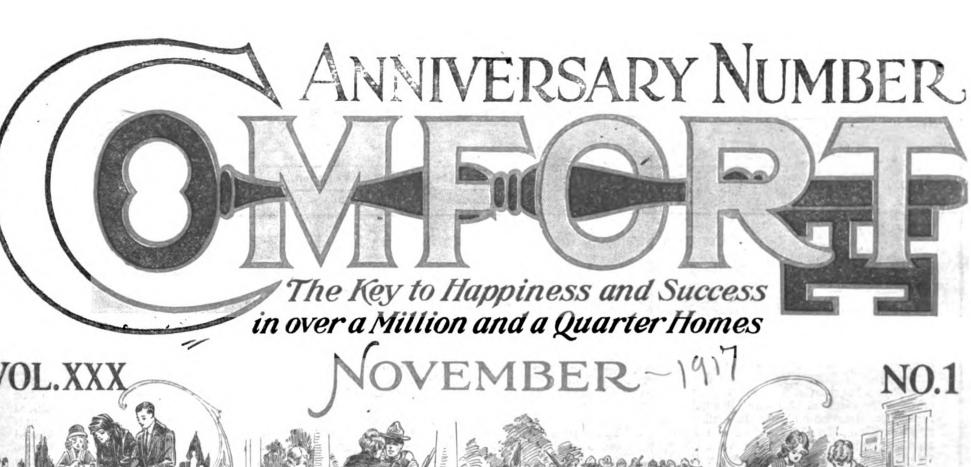
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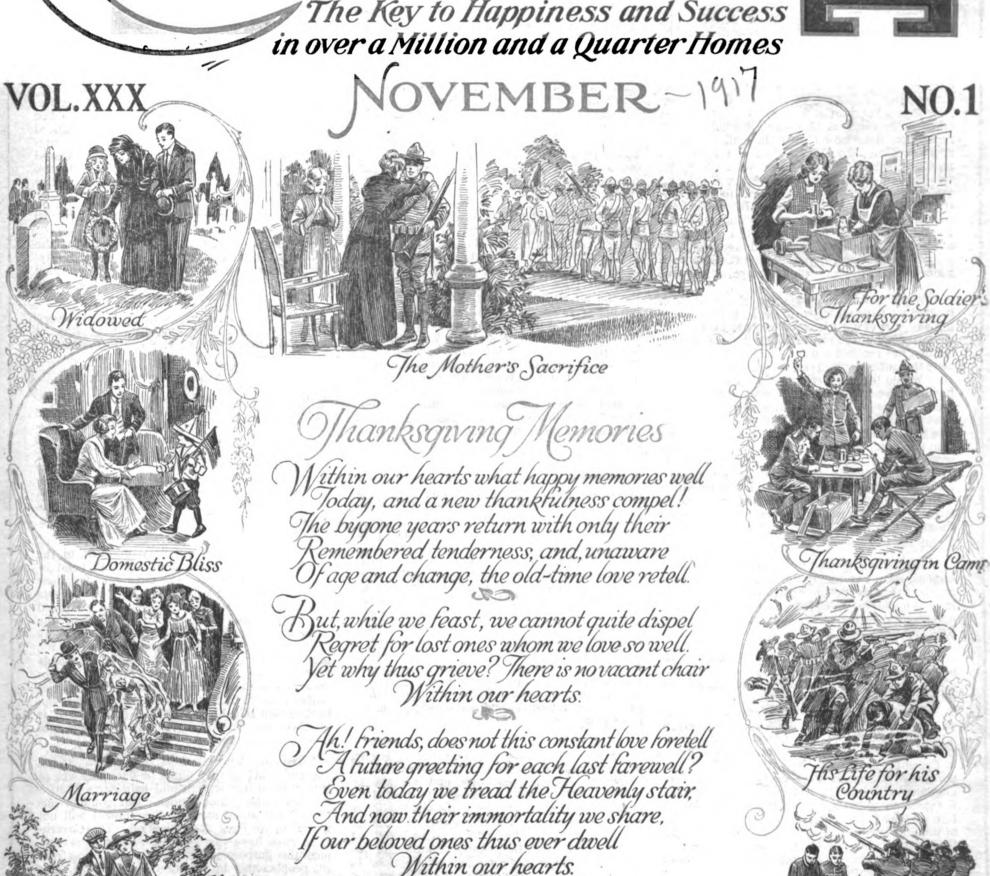
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Congress Strangling the People's Magazines with Zone Postage Rates

'N its inscrutable unwisdom Congress has struck a staggering, if not a knock-out, blow at one of the greatest, most unifying and beneficent educational forces in the country by decreeing a large increase in the magazine and newspaper postage rate and, worse yet, grading it by zones like the parcel post rates. This law becomes operative by installments on several future dates; beginning on the first day of next July with a substantial rise and the application of the zone rates on that date, it establishes a further annual rise on each succeeding July to and including July, 1921, when the rates will reach a maximum that, coupled with the delay, trouble and expenses of sorting by zones and mailing by mail routes, will be well-nigh prohibitive to popular priced magazines which, like Com-FORT, have a nation-wide circulation largely in the distant zones The newspapers will not be much affected because few of them send more than ten per cent of their circulation beyond the first two zones wherein the rate will be comparatively low.

While prices of everything else have been soaring we have struggled to get by without shifting any part of our increased expense over to our subscribers but the continually rising cost of production has reached a point which obliges us to raise our subscription price as announced on page 16. We do this most reluctantly. But we shall have to raise it again to meet even the first increase in second-class postage. which takes effect next July and keep on raising it year by year unless, meanwhile, the people get after their congressmen and induce them to repeal this stupid and destructive piece of legislation, or at least modify it so to make it livable by eliminating the grossly unfair and oppressive zone rate feature which originated in the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and was railroaded through the lower branch of Congress without giving the publishers a respectful hearing.

The Senate rejected it after long and careful consideration, but the House was so obstinately insistent that the Senate finally yielded and gave it a passage in order to effect a compromise agreement on other contested features of the War Revenue Bill.

Apparently the members of the House, with few exceptions, knew but little and cared less about the character of this measure, their chief concern being to vote as directed by their bosses. It was reported, however, that certain senators secured a postponement of its going into effect until July in order to gain time for reconsideration of the matter at the session which will begin in December This also gives the people an opportunity to impress their views on their congressmen with a possible prospect that their will, if vigorously expressed, may be heeded. Therefore we take pains to explain to our readers some of the injurious effects, ignored or over-looked by their congressmen, which the interests of the people and the welfare of the nation will suffer from this zone innovation.

Did you ever wonder how such a magazine as Confort could be furnished to you for only 25 cents per year? Do you know why it can be delivered at the same low subscription price to its subscribers in all parts of the United States and anywhere in Uncle Sam's territorial possessions? There are just two reasons why this was possible: first, because the second-class postage rate is low, only one cent per pound, and, second, because it is the same, regardless of distance, everywhere in Uncle Sam's dominions even to his remotest island dependencies. In other words the publisher now pays a cent a pound bulk weight on his entire edition mailed to any and all places where "old glory" is the emblem of authority. This gives the magazine a vast field of equal opportunity in which to build up an enormous circulation-more than a million and a quarter copies per month in Comfort's case.

This enables the publisher to do business on a large scale and thereby cut expense of production to the lowest possible figure and operate successfully on a small margin of profit. Even then the subscription price falls short of meeting the cost, for advertising patronage is an important item of revenue without which scarcely any periodical could live. Advertising rates depend on volume of circulation. The benefit of the low second-class postage rate, which has been in effect for forty years or more, has been passed on to the subscriber in the form of a low subscription price. This is as it now is and long has been, but will cease soon after the new zone rates go into operation.

It is evident that, if the postage rate on the magazine is raised enough to wipe out or largely impair the publisher's margin of profit, this increased cost must be passed on either to the advertisers in the form of higher advertising rates or to the subscribers in the form of a higher subscription price Business conditions caused by the war are such that advertisers would not stand for higher rates. The large rise in the price of print paper and the increased cost of all else that enters into magazine production have cut deep into the profits of most publishers and have put a large number of publications out of business during the last two years. The periodical publishing business, as a whole, is not prospering at present and is not in condition to stand up under the added burden of higher second-class postage rates, and therefore must pass it on to the subscribers by raising subscription rates enough to cover the increased expense.

The new second-class postage rates, at their maximum, will add about one hundred thousand dollars a year to the cost of postage for mailing Comfort, and this, with other items of increased expense directly due to the zone rate system which imposes the tremendous task of twice sorting each issue, will have to be borne by our subscribers in the form of higher subscription rates. Please understand that this is entirely distinct from the new letter postage rate which, on and after November first, will be three cents for each letter weighing one ounce or less, and three cents more for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce in excess, and requires an additional one cent stamp on postal cards. We have not taken this item into account although this fifty per cent increase in the letter rate will cost us three thousand dollars a year for additional postage on our correspondence.

The readers may want to know how it will be a severe blow to the magazines if the burden of the increase in second-class postage rates is to be shifted to their subscribers, and wherein the national welfare will be especially affected by higher subscription rates even though the latter be a hardship to many of the people. If, instead of rising by zones, the increase were level and uniform throughout the country regardless of distance, it would be immeasurably less injurious to all concerned. But the gradation of the rate by zones is an abomination in that it is a barrier to progress toward national unity of thought and aspiration, an impediment to the forces that are striving to overcome local prejudices and substitute nationalism for sectionalism: it is an intolerable nuisance because it discriminates locally with flagrant injustice and ruthless destructiveness.

The magazines that have subscribers in every town and village and on every rural route in the country have to be and are broadly national in their treatment of the issues of the day and are rendering inestimable educational service, not only in the dissemination of knowledge, but in breaking down local prejudices bringing the people of all sections to a better understanding of each other and into a closer sympathy teaching them to be more tolerant in their judgments and leading them in thought and sentiment toward a

unity of aspiration and purpose As a natural consequence of the excessive postage rates in the distant zones these magazines will have difficulty in competing in subscription price with local publications in the remote sections and will gradually lose circulation in such localities. The result will be that the ably edited popular magazines, which now are read from coast to coast and from Canada to the Mexican border, will have their respective circulations reduced in volume and localized within areas restricted by zone rates. Reduced circulation means smaller income which, in turn, will compel the publishers to pay less for editorial and literary matter. The crippling effect of zone rates must necessarily tend to lower the quality of the magazines.

The present war has brought into prominence the necessity for the unification of public opinion, and while President Wilson is encouraging the organization of the League for National Unity Congress strikes a blow at the greatest unifying force in the country by hampering the magazines with zone rates of postage.

We trust that Comport subscribers in every State will write their congressmen, at once a strong expression of their views on this subject

The Second Liberty Loan

E regret that the Government's announcement of the second Liberty Loan came out too late to appear in October Comport. The campaign for floating these bonds is in progress as we go to press and subscriptions will close before this edition reaches our readers. Nevertheless, we cannot pass without mention a matter of such vital importance, and we hope that our comments may help in promoting the sale of the third issue of these bonds which will be offered to the public a little later.

We hope our readers have invested to the extent of their financial ability in both bond issues, not only as a patriotic duty but for their own benefit. We trust there are no slackers among our readers: that they need not be urged to do their dollar duty to our country and the cause of human liberty while our young men are going to France to risk their lives and suffer the hardships of trench warfare. Buy the bonds yourselves and do your utmost to induce others to do so, and if those there be among your acquaintances who are unmoved by patriotic appeals appeal to their selfishness and show them that it is for their own interest to put their money into Liberty Bonds.

Tell the dollar slackers that we are in the war and, whether they like it or not, they are in it with us to stay with it and help carry it to a successful and glorious finish. Our country has taken that stand and our Government will not waver in its fixed determination. The Government must have vast sums of money to accomplish this purpose and it has all got to come from the people either by taxation or by loans. War taxes are high and nobody escapes them, for everything we buy or use is taxed But the revenue from war taxes will fall far short of the expenses of the war. War loans are relied on to furnish the remainder but if the Liberty Bonds do not sell in sufficient amounts to provide the requisite funds the difference will have to be made good by still higher war taxes. There is no alternative, no other way out. The Government must have the money Therefore, if the dollar slackers do not wish to pay higher war taxes on everything they eat, wear use, have, earn or spend they muse buy Liberty Bonds. It is a case of necessity, but they can have their choice between lending the Government their money at four per cent interest or having it drafted by taxation—and no interest and no return. Which do they prefer?

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ANKSGIVING PIES and OTHER PASTRY HOW to MAKE them DELICIOUS and WHOLESOME

By Violet Marsh

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LTHOUGH Thanksgiving has been celebrated annually in the New England States ever since Governor William Bradford, who led the Pilgrims to this new land, instituted nearly three centuries ago, it was President Lincoln who, in 1864, established it as a national festival. No other holiday has a warmer place in our hearts, and on no occasion does the American housewife plan so elaborately for the enjoyment of those who gather about her table of plenty.

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But when we give thanks for the garnered sheaves, the well-filled cellar and storerooms, and the farm and home made snug for winter, this fall, we know that in many homes the Thanksgiving festivities will be saddened by the unusual absence of dear ones called to serve their country, but a parcel from home filled with dainties by loving hands will cheer many a soldier boy in camp with the consoling thought that he is held in fond remembrance in the family circle where he is missed.



INDIVIDUAL CHICKEN OR VEAL PIES.

And nothing can be put into these baskets that will be more appreciated than good home pastry, for "mother's pie" has never yet been equaled. Fill the tarts generously, and use plenty of parafin paper, wrapping everything individually. Mince pie ranks next to turkey in suggestiveness of Thanks: twing.

May success and good cheer attend your efforts.

Pastry Making

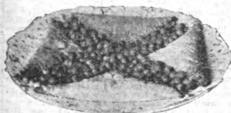
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The deliciousness of good pastry is disputed by none, but the unwholesomeness of poor pastry is deplored by many. "Guess measuring," the use of rancid fats "good enough for pie crust" in the eyes of the short-sighted housekeeper, warm materials, and improper oven heat, are the chief reasons why pastry is often unpleasant tasting and indigestible, and unquestionably one of the causes of American dyspepsia.

Pastry is not classed as a food for delicate stomachs; yet, when properly made and baked it is far less difficult of digestion than is generally supposed, its reputation having been unjustly damaged by had cooking.

No housewife can afford to use an inferior fat on her table, yet, in face of the fact that



ENVELOPE CHERRIES.

prices have more than doubled, it is a great temptation. The reasonable solution is to eat less pastry and have the best.

Pies are not wholesome the second day, not even when "warmed over." Pie crust dough can be kept on ice, or buried in flour for several days, and it is an easy matter to make a fresh pie with the dough all ready.

Selection and Use of Materials

Lise plastry flour and sift twice.

Prepared shortenings made from vegetable fats lead in wholesomeness, and have the added advantages of being nearly tasteless and making pastry a rich brown. Beef suet tried out also makes a sweet and digestible fat and combines well with butter.

Equal parts of butter and lard is better than all lard. Lard is the least wholesome, yet many prefer it as it, makes pastry tender and soft, and is less expensive. Butter is necessary for puff paste and bakes brown. The flour shortening, and water, should be as nearly ice-cold as possible, and the pastry chilled before throughout the pastry without allowing a paste



MOLASSES PIE.

to be formed with the flour, makes "flaky"

Asserty.

Keep the hands cool by frequently dipping them in cold water while handling pastry.

Perforated tin pie plates secure a well-done under crust. The oven should be hot at first, about the same as for rolls, reducing the heat

after the crust is firm. Turn occasionally and bake from thirty to forty-five minutes. In making a pie crust shell many are more successful if the plate is inverted, spreading the dough



APPLE TURNOVERS.

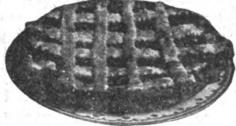
on the underside of a plate and baking with the

How to Line Plate and Put on Upper Crust

Paste should be rolled to about one quarter of an inch thick. Cut under crust a very little larger than the plate, and the upper crust less than a quarter of an inch larger. Cut strips a little less than one inch wide for the rim. Fold lower crust once, placing evenly on one half of plate; then unfold and cover plate. Wet edges with cold water, and cover with the rim, lapping and scaling ends and wetting edges with water. Fill the plate, a little higher in the center to allow for shrinking. Cut small slits in upper crust for escaping steam, and cover pie. Have edges even, pressing lightly together.

When using under crust only, roll paste a little thinner and cut about one inch larger than plate. Lay on plate and fold edge under, and flute by bringing thumb and first finger together and pressing paste between at regular intervals.

Chopped Paste.—Four tablespoons each of butter and lard, half a teaspoon of salt, and one and one half cups of flour. Sift flour again with salt, and chop in the cold butter and lard until it resembles coarse meal. Add cold water, a little at a time, until a very stiff dough is formed. Do not knead, but turn out on a



floured board and roll into a long strip, then fold ends toward center, double twice and roll again.

FLAKY PASTE.—One heaping cup of sifted flour sifted again with one quarter of a teaspoon each of baking powder and salt. With a knife, chop in two tablespoons of lard or clean beef fat, and mix stiff with cold water. Do not knead. Roll out, cover with a full quarter of a cup of butter cut in small pieces, sprinkle with flour, and roll over same as a jelly roll. Roll out, fold several times, cut into two parts and roll to fit plate.

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EVERYDAY PASTE.—Beat together the white of one egg and one tablespoon of lard, and with the hands work it into one quart of sifted flour till very fine. Mix with one cup of icewater, adding a little at a time. Roll about quarter of an inch thick, and cover with one cup of butter cut in very small pieces. Sprinkle with flour, fold the edges toward center, roll up, and when ready for use, roll out for pies.

Various Pie Filters

MINCE MEAT.—One cup of boiled chopped beef cut from the round, one third of a cup of chopped



PRESERVE PUFFS

suet, one and one half cup of brown sugar, scant half cup of molasses, one and one half cup of seeded raisins, one and one half cup of washed currants and four cups of chopped tart apples and one cup of meat liquor. Mix thoroughly together and add two even teaspoons of salt, two even teaspoons of cinnamon, one half teaspoon of powdered cloves, one half teaspoon of mace or nutmeg, and the grated rind and juice of one lemon. Cook in a porcelain lined kettle until the raisins are soft, then add one cup of good apple cider.

Mock Cherry Pie.—Mix together one half cup of chopped raisins and one and one third cups of chopped raisins and one and one third cups of chopped gratevarias.

MOCK CHERRY PIE.—Mix together one half cup of chopped raisins and one and one third cups of chopped cranberries. Add one cup of sugar, one rounding tablespoon of butter and a scant quarter cup of water. Make in under crust and lattice strips to cover from chopped paste.

PRESERVI, PIFFS.—Roll very thin squares from flaky paste. Spread with rich jam or jelly, a speck of butter, and a few drops of lemon juice. Wet edges, draw together and bake fifteen minutes in hot oven, or until brown.

APPLE PIE.—Line pie plate as directed, except, if apples are very juicy, the rim may extend

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Helping the Government in the Home

The U. S. Food Administrator says:

"The use of baking powder breads made of corn and other coarse flours instead of patent wheat flour is recommended."

Corn meal, oatmeal and rye flour can be used instead of white flour to make wholesome and most appetizing food, when prepared with

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Try the following recipes which are practical examples:

OATMEAL BISCUITS

1½ cups flour 1½ teaspoons Royal Baking Powder ½ teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons sugar

Sitt flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Add oatmeal, melted shortening and enough water to make a soft dough. Roll out this on floured board; cut with biscutt cutter and bake in greased pan in moderate oven about 20 minutes.

CORN MEAL GRIDDLE CAKES

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cald corn meal in bowl with boiling water; I mils, metted shortening and molasses; ifour, set and baking powder, which have n sifted to other; mix well. Bake on hot ased griddle until brown.

4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

shortening 1 tablespoon singer 1 tablespoon singer 2 cups rye flour 34 cup milk

Cream shortening. Add sugar and molasses, beating well. Add half the flour, which has been silted with baking powder, spices and sait. Mix in half the milk, and then add remainder of flour and remainder of milk. Mix well and pour into greased individual cake tins and bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes.

NUT BREAD

11/2 cups milk and water 1 cup chopped nuts (not too fine), or 1 cup raisins, washed and floured 5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder 114 teaspoons salt 4 cup sugar or corn syrup

Mix together flour, baking powder and salt; add milk and water, sugar or corn syrup, and nutmeats or raisins. Put into greased loaf pan; allow to stand 30 minutes in warm place. Bake in nodectate over 40 to 45 minutes.

RYE AND CORN MEAL MUFFINS

134 cups rye flour 24 cup corn meal 25 teaspoon salt 4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder 1 tablespoon sugar 4 cup milk and water I tablespoon shortening

Sitt together dry ingredients: add milk and water and melted shortening. Beat well. Bake in gressed much time in hot oven 30 to 35 minutes.

SPIDER CORN BREAD

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1 cup corn meal
5 cup flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon sait
1 tablespoon shortening
Beat egg in bowl, and add one cup milk and
water; stir in corn meal, flour, sugar, sait and
baking powder, which have been sifted together; turn into frying pan, in which shorten
ing has been melted. Four remaining milk
over it, but do not stir. Bake about 25 minutes in hot oven. There should be a line of
creamy custard through the bread. Cut into
triangles and serve.

1 cup soft boiled or left over hominy (or other cooked cereal)
1 tasspoon sait 4 taspoons Royal Baking Powder

1 cup corn meal 5 teaspoons Royal 34 cups flour Baking Powder 1 cup milk 1 cup milk 2 tablespoons sugar 4 sour apples 2 tablespoons molasses

Sift dry ingredients together. Add eno mik to make thick batter. Beat well. a apples, chopped fine, and molasses. Bake hot greased gem pans 15 to 20 minutes.

MAPLE LAYER CAKE

2½ tableapoon shortening ½ cup sugar l egg l egg yolk ½ cup milk 3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder 4 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream shortening, add sugar; add beaten eggs and one-half corn flour and flour, which have been sifted with the baking powder and salt; mix well. Add milk and the remainder of flour; add flavoring. Beat well and bake in greased layer tims in hot oven 10 to 12 minutes. Cover layers and top with the following icing:

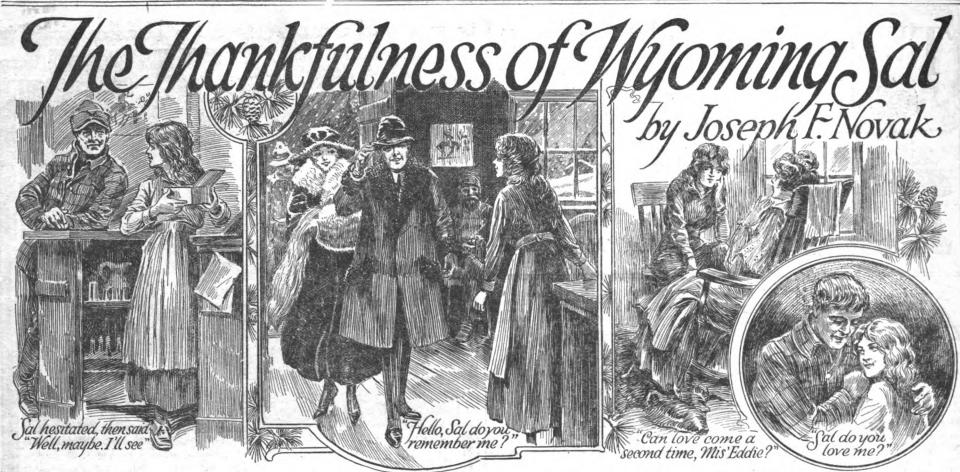
Maple Icing

2 cups maple or corn syrup 1 egg white 2 teaspoons shortening Boil syrup until it spins a thread; add short-ening. Pour slowly over beaten white of egg. Beat until stiff enough to spread on cake.

Our new red, white and blue booklet, "Best War Time Recipes," mailed free on request. Address Royal Baking Powder Co., 130 William St., N. Y.

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Royal Never Leaves a Bitter Taste



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RICKTOP" PETE entered Wyoming Sal's tavern, a little in advance of the other men who daily took their meals there. He shook the snow from his person, then approached the counter behind which Sal stood, putting things to rights. "Supper ready soon, Sal?" he asked. "Yes, soon's th' other men come," she replied. Bricktop hesitated, evidently at a loss as to how to commence on the topic in mind. Sal observed this as she eyed him. "What's on yer mind?" she asked. "Ye goin' to close up tomorrer like ye did last year, Sal?"

The girl's cheeks reddened.
"Why should I close up, even if 'tis Thanksgivin'? What have I got fer to be thankful fer, I wonder? And dye think I'm goin' to close to morrer so that a colourse to was my fault and I should have had sense enough to know that a sport from th' East like him wouldn't think o' fallin' in love with a critter like me—""
"On't call yerself a critter, Sal," interrupted Bricktop gently.
"I am a critter," she insisted, "to a man like him. I ain't blamin' him at all, though, because he was always a real gent, an' never did nothin' to make me think he loved me, 'cept jest to be kind an' nice an' teasin' an' I thought that was love. But it wasn't, an' I guess 'twas jest as well that I sent him back to th' gal he left down East who he loved."

Her words sent her thoughts leaping backward to that 'Thanksgiving Day, one year agone. How vivid the picture was! She saw herself putting her tavern to rights, her thoughts rose-colored, for on the morrow she was to entertain "Eddie Smith," the handsome timekeeper from down 12 st. And she saw herself preparing the sumptions banquet, saw herself decking herself out in her finery. And then "Eddie" came, not tell her he loved her, as she foundy impast, that he was not the fine was fore in the mountains thereabouts, and that he had simply come there to nurse a wounded heart. But now the girl of his dreams had found out that she was mistaken, had berzed forgiveness for their quarrel and asked him to come back. And would he go? Indeed, he would. H

ye'd enjoy the fresh air. Ye work too hard, anyhow."

"It's awful kind o' you, Bricktop, an' I appreciate it, but I don't know. Yer always so good an' kind to me, an' I don't deserve it."

"Oh, yes ye do, Sal, ye on'y think ye don't. But you've been a mighty good gal all th' time, an' many's th' boy that would have been up agin it, when he was sick, if it hadn't been fer you. Now, can't ye make up yer mind to come out tomorrer with me?"

Sal hesitated, then said:
"Well, maybe. I'll see," and as the rest of the men who generally came to Sal's tavern for their meals now came in, the conversation was cut short.

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Bricktop went in with the others, his heart heavy. He was still a young man, only twenty-nine years, but his hard life in the mountains made him appear much older. His heart was as young as any boy's, and a passion, honest as the stars, was hidden in that big, broad bosom of his. He loved Sal with a lover's fond devotion ever since she had become a young woman. Once or twice he broached the subject, but Sal's interest in him seemed more like that which a girl displays toward her father. For Bricktop had constituted himself her guardian and body-guard when her father had died and left her, a mere child, to shift for herself. To him she had confided the story of "what a fool she had-made of herself" with "Eddie Smith," and because he knew she had loved the handsome young timekeeper with her first love, he dared not try to substitute himself in the place of the more handsome timekeeper. Sal accepted his attentions because to refuse would have been equal to in-

The Sequel to "Thanklessness of Wyoming Sal"

gratitude, and Bricktop honestly did all he did now," she continued, as through the window for no hope of reward if Sal could not conscientiously pay him as he wished—with her heart and hand.

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The loud talking and rough jesting of the men came from the dining-room from time to time. Sal sat alone behind the counter, thinking over Bricktop's proposition. Maybe after all, she ought to go with him. He liked her and liked to do these things to please her. Maybe she ought to close up the place tomorrow, and thus keep Bricktop from suspecting how deep an interest she still maintained in "Eddie Smith." Bricktop knew about the affair, but he hadn't blamed Eddie at all. She liked him for that, for she felt she couldn't bear to have a word said against the man who she had so idolized. It was Bricktop, too, whe explained the affair casually to the men and they didn't realize how hard hit she had been. Bricktop had told them that she had been a little "sweet" on Eddie, but he didn't see it that way and that they were not to torment Sal or joke about it.

They didn't need this warning, for the rough men all loved the girl as they would a daughter. As Sal thought of everything, she determined to oblige Bricktop, and after the men had had their suppers and started to play cards in the tavern, she sought him out and promised to ride with him the next afternoon, if circumstances permitted. His smile of pleasure brought a warm glow to her own cheeks and she felt repaid for her promise.

The next morning she was up early. The snow was still falling, but not heavily, and the day had all the appearance of a holiday. Sal hurried to hew window, from whence she could get a full view of the little flag station and small shelter that had not even enough dignity to be called a "depot."

Who was coming to the camp? Possibly some officers of the Lumber Syndicate were passing through the country and had decided to stop off. She watched, A man descended—and a woman. The man was of splendid physique, tall and straight. He wore a big coat with a high Astrachian collar, a velour hat and white spats upon his feet. The woman was almos The loud talking and rough jesting of the men

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Just then the tavern door opened, and a pleasant, well-remembered voice called out:

"Hello, Sal! Do you remember me?"

Sal, determined not to show how much she remembered him, came forward however, with friendly mien, and outstretched hands.

"Well, I guess you ought to know I don't never forgit any o' my friends. I sure do remember Eddie Emith, an' I'm ever so glad to see you again. I'spect this here is Mis' Eddie Smith, ain't it?" and Sal turned to the lady and gave her her hands. "Pleased to meet ye, ma'am."

There was a little smile in the eyes of the stately lady—a little smile full of tender pity. How women can read each other!

"I am Eddie's wife, Sal," she replied. "We are on our way to California, but I did so want to meet the little girl of whom he always spoke so highly, and who was so kind to him while he was here. So we just determined to stop off and see you. I thought it was so brave of you to make your way as you did here in this lumber camp. I see Eddie wasn't a bit wrong in praising you as he did."

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"Oh, Eddie and I was good friends, as good as could be, though o' course, I kind o' made a fool o' myself when we parted," said Sal, with an attempt at studied indifference.

"I know about that, Sallie," said Mrs. Griegg, "and I think you did a very noble thing. But we'll talk about that some other time."

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"Have you folks had your breakfast?"

"No, Sal, we haven't but you can serve us, can't you? And tell me all the news at the same time?" said Edgar.

"I sure can, Eddie," Sal replied. "All th' old boys are still here, an' I guess they'll be glad to meet their sporty timekeeper. Here they come

bunkhouse.

In they came with hilarious greetings for "Eddie" and rather awkward ones for "Mis' Eddie," who gave her hand to each and every one as if it were her custom to greet such boisterous people every day.

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She noted the grace with which "Mis' Eddie" handled the rough chima, observed the little fastidious attentions the handsome woman bestowed upon her husband with apparently no effort at all. Dimly she realized that these people were not in her class, for though she was their equal truly, being as good a woman as was beautiful. Lorrayne Grieff and as honest as Edgar Griegg, fate had placed her in an environment that made a gap between her and these people that only years of culture could possibly bridge.

Edgar did not seem the same either. He was the same man in form and feature, his voice was as pleasant as of old, and the only change seemed in his clothes. But they made all the difference in the world, for in the tailored garments of down East, his manners fitted his apparel. She never knew he could be so "mice." Unworldly as she was, she did not know that when he first came, he had resolutely cut out those niceties of manner lest he betray himself, while now, as the husband of the regal Lorrayne, his manners were the ones that his breeding demanded.

How could she ever have fancted he loved her? A man of his education and culture? She did not think in these terms, it is true, she thought "a man so swell and sporty" which to her meant the same thing. Heavens, s'pose he would have married her an' brought her to his home where all his friends was like Mis' Eddie? Wouldn't it have been awful fer her as well as fer him? Well, Bricktop sure did know what he was talkin' about that time when he said millionaires on'y liked gals like her to amuse themselves with.

As she thought these thoughts, slowly there crept into her heart a little feeling of shame. If Eddie hadn't been so kind he'd surely have thought her a big fool. But then, Eddie must of talked nice to her or Mis' Eddie wouldn't of wanted to stop off an' see her.

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"While I am here, Sal, I'm going to look over the property of the company a bit, and see how things are, so that I can make a report. As Mrs. Griegg is tired, will you give her a room and take care of her until I return?"

"Why, I sure will. I promised Bricktop that maybe I'd go ridin' with him today, but I said on'y if nothin' didn't come up. But I kin ride any day an' I can't be with Mis' Eddie 'cept today, so I'll give up the ride."

Edgar's eyes roved to Bricktop.

"What do you say, Bricktop?" he enquired.

"S'all right, Eddie, whatever Sal says, goes," he returned.

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"But I shall not denrive you of your ride and especially as today is Thanksgiving Day—" began Lorrayne, but Brickton interrupted:
"Sal an' me kin go any time, an' maybe Eddie'll want me to go with him."
Sal smiled on him generously, for she saw that he knew she wished to stay with the beautiful wants.

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Accordingly the men went off, and Sal, after putting a room into spic and span order invited Lorrayne to it.

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"Well, this is really 'Out West,'" she laughed.
"Do you know, Sallie, I was never in a lumber camp before?"
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"That so?" Sal commented. "An' I ain't never lived in no other place."

"I suppose you are just as happy here as I am at home, happier perhaps?" Lorrayne went on, though how anyone could be happier than herself, she could not imagine. A bride of a few months, life had not settled down into that comfortable, contented humdrum that is the blessing of married life.

"I was always happy 'till Eddie came," Sal admitted, "an' then I began to fall in love with him. I couldn't help it because I didn't know no better an' he was so kind. Bricktop used to say that Eddie'd be kind to the devil. An' so things went on until last Thanksgivin' Day, when I found out that he only meant to be kind to me, an' didn't mean nothin' else. He never kissed me, ner hugged me ner nothin' like that, but he didn't seem th' kind o' feller what 'and do them things. An' then he told me about you, an' I knew that I had make a mistake, an' I sent him back to you. But it didn't make things easier, an' I used to keep a thinkin' o' him, an' you, 'till I was 'most sick. But I guess I was crazy to keep on lovin'

him because jest look at you an' me. There ain't nothin' the same about us."

"There is, Sallie," Lorrayne said quietly. "We are both women, and have hearts that can love. Your love honestly given, is not a whit less holy than mine. There was nothing 'crazy' in your loving Edgar, Sallie. He is a man who would attract any girl. But dear, you were not fitted for a man like him. And I am sure, little girl, the time will come when you will forget him entirely and be willing to give your heart and hand to another man who will be more to you than you ever expected Edgar to be."

"Can love come a second time, Mis' Eddie?"

"Yes, Sallie, and a second love can be even stronger than the first."

"You honest think so?" asked Sal, and as she listened to beautiful Lorrayne, and after seeing Edgar a year since the affair, seeing his real self, and as a married man, he did not seem like the same person she had so adored. "Do you honest think so?" she repeated thoughtfully.

"I really do," Lorrayne answered. "And new, Sallie, if you will leave me for a little while, I believe I shall lie down and rest."

Sal accordingly withdrew, and went downstairs to the tavern and behind the counter. A new viewpoint of life seemed opened to her. To remain faithful to a shattered romance seemed unworthy.

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"Somehow," she mused, "it seems like Eddie ain't the man I loved at all. I guess I'd kind of be afraid of him if I had married him. I guess maybe I'm beginning to be kind of glad I didn't get him."

The confession came from her with a directness that was startling; she never dreamed that she could ever think that. And it out, she thought of what Lorrayne had said. She might meet someone who would be more to her than she had ever expected Edgar, to be. Who would she meet? Most of the men who came to the lumber camp were married, and generally past the romantic age—and then Bricktop came to her mental vision.

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The thought of the kind, unselfish man was ever before her throughout the day, and there was something comforting in the thought that she had in him so good and kind a protector.

"Seems like I got a great deal to be thankful fer," she confided, "but what it is, I don't know. I know I didn't feel like this last night—I felt ornery an unthankful. Maybe, though, it's jest because I had such a swell talk with such a grand lady like Mis' Eddie. Ain't she grand, though?"

Edcar and Lorrayne were to stav over night as the next train for California would not stop until the next morning. And so the tavern was very gay that night in honor of the visitors, and the crowd stayed late. But at last they broke up, and went to the bunkhouse, all with the exception of Bricktop. And as he stayed, Lorrayne and Edgar went up-stairs to their room, begging to be excused as they would have to be up rather early the next morning.

"Well, say, this has been some Thanksgivin' Day, ain't it?" remarked Sal. "I ain't never felt so good before in a long time. I guess it's because Mis' Eddie came to visit me. Think o' that, Bricktop, her wantin' to see me, who ain't nothin'."

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"Ye ain't nothin'," Bricktop contradicted, "ye are a great deal, Sal, er Mis' Eddie wouldn't of wanted to see you, like she did. Say, Sal," he went on, "did ye ever figger out that I'm ten years older'n ye be?"

"Well, no, I ain't never figgered it," Sal went on, "I don't know as I ever thought whether ye was much older'n me er not. What did ye ask me such a thing for?"

"Ain't ye never guessed, Sal?" he continued, his voice growing low, and his hand with awkward shyness, slowly slid toward hers resting on the counter.

"Well, I know ye once said when I told ye about Eddie Smith an' that I loved him, that you'd be th' better man fer me. I thought ye meant that because ye lived here an' was a lumber-jack like my dad was. Did ye ask me that because ye like me?"

"Yes, Sal, because I like ye. But I more'n like ye, I love ye, an' want to marry ye jest like Eddie Smith married that swell lady he's got. I ain't said nothin' this whole year because I thought yer heart was sore fer Eddie, but ye see ye can't never have him an' honest it wouldn't be right fer ye to think about him now when he's married, would it? Do ye think ye could learn to love me, that way, Sal, so you could come an' live with me, all by ourselves? I'd try an' make ye happy an' then maybe we'd have a little baby who'd be a little bricktop like me or maybe a fluffy-head like you? Do ye think ye could, Sal, do ye?"

As he spoke, his honest love surging within him, Bricktop caught her hands tightly and swung her close to his beating heart. She let him hold her there, not consenting but not repulsing, and all the while the words of Lorrayne Griegg were dancing in her brain. Trembling, but silent, she stood encircled by his brawny arms.

And now all the kindnesses and acts of courtesy that he had bestowed upon her, came to her mind thick and fast. She was tired and the fight with the world was hard. An

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HE Cheerful Cherub of "Boston Post" fame once said something to the effect that whenever she read a beautiful poem she was just as proud and happy as though she had written it herself. These are not the exact words but it serves as an iliustration, for while I lay no claim to being the originator of the Christmas Trench Box (as outlined in letter below) for our boys at the front, I am just as happy over it as though it were my very own idea. There are Trench Boxes in many homes, no doubt, and it seems such a kind and appreciative thing for us to do and while we are about it let's make it worth while by selecting everything with care and discrimination and make each gift count. Don't send the usual Christmas necktie to the soldier who is actually in want of warm clothing and if you do, don't expect a letter of thanks. Start your Trench Box now by eliminating some of the luxuries from the Thanks.iving dinner table and donating the money saved to a better cause.

Just a word of warning though, if you wish the boxes to be received by Christmas they must be sent not later than the fifteenth of November (according to Postmaster Burleson) but if you cannot get them ready then they will be as thankfully received at a later date. And don't confine yourself to giving to the boys in the trenches for we have a great many at home, stationed in the various camps, that are just as deserving, so don't forget them.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

I know if all the other sisters are like myself they are very enthwiastic over doing all that is within their power for Uncle Sam's boys but are not financially able, so I will tell you what I am going to do.

I am not going to give any of my friends or relatives Christmas presents this year, only cards, as they must consider that it is one great present from Above to be living in the good old U. S. A., but I am going to have a "Trench Box" and whenever I have any change to spare I'll buy something for my box and a while before Christmas I am going to send it to the Government to be forwarded to the boys in the trenches who have no one to send presents to them, as I am sure there must be some boys there who have no one to remember them and they will feel very lonely and sad at Christmas.

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I have planned to do, but I wanted to write this for
the benefit of some of the sisters, who, like myself,
are really not able to remember all our dear ones and
I feel sure they had rather have us remember the
boys at the front in a time like this.

With best wishes to all, Mrs. ALBERT TURNER.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

In my last number of Comport I read some of Cousin Marion's replies and it sounded very much as though some of our girls are not patriotic. Girls! Girls! Do be patriots. Do not think just because your sweetheart goes to war that he does not love you. Do you not realize that it is to protect you? My sweetheart is in the army and I am sure he doesn't love me any the less and I know I love him more for think how terrible it would be to have a coward for a lover. I never could endure a coward. Sisters, I would have been very much ashamed of him had he not enlisted. Of course I cried'a little (who wouldn't?) but I am so proud of him. Believe me, if I were a boy I would never wait to be drafted. I would feel that it was a disgrace. I thank God daily that my boy isn't a coward. Also I pray that His blessings may rest upon him alivays. If he is called to give his life for the country we all love, then I pray it will be given bravely and willingly.

Girls, send your sweethearts away with cheery words and sunny smiles. Our boys have enough to bear without our being "crybables." Be brave for "his" sake, if no other.

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I did not even say good by to my boy for he was miles away at the time of his enlistment. But we shall surely meet again, if not in this world, then in the glorious Home on High where there shall be no more partings. His will be done.

May the dear Father's blessings rest upon all our brave boys, is the prayer of a well-wisher of Comfort,

A Soldier's Sweethent.

Soldier's Sweetheart. A few short months ago I vowed and declared that nary a letter would I print unless the writer gave me her name and address, though I would withhold both at her request, and now here I am smashing a perfectly good rule all to little bits just because I want other people to read your letter, especially less patriotic sweethearts—and others.—Ed.

DEAR COMFORT READERS:

I do not agree with the sisters about Lonely One. If she is not willing, may, anxious, to make the necessary sacrifice for a dear one of her own, then she could never be a mother to an orphan child. Dear mothers, what are a few months at home, a few hours' pain, compared with the joy of a dear child of your very own. We have two boys, one nine and one five, and one in Heaven. We lost him when he was four years old and there is a vacant place in our home that can never be filled. I advise all women who can not have children to adopt one or more, according to their means but teach them that they are adopted. It will not lessen their love for you, rather it will atrengthen it. Of all mistakes foster parents make that is the most terrible and causes more heartache among adopted children than anything else. It may be after they have gone from you, but it is sure to come.

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

NLESS one has used a casserole they cannot appreciate how delicious meats and vegetables are when prepared in one, or how economically and daintily left-overs can be served. It not only simplifies the work but even the most inexperienced may be assured of success if they will but try. Confidence in your own ability and a careful following of directions are the most important assets a cook can acquire.

CALF'S Lives EN CASSABOLE.—Fry three slices of fat sait pork until crisp and brown, skim out the pork and to the fat add four sliced potatoes, three sliced carrots, two stalks of celery, sliced, and four small sliced onlons. Cook very slowly until browned, turn into cassecole, cover with calf's liver, cut into slices, sprinkle with sait and pepper, add two cups of boiling water. Cover and cook nearly an hour in a moderate oven.

HAM LN CASSEROLE. Trim the edges from a slice of ham, about two laches thick. Place in casserole, pour over it two cups of tomatoes, half a green pepper and a small onlon, sliced very thin. Sprinkle top with sage and cloves. Cover and bake in a slow oven two hours.

FISH AND MASHED POTATO EN CASSEROLE.—Free fish from bones, break into small pieces and season with sait and pepper. Make a cream sance of one pint of boiled nilk and two small onlons, strain and thicken with one tablespoon of butter. Stir until smooth Season. Line buttered casserole with left-over mashed potato, cover with fish, add part of sauce, cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake fifteen minutes in moderate oven.—Ed.

RICE AND CARROTS EN CASSEROLE.—Boil and chop three medium-sized carrots, and cook enough rice to make a little over a cupful. Place alternate layers of carrots and rice in a buttered caserole, and sauce made of milk, thickened with flour and seasoned. Cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake twenty minutes in a hot oven.

SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH SMOKED HAM.—Pare and slice thin as many potatoes as needed. Wash ham, cut in thin slices, and place in baking dish, put potatoes over ham and cover with sweet milk, add butter, a little sait and pepper and bake till potatoes are done. Mas. M. G. Knispel, St. Joseph, Mo.

BAKED LIVER. - Scald liver as for frying, roll thickly with lour, salt well and put in pan, using one with cover. Cover with hot water and place in oven and bake about two hours or till tender. If pienty of water is kept on it the flour will thicken it and make a delicious brown gravy. Turn frequently to avoid burning.

Ohio Girl, Ohio.

OLD-RASHIONED MACAEONI.—Pour one pint of boiling water over five ounces of macaroni: let stand one half hour, drain off, put in kettle, cover with boiling milk and cook till tender. Drain, add a cup of good sour cream, a tablespoon of brown fried butter, pepper and salt and grate stale cheese over top.

KATHERINE HOZA, Ilse, Colo.

CINNAMON CAKE.—One cup sweet milk, one half cup butter, two eggs, one cup sugar, one and one half teaspoons baking powder, a little salt and one teaspoon of cinnamon. Flour to make like sponge cake batter. Bake in loaf tin and frost with chocolate icing.

GINOUR PUFFS. One cup sour milk, one cup molasses, one cup sugar, one half cup lard and butter, one egg, one tenspoon soda, and one tenspoon of ginger. Flour to make quite stiff Drop by spoonfuls on a greased tin and bake in fairly hot oven.

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Brown Sciar Cookers. One cup buttermilk or sour milk, one and one half cups brown sugar, one cup of melted lard, or any shortening, one heaping teaspoon soda and a little salt. Mix in all the flour they will take up and roll fairly thin. Sometimes I add a teaspoon of ginger.

Mrs. T. C. Ware, Whitefield, Maine.

ROAST PORK WITH BAKED APPLE SAUCE.—The loir nd spareribs are the best for roasting. Wipe pork

and spareribs are t and rub with salt, pepper and flour. Put in a pan with a Put in a pan with a ittle water, in a moderate oven, and cook twenty-five minutes to the pound. Baste often. Use less heat than for other meats. Pare and core tart apples, place in an earthern baking dish, with cavities tilled with brown sugar. Bake till sugar. Bake tua very soft, and serve at one side of roast. To make attractive, garnish with pars-ley and rings of Roast po



BRAN GEMS WITHOUT EGGS.—One cup bran flour, he cup whole wheat flour, one cup sour milk, one teasoon soda, one teaspoon salt and one teaspoon baking bwder. Beat well. If too stiff, add cold water.

RICE MUFFINS.—Two and one half cups flour, one cup boiled rice, two rounding teaspoons baking powder, one half teaspoon salt, one cup milk, one egg, well beaten, one quarter cup melted butter. Sift together thoroughly the flour, baking powder and salt, Add rice, working it in with the tips of the fingers and gradually the milk, egg and butter. Bake in gem pans.

MRS. DORA WILT, FOX, Ark.

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Buttsemilk Cookies.—Put flour in pan—about one quart—two spoons baking powder, cup of lard, one and one half cup sugar, two eggs beaten lightly, even teaspoon soda, one cup buttermilk; add to other ingredients and mix stiff. Sprinkle with sugar before cutting. Nutmeg makes an excellent flavor for these, and one may use sour milk in place of buttermilk, where the latter is not obtainable. Never use granulated sugar even in white cookies—always a soft sugar, a light brown. Subscriber, Middletown, N. Y.

CHICKEN EN CASSEROLE.—Skin and remove any excess of fat from a chicken, then cut into pieces and cook by simmering in just enough boiling water to cover. Remove chicken, and cut into dice two cupfuls. Melt three tablespoons of butter in a sauce pan, and mix in six tablespoons of dry flour till smooth; add one cup of the chicken liquor boiling hot and stir till mail and six panalas as desired and mix so the same considerable. Marmalade have the same energy value as one tablespoon of butter and may be used on bread, toast, muffins or griddle cakes most acceptably at one half the cost. The following is an excellent recipe for marcup of the chicken liquor boiling hot and stir till

POTATO CAEL - Two thirds cup butter, two cups sugar, two cups flour, one cup hot, mashed potators, one half cup sweet milk, four eggs, two teaspoons baking powder, one half cup chococlete, one cup chopped walnuts, one teaspoon each cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and vamilla extract. Cream butter and sugar, add sweet milk and mashed potatoes, sift flour, baking powder, chocolate and spices in and add eggs, chopped walnuts and extract. Hake in an moderate oven.

MRS. MAREL SMALL, Undeau, Cal.

WHITE CASE, SURVINGE, EGGS.

WHITE CARE, WITHOUT EGGS - One cup sugar, one cup sweet milk, three tablespoons of butter, melted, two cups sifted flour, two teaspoons baking powder and a pinch of sait. Bake.

MRS. CLARA L. HOWLING, Ypsilanti, Mich

CHRISTMAS CAKE.—One cup sugar, one egg, butter or lard size of large egg, one cup wine or blackberry juice, pinch of soda, one heaping teaspoon baking powder, one half cup pecan nuts, chopped fine, flavor to taste and flour enough to make a stiff dough. Bake in layers and put together with chocolate filling, or in loaf form as desired.

MES. R. W. JENKINS, Deport, Texas.

PUFF BALLS.— Two eggs, one cup milk, one teaspoon baking powder, one teaspoon salt and flour to make spoon batter. Beat the eggs very light, add milk, flour, baking powder and salt and beat for ten minutes Fry in deep fat, smoking hot Serve with maple syrup.

MES. W. A. HANNES, Mct lure, N. Y.

MOLASSES COCKES.—Boll one cup of molasses about four minutes, add one teaspoon of soda after molasses cools a little. Beat one egg into another dish, add one third cup sugar, a little ginger and salt and one tablespoon of vinegar. To this add molasses and soda and enough flour to roll. Roll thin and bake Roll thin and bak

Graham Cookh's - Two eggs, two cups buttermilk, two cups graham flour, one cup pastry flour, two cups sugar, one half cup melted butter and two even teaspoons of soda. Mix the eggs, sugar and melted butter. Add the buttermilk, soda and flour. Roll out into one eighth inch thick sheets and cut with a square cutter or sharp knife. Bake in a moderate oven in flourdusted tins. one eggan.

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MRS. BENJAMIN SCHNIDT, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

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OATMEAL COOKIES.—Three cups onthreal, two cups flour, one cup lard, mixed with a little butter, one and one half cups sugar, one cup sour milk, two eggs, one teaspoon soda, one cup raisins or dates chopped fine, one half teaspoon nutmeg and flour to make a soft dough.

MRS. C. LYNCH, Orofine, Ida.

soft dough. Mrs. C. Lynch, Orofino, Ida.
Chocollate Pr. One cup milk, one half cup sugar, butter size of walnut and one and one half tablespoons cores. Put on stove to boll. Dissolve two tablespoons cornstarch in water and stir in the above mixture when it boils. When thick enough pour into a baked crust. Add vanilla when taking off stove This fills one ple.

Pumpkin Pies without Eggs — Two cups of stewed pumpkin, two heaping tablespoons of flour, four teaspoons of butter, one half cup of sugar, two table spoons of molasses, one cup of sweet milk, and spices to taste. This makes enough filling for two pies.

NUT MINCE PIES. -One cup of wainut meats, chopped fine, two cups chopped apples, one cup seeded raisins, one and one half cups sugar, one teaspoon allspice and cinnamon, one half teaspoon cloves and salt, one half cup each vinegar and water. Max well and bake in two pies. MISS AGNES TRAVISS, Platte, S. Dak

APPLE SNOW BALLS - Swell rice in milk and strain Have ready cooking apples, pared and cored. But the rice around them, with a little cinnanou, clove or lemon in each and tie in a cloth and boil until done. Serve with cream or sauce.

RICE PUDDING .-- Wash and scald a teacupful of rice add a cup of sugar and three pints of sweet milk, a little nutmeg and raisins. Bake slowly until rice a little nutmeg and the soft is very soft Mss. C. F. RITCHEL, Center Point, Ark

Snow Pudding.—One plnt of boiling water, three heaping tablespoons of corn-starch; beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, moisten the corn-starch in a little cold water then stir it into the boiling water; while then stir it into the boiling water; while still boiling add a tablespoon of sugar, a pinch of sait and the beaten whites of eggs. Let boil a few minutes to cook thoroughly and pour into mold to cool. For sauce

rings of ROAST PORK WITH BAKED APPLE SAUCE. three eggs and Roast pork is more wholesome served cold. pint of milk, sweetened and flavored to taste.

MINNIE O. MACKINTOSH, San Diego, Cal.

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BERF SUET SHORTENING. (Requested.)—Buy five pounds of beef suct and three pounds of fresh pork, the fat pieces which are used in making sausages are best. Wash the beef suct and let stand in cold salt water two hours to remove the blood. Then put into an iron pot if you have one, cover with cold water and let cook slowly until all the water has been cooked out and the lard is a clear color. Wash the pork fat and cut in small pieces and let stand in salt water two hours. Cook the same as the beef suct and when the fat gets crisp and brown the lard is done. Let cool a little, strain each and mix the lard with the beef lard while it is warm. Pour into your lard pails to cool. This makes a very nice shortening for biscuit, etc. Miss Flora Payne, Irwin, Va.

Chanberry Foam.—Two cups hot water, one cup su-

CRANBERRY FOAM.—Two cups hot water, one cup sugar, two tablespoons corn-starch, juice of one lemon. Cook all together five minutes. Add whites of three eggs and add one quart of cranberries, cooked in one and one half cups cold water. Put through sieve and add as many bananas as desired and mix well together.

MRS. E. L. B., Norwich, N. Dak.



CHICKEN EN CASSEROLE.

it thickens; add three quarters of a cup of soft bread crumbs, haif a cup of rich cream, salt and pepper to taste, a little chopped parsley and finely minced onion, the diced chicken, and simmer fifteen minutes. Add the beaten yolks of four eggs, and fold in the beaten beaten yolks of, four eggs, and fold in the beaten whites. Bake thirty-five minutes in individual or large baking dish.

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Fruit Cake.—One pound butter, two pounds raisins, two pounds currants, one half pound orange and lemon peel, three cups sugar, one cup molasses, eight eggs, one cup sour milk, one cup strong coffee, five cups flour, one tablespoon cinnamon, spice and soda, one pound nuts, chopped fine, half a grated nutmeg.

MRS. FAYETTE BRADLEY, Huntington, Ark.

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I want to shake Mrs. J. M., and hard too. Imagine pourself dead—how would you like to know your husband would deny his love for you to another woman.

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MRS. FATETTE BRADLEY, Huntington, Ark.

APPLE SAUCE CAKE.—One cup sugar, one half cup butter, one and one half cups apple sauce, one table-spoon soda, one tablespoon hot water, two cups flour, one small cup walnut meats, one small cup raisins, pinch of salt and one teaspoon vanilla. Cream butter and sugar, add apple sauce. Dissolve soda in the tow two cups of the complex of the compl

ter and seven cups sugar. Peel oranges, removing all white skin and slice thin. Slice lemon with rind on; cover oranges and lemon with cold water; let stand twenty-four hours. Then boil three hours, add sugar and let boil one hour. Pour into glasses, cool and cover. This recipe makes nine glasses of marmalade. IDELLA NEWCOMB, Los Angeles, 835 S. Olive St., Cal.

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Lady Annesley, stepmother to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, held near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is unsuspicious of intrigue, but Sir Thomas, only sixteen, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring. SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER IV. (CONTINUED.)

S Ravenel crept away, utterly hopeless, Sylvia Annesley was standing in the duchess' drawing-room, with a heart that beat high in joyful surprise.

"What!" she cried incredulously, "What!" she cried incredulously, her!"

"I met her," Lord Levallion returned dryly, "during the afternoon. You had decked her out to meet the eye, hadn't you?"

But Lady Annesley did not flinch. Instead, she did not seem to have heard his fleering voice. She had grown pale under her rouge, and she laid a quick, insistent hand on his arm.

"When did you go? What time?" she cried sharply. "And did you meet any one on the road? Was there any one waiting at the Chase when you got there?"

"No. There was not, to my knowledge—any one!" with an exact imitation of her tone. "No one cither met or waylaid us."

So that was the reason of the tears! Madam Sylvia had somehow tricked the girl into coming here, and now was frightened into her little shoes for fear she had not stayed long enough. For Lady Annesley's smile, for once, was absent.

"Tell them to get my carriage, will you?" she said slowly. "I must go, too. That foolish, headstrong girl of mine may be ill. Perhaps you will come over tomorrow?"

Tomorrow Lord Levallion had meant should see him in London. He shook his head for sole answer, but decided to wait a day all the same, I dare say you are wise to get home!" She looked quite old, he saw, in her sudden anxiety, and he wondered cynically just what ailed her, for she scarcely said good by, as he saw her into her shabby fly.

That vehicle seemed to crawl to its impatient occupant. But at last she reached her own door, with as quick a step as Ravenel's own, her room, where the Umbrella sat limply waiting.

"Adams, what time did Miss Annesley get home?" She demanded sharply. "Was there any one here? Quick! Any one?"

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"It dosen't matter," sharely, but she glanced at it with such relief that her head swam, before she tore it to pieces. "It was no one I minded missing."

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"No, my lady." And if there was the familiarity of a confidante in the woman's tone Lady
Annesley did not notice it, nor that she neatly
collected the bits of torn card off the floor.

Her ladyship felt really dizzy with fatigue, or
emotion, as she flung herself into a chair.

"I'll dine up here," she said slowly. It was
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HER WEDDING DAL.

Half-past two o'clock, and her wedding day. Ravenel Annesley looked at herself in the glass curiously as at another person. She had on a clean white duck dress—having looked with a shudder at yesterday's unlucky silk and muslin—offling of her stepmother's should go to her adorning on her wedding-day! But in her plain white gown she was lovely, and with a keen thrill of joy she knew it. Thank God, Adrian's bride was pretty, even if she went to him in a cotton gown!

And in half an hour she would see him; tell him of her lost ring—for, think as she might, she

could not see how either Lady Annesley or her maid could have taken or even seen it; her cotton slip bodice had been carefully buttoned over it—of yesterday's party, and of how she had waited vainly for him. She onened her door and stole through the house. She would not take Tommy. She would go alone to church with Adrian; all alone, would promise and vow to be his always. She hurried through the garden and down to the back gate.

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It was early still, and silly to expect him; yet she had a foolish pang of disappointment as she looked up and down the empty white road outside.

"He'll be here in a minute," she said to herself confidently, "and then I'll feel happy again. I hope he won't be angry about that ring, And I wish I knew how I lost it!"

She sat down in the shade just inside the gate and lost herself in a happy dream. Some day—soon perhaps—Adrian would come back from India, and carry her and Tommy off under her ladyship's nose, who could go anywhere she pleased, for the Chase was certain to be sold over her head.

"And I shouldn't care. I've been too wretched here," she thought passionately. And then something startled her.

The stable clock had rung. Why was Adrian late, who was always so early?

"I never knew how awful it was to wait!" she cried, springing up. "I feel as if I couldn't sit still. I'll walk up and down till I count a thousand steps, and a thou-

thousand steps, and then I'll look at the road again."

But she paced a thousand steps, and a thousand again; there was no sign of Adrian Gordon.

"Oh!" in spite of herself she trembled, "it can't be going to be like yesterday. He must be coming."

Her heart quaking, she wished she had brought Tommy. This was too awful. The tears came to her eyes. She could not walk any longer, yet how could she sit still? She shivered in the hot,

how could she sit still? She shivered in the hot, sweet sun.

"Oh, Adrian, hurry!" she whispered childishly, as if he must hear her; and then sat down on the green bank by the road as if she were suddenly weak. For the stable clock had struck four.

It was a long lane, and no one passed by to see a girl in a white frock sitting on the grass, careless of greening the spotless whiteness of her wedding-gown; no one looked with a wondering eye at the sick despair in her face, as she sat dumb and motionless—waiting for the man who by this time should have been her husband.

When the slow clock rang six, Ravenel Annesley got up, steadying herself carefully. She was chilly and stiff, and though she did not know it, broken-hearted.

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She crept home at last, white as her cotton gown. With only one thought—to get unseen to her own room—she went into the house through the open window of the drawing-room, where no one ever sat. But today it was, for once, occupied.

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had driven her home last evening. Ravenel, by instinct, put up her hand to cover her trembling lip. In her white gown, with her whiter face, she looked like a ghost as she stood staring. Lord Levallion had the grace not to look at her as he came forward, and took her cold, indifferent hand. Lady Annesley put down her cup petrishly.

"Why do you never come in by the door like a Christian?" she said. "You quite startled me. Lord Levallion has come over to ask how you are

Lord Levallion? So this was he. Well, it was all one to her! There was only one man in all the world who mattered to Ravenel Annesley, and he had forsaken her. She turned to go, stumbling

on the windowsill.
"Come and sit down. You look tired to death,"

Thank God she could not get any paler! And the Annesleys were ever proud. This one, who was but a child and hurt to the heart, kept her face steady.

"Yes," she said, and her voice sounded quite natural, for she heard it as though it were some one else's. "Why? Was Captain Gordon dull?" "Extremely noisy, on the contrary. Delighted, evidently, to be getting away."

But she heard Levallion's answer through the whirl of a hundred thoughts that seemed to sound and move in her head. Adrian had gone to India!—gone without a word of good by, broken all his promises, forsaken her with a false, lying letter. Oh, Adrian, Adrian!

Desperately, like a savage, Ravenel stuck her steel hat-pin straight into her finger, and the sharp pain steadied her. She must not—dare not—think of him now. Whatever happened she must be brave before her ladyship and Levallion. And that wild cry at her heart was stifling her. Oh, Adrian—Adrian!

"What's the matter? Have you cut your hand?" cried her stepmother shrilly. Levallion was no fool; he had probably put two and two together already! She was thankful to see a tangible reason for the girl's strange pallor and quietude. Ravenel nodded. Not for anything in the world could she have spoken without giving voice to that cry in her soul to Adrian Gordon, who was on the sea.

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If Sylvia Annesley had known it, nothing else in the world would have so softened Lord Levallion's heart to the girl she meant him to marry as the sight of her sitting pale as death and as proud.

"God! there's stuff in the child!" he reflected swiftly. "And I'll help her. Madam Sylvia's been up to some low trick with her, I'll lay my life!" but his voice was cooler than usual as he quietly cut off another question from that muchtried woman.

"That pin has gone through your finger, Miss Annesley, he interposed quietly. "You should go at once and bathe it with hot water. They are nasty things—hat-pins," and he rose composedly and opened the door for Ravenel to leave the room.

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If any one had told her three days ago that she would ever have been grateful to Lord Levallion she would have laughed in their face. But now she looked at him as a caged bird might do when suddenly set free; like the bird, slipped through the door he had opened for her, dumb and dazed, but—thank God!—safe away from

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Lady Annesley, in her best tea-gown, drinking tea; and beside her, the low sun full on his handsome, sneering face, the strange man who had driven her home last evening. Ravenel, by instinct, put up her hand to cover her trembling lip. In her white gown, with her whiter face, she looked like a ghost as she stood staring.

Lord Levallion returned to his seat.

"What have you been doing to that child, Sylvia?" so use trying to foor either than the inquired harshly. "You have delicately suggested you would like me to marry her. but I warn you it is no use trying to force either her or me into it. If I want to marry her I shall, twit is not any too likely. And the more you seem that the wite here or me into it. If I want to marry her I shall, twit is not any too likely. And the more you me into it. If I want to marry her I shall, twit is not any too likely. And the more you me into it. If I want to marry her I shall, twit is not any too likely. And the more or me into it. If I want to marry her I shall, twit is not any too likely. And the more o

"I—we—don't get on! It is a grief to me," she said prettily.

Levallion smiled. Any other man would have laughed outright; but he was not given to laughter. Fancy Sylvia—Sylvia!—scheming and match-making for him. It was better than any play. She had been clever, too, to have found out that he was thinking of marrying. He was forty-seven years old, and had no one to inherit either title or estates but his second cousin. If Lady Annesley had known her peerage better, she might have thought twice of meddling with Adrian Gordon's love-affairs.

"I should advise you to try and get on—while I am here," he broke the pause abruptly. "I do not like jars and tears."

Lady Annesley trembled. She saw her dreams of Levallion's country houses and a comfortable allowance—above all, a position, as Lady Levallion's mother—fading into thin air.

"The girl is dull here," she said. "I can't help it. She wants a change, I suppose, and I can't give it to her."

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Her ladyship looked at him, her beautiful delicate face for once sincere.

"Walk there, camp in Piccadilly, walk home again!" she observed. "What a delightful program! That is the only way I could manage it."

"Perhaps so," returned Lord Levallion equably, and rose to go. He had his own thoughts on the subject, but as yet they did not burn to be made public. He meant to come over again before he went to town himself, but he did not mention that, either. He would not come to see Sylvia, nor did he wish to be considered her ally. Sir Thomas Annesley from a convenient post on the stairs, watched the visitor's exit, and then

repaired with haste to his sister's room.

"Ravenel, let me in, I say!" he demanded, pounding on the door.

But he got no answer.

Ravenel, face down, lay on her bed convulsed with rage and shame to think that she should be crying herself sick for Adrian Gordon, who had left her like a dog he was tired of—left her with lying promises he had not cared to keep—and taken the best part of her with him.

"Ravenel, let me in, can't you? I want to speak to you!" Sir Thomas' persistent pounding reached her deaf ears at last.

She got up trembling and began to bathe her stained face with cold water.

"I can't, Tommy! I—I'm washing," she called out angrily.

"Well, hurry up and I'll wait!"

Ravenel, sponge in hand, flung the door open.

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Her face was blotched and patchy with crying, and the boy's eyes kindled as he saw it.

"What's that brute Levallion been saying to you?" he demanded. "And what's Gordon gone off for like this?"

"He's gone off because he's sick of me; he's thrown me over." She spoke brutally. She was not going to gloss things over to Tommy. "And Lord Levallion hasn't done anything. He's the only decent person I know," with which the door banged once more in Sir Thomas' face.

Gordon sick of her—and Levallion decent! The boy was dumb with amazement. She would be praising her ladyship next. He went slowly away and sought Mr. Jacobs.

"My good dog," he said disgustedly to that villainous animal, "there's going to be trouble!"

CHAPTER VI. A VERY CLEVER PERSON.

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Lord Levallion and the Duchess of Avonmore sat at breakfast in the duchess' own sitting-room. It was one of her habits seldom to breakfast with her guests, but to have one chosen companion at her own table. Avonmore was Liberty Hall since the death of the duke, who had not been exactly a comfortable partner for his handsome wife. She never allowed, even to herself, that she was happier without him, but the world knew it, as it knows everything unpublished. She sat now in a Norfolk jacket and a short skirt, making an extensive breakfast. Since seven o'clock she had been tramping from her dairy to her hen walks, as thriftily as any farmer's wife. But her handsome, weather-beaten face, with its shrewd, keen eyes, and her beautifully dressed white hair, made her look dignified, in spite of her short skirts and her full-blown figure.

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Lord Levallion was drinking a cup of teavery slowly—and looking at some dry toast with distaste. He had not been trudging in the morning air, and had had a bad night into the bargain. But the duchess and he were old friends, and he did not trouble himself to make conversation.

She shook her head at him as she saw his untouched breakfast.

"That's not the way to get to a green old age, Levallion!" she observed as she took a second helping of bacon. "But I suppose it's London habits that stick by you. Are you really off this morning?" He nodded.

"Surely you're coming up again soon?" inquiringly, for she had been tempted into the country for a week by the perfect weather, and had stayed to give her yearly garden-party and get it over. "You will be losing the cream of things!"

"I'm going up next week. To tell you the truth, Levallion, I feel lonely when I get to my town house and haven't my dairy and my chickens to amuse me! It's a big, desolate barrack, you know, and I hate it. If I'd had a daughter to bring out it might be different," wistfully, "but without a chick or a child what are town parties to me?"

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The duchess shook her head.
"Too risky! But I thought of having some girl
to stay with me, if I could find the right girl."
"You've two nieces!" Levallion was clever;
not at one of his uninterested voice betrayed that
he had an object in his idle talk.
"Odious brats!" returned the duchess sharply.
They were the late duke's nieces, not hers. "I.
couldn't stand either of them for a day. The
only girl I've seen and taken a fancy to is that
nice-looking child of old Tom Annesley's. But I
don't want to have any dealings with that yellow-haired stepmother of hers. I beg your pardon, Levallion! I forgot you were a friend of
hers."

Lord Levallion looked up, a curlous expression on his pale, handsome face.
"You need not beg my pardon," he said. "But I assure you Lady Annesley is—a very clever per-

son!"
"She's a detestable one!" retorted the duchess smartly. "And I don't think those children have much of a life with her. I declare, you might have knocked me down with a feather when I saw the girl here in a decent gown the other day! have knocked me down with a feather when I saw the girl here in a decent gown the other day! Usually her clothes are disgraceful; last winter that woman used to let her go about blue with cold." Her grace of Avonmore, being a duchess, did not trouble to talk like one, except to people she disliked. And she had a soft spot for Levallion, in spite of his record.

His lordship hid a grin in his teacup. So he had been correct in his little idea that it was for him Sylvia had prepared her lamb!

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Honor and love him all the more because he did love her. That is past and doad and a dead love can never ham you. But, my dear woman, if you should discover that he loved a living woman then you would know trouble. How old are you. You remind me of a spilled, jealous baby? Be thankful for your good hus band and his love, is my advice and prey that you may always hold it. I have a dear, good husband and I do not fear that he will ever deny that he loves me truly. But if he has another wife after I am gone. I hope he will love her as well as he does me.

With love for all the sisters, A Montana Mother.

Montana Mother. On the title page of this issue is a poem containing these lines;

"But, while we feast, we cannot quite dispel Regret for lost ones whom we love so well. Yet why thus grieve? There is no vacant chair Within our hearts."

And don't you think, "there is no vacant chair within our hearts," a beautiful and comforting thought? I trust you may find it so.—Ed.

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Dear Sisters:

To Mrs. J. M. of Montana, I am a second wife and there are two people I would never be jealous of and they are a dead woman or a divorced one. The first wife had her place and time. The past is gone, why live in it. I should say to my husband's sisters, 'She is dead, as she ever will be, so what is the use of talking about her.'' If you make yourself essential to your husband's happiness you need not worry about coming first.

Birth control. Those who are happily married and can afford a large family should have it, but if the care and responsibility falls too heavily upon the children some one must suffer unjustly. It would lessen sin, misery, heartaches, sickness and death of criminals if the sick and drunkards had no children.

Mrs. L. T., your husband has not had the right sort of education. Way not try paying no attention but sometimes say, 'where did you say you wanted this chair?' and ask him so many times he will get tired. Say to him, 'Thid you notice how Mr. Smith always asks his wife's opinion? and he is such a smart man,'' or, 'Tho you notice how Mr. Brown lets his wife have her own way in unimportant things?'' Don't put it on too thick at first but keep it up.

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How to Train a Husband. Aunt Chloe has had several husbands so she ought to know. "Allus let a man think he's boys, honey," she said. "Allus ask his advice about eberyting, den go ahead and do what suits you best. Neber scold a man. About tree times a year tell him what you tink ob him, in a deep voice. An if he sasses you back, jus bust him on de haid wid whateber you can reach. De rest ob de year, leave him be. Cook him good meals, and laugh at his jokes. If you does dis you can't lose a good man's lub."

Best wishes to you all, Mrs. A. B. Webdwood.

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DEAR COMPORT SISTERS AND MRS. WILKINSON:
I think COMPORT is one of the best papers I ever
read as it has so many helpful departments. Often I
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A few words about the Baby Outfit, I think "Willi," has very good ideas about the outfit but the outfit the U. S. Dept. of Labor lists isn't within reach of us all. These are what I call the necessary things: Twenty-four diapers, the bird's eye are more absorbent when new than outling diannel; twelve little squares about twelve by twelve for the inner diaper, those used the first three or four days should be burned. For pinning blankets, I took two diapers and put them together and by putting the selvage side together there were no seams and it did very nicely. A baby doesn t need pinning blankets after it is two or three months old and to buy them would be a useless expense. Three outling flannel (fertrade petticoats, five little dresses and two or three salirts. I prefer wool as a baby needs wool over its abdomen till it is at least two or three years old. Keeping a baby's body and feet warm aids in keeping disorders out of the digestive organs and that is essential to a healthy baby. Two pairs of wool stockings, three abdominial bands, wool and a little cotton mixed, five by twenty-seven inches, and by notching sides and ends they do not need to be hemmed as the the least rolled edges on baby assures the most comfort. Three nighties of outing flannel or baby flannel. For the mother to have on hand: Gauze, two five-yard boxes, absorbent cotton, two pounds, one and one half yard olicloth for mattress protector, Castile soap, bed pan, one quart alcohol, if obtainable, one bottle vascline, camphor, for baby's breast. I mention this in particular as many mothers do not know that both boy and girl babies have mikk in their breasts and camplor dries it away.

It is well to have a baby blanket to wrap baby in when handling it, and an old sheet or two for bed pads. Coat, cap, shoes, etc. can be bought or made later.

I have two healthy children, a gir

boy weighed nearly that at five and had not gained much at seven months.

I don't like to pry in anyone's family affairs but I believe I agree with Willie in thinking that I would soon show Mr. L. T. who would have the placing of the furniture. The house is a woman's given property to make as pleasant as she knows how. If there is any certain change that a husband would like in the furniture I think it an ill-dispositioned wife who would not please him but if he insists on having the say about everything in the house, he is anything but a loving husband.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMPORT SISTERS:

I have wanted to write a letter to COMPORT for several months, to thank the kind editor for publishing my letter in the February number. So many wrote me that, owing to my invalidism, it was impossible to answer all the dear letters received. Everyone wanted me to tell more about myself so, with Mrs. Wilkinson's permission, I'll tell them a little through this corner.

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All made the natural mistake of thinking me a young girl and will, no doubt, be surprised to learn that I am a little widow, with dark brown hair and eyes and fair complexion. Have no children. Live with my mother and younger brother and sister. I have been an invalid fifteen years; and the operation spoken of in my former letter has not proven a success for I am obliged to stay in bed half the time. When able to sit up I do fancy work and piece quilts and I want to thank all who sent me quilt pieces and thread. And also everyone who sent me a letter. Was unable to thank all personally, though I've written to a great many but I want all to know how I appreciated their letters and everything sent me. Compour is a thousand times dearer to me now than ever before, although I've always loved it. It has been instrumental in bringing untold sunshine into my life.

With love and good wishes, I am a loving and grateful friend to all.

Mas. Ludie Griffin.

W. VA.

I have been a reader of the Sisters' Corner for eight years and have been too timid to write but when I read Mrs. J. M.'s letter I just had fo write and tell her how silly and selfish she is. If she is so jealous and silly as to think that her husband should love her better than he did his first wife she doesn't deserve to be loved at all. And I fear if she keeps on doubting his love she will forfeit what love he does bear her.

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I have been married six years to a good man who had been married before and I have never once thought that he should love me better than he did his first wife. He has a dear little daughter whom I love very dearly and although she calls me mamma I have taught her to love and reverence her dead mother's memory and though she loves me I know it is not like the reverent love she bears her mother.

I am twenty-three years old, have dark red har, brown eyes, a freekled complexion and am five feet eight inches tail, so you see I am not a bit pretty. I have always lived in the country and, of course, don't think I would like to live in the city. I have two little boys, five and two years of age.

Contented Second Wife.

American Comment



By Mary Harrod Northend

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select? In the Choice of foods those contributing starch and sugar in the right amount should be provided, especially where the members of the family are active, where there is muscular activity, such as working on a farm, digging, or severe athletic exercises, active children need it, and the future health of their bodies will suffer, if they are not provided with the proper amount. Under normal conditions the potato is served at least once a day in nearly all American families and in many households it forms a substantial part of all meals. Therefore, last season's scarcity and high price, which changed the potato from the cheapest of foods to a costly luxury, caused nation-wide distress. Fortunately the present crop is the largest ever, and we should use more potatoes than ever in order to save the less bulky food for our soldiers and allies in Europe.

The potato is put on the table, boiled, baked, fried or mashed. There are many cooks who cannot boil a potato, so it will come on the table a snowy, feathery looking ball, ready to fall apart at the touch of a fork.

To boil a new potato properly, scrub it with a vegetable brush (these can be purchased at any general store for five cents, and can be sent by mail to any part of the United States for four cents postage, or a home-made one can be made by cutting an old whisk clothes brush about an inch below the typig). Then scrape off the rest of the skin, placing them at once in a kettle of boiling water. If they are old potatoes, scoop out the eyes with a p-inted knife. Let them soak in cold water for one hour, then put them in boiling water (as all water-soaked vegetables are those put into warm,—not boiling water (as all water-soaked vegetables are those put into warm,—the water for one hour, then put them in boiling water (as all water-soaked vegetables from twenty-five

The average potato requires from twenty-five to thirty-five minutes. minutes. Do not boil them



from twenty-nee to thirty-live minutes. Do not boil them fiercely but keep them at a bubbling point. When they are done, drain off the water and sprinkle with salt, and cover tightly. Let them set on the back of the stove for three or four minutes, shaking the kettle gently once or twice, and serve as soon as possible.

After the potato begins to sprout it should be used in some way with seasoning, as no form of cooking can make them light and mealy, for the starch has turnd to sugar.

The sweet potato is not closely related to the white potato, botanically, but it has about the same amount of nutriment value, and should be treated when boiling in the same way. In baking potatoes there is little loss of material, except the water which is absorbed by the heat; both white and sweet are among the most wholesome and easily digested vegetables. The skins should be thoroughly scrubbed, to make them palatable. Break the skins five minutes before they are taken from the oven, allowing the steam to escape, making the potatoes more delicious.

Mashed Potatoes.—To four medium-sized potatoes (bolled), add two tablespoonfuls of hot milk, a piece of butter the size of an English walnut and a saltspoonful of salt. Crush the potatoes with a masher, adding first the butter, then the milk and salt. When the lumps are all removed, beat with a large spoon until velvety. The potato ricer prepares the potato with little work, making it dainty and appetizing, being particularly nice in this form with steak or chops.—One of which is to mix them into a batter by using one egg, and a little hot milk. Flatten this out on a moulding board until il about an inch thick. Cut into inch, squares

about an inch thick. Cut into thick. Cut into inch squares and fry in butter or bake in an oven until brown. Another way is to pile the mixture lightly into a well - buttered baking dish, sprinkling the top with grated cheese and c small pieces of

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butter here and there. Bake until a golden brown.

French Fred Potatoes.—To properly and wholesomely fry potatoes, one should be provided with a frying basket, so that the fat can be easily drained off, leaving the vegetable, crisp and dry, although a skillet can be used and they can be dried on brown paper. For French fried potatoes the small tubes are best. These being washed and peeled are cut into silces and then into strips, an eighth of an inch or less, all the sections being cut lengthwise of the potato. These should be soaked in very cold water (ice-water if possible) for an hour, then dried on a cloth and fried in deep fat. When they are a rich brown spread on a piece of brown paper and salt. Serve in a dish lined with a white napkin,—these can be cut with any small sharp knife.

There are many similar forms of fried potato cut in different ways, there are Julliene, and shoestring, also the latticed ones, these are cut with a little implement. The first one is a plane with a sharp diagonal blade which may be lowered or raised by a little screw cutting the silces as thin or as thick as desired. For the other two another cutter is used, the same kind for both of them. It consists of a corrugated piece of sharp metal set in wooden frame, with a metal movable guard to protect the hand,—if

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One way to make a home-made cutter is to One way to make a home-hade cutter is to peel the potato and then take an apple corer, removing the middle of the potato with this, and then cut them into slices,—this gives you rings to fry. The portion removed in the corner can be boiled and used for fish cakes or croquettes.

GERMAN FRIED POTATOES.—Take boiled potatoes, cut them into slices, a quarter of an inch thick and brown in a spider with butter. Just before removing sprinkle with a mixture of a teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley and onion, also the juice of half a lemon, sait and pepper to taste. Stir with a fork so that the mixture reaches every slice. Serve very hot.

POTATO PUFFS.—Beat three eggs without separating the whites from the yolks until very light and gradually beat in two cups of mashed potato (hot or cold) and finally beat in one cup of sifted flour, with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, also a small saltspoonful of salt added to it. Drop from the spoon into hot fat and fry a rich brown. Dry on a piece of brown paper and serve hot.

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CREAMED POTATOES. Take either cold or hot boiled potatoes and cut into cubes. Then take the milk, and place it in a double boiler and when it comes to a boiling point, thicken with flour, using one tablespoonful to two cups of liquid, also two tablespoonfuls of butter, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste.

DELMONICO.—Take raw potatoes, peel and wash them, slice into a baking dish, covering the bottom with a layer, then cover with bread or cracker

bread or cracker crumbs, placing dots of butter here and there, sprinkling light-ly with salt and pepper. Cover with cream, re-peat with alter-nate layers un-til the dish is full, the cracker crumbs covered covered with cream coming on top. Bake in a



in a moderate BREAK THE POTATO WHILE IN OVEN oven for four or TO SEE IF IT IS MEALY.

five hours.

Many people do not realize how delicious potatoes are, peeled, washed, and roasted in a pan with roast pork, lamb, or beef, for in this way they absorb the flavor of the meat.

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Franconia Baked Potatoes.—Peel and parboil ten minutes. Drain and place in pan in which meat is roasting. Bake until done. Baste with fat when basting meat. Time required will be about forty minutes.

Sweet Potato Pone.—Boil sweet potatoes until soft, remove the skins. To one quart of potatoes thoroughly mashed add, two well beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cornmeal, one of brown sugar, one of butter, one of salt, and make them into small pones. Arrange in a baking dish and brown in the oven. Serve with roast beef.

Baltimore Sweet Potatoes,—Boil, peel and slice lengthwise the potatoes desired. Place in a baking pan, a generous coating of butter, then a layer of sweet potatoes, covering these with a layer of granulated sugar with bits of butter. Repeat with three layers, having butter and sugar on top. Add about two tablespoonfuls of weter and place in the oven until sugar is brown and melted. These are delicious served with chicken.

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OKLAHOMA.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson:

I have long been a reader of Company years I have since I could read at all and for many years I have been a regular subscriber. I always thought I could



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not write well enough for publication but since reading Mrs. J. M.'s letter I have decided to make an effort. I am surprised that anyone should feel as she does. I, too, was a second wife and I believe that I can truthfully say that I never had one jealous thought toward the first wife. My husband loved her, I am sure, and I am equally sure he loved ms but which one he loved most I cannot fell for I never asked him and he did not tell me. I, too, had people tell me how happy they were together and how much he seemed to love her and I think that was one thing made me love him for I haven't much of an opinion of a man that marries a woman he doean't love. Had he told me he loved me most I don't believe it would have made me any happier. I knew that he had been married before I married him and I considered all these things well.

Sister, when you are inclined to feel unhappy over it, just put yourself in the dead wife's place. How would you feel if you knew that some day when you were gone forever your husband would tell another woman that she was dearer to him than you ever were? Or, If at some future day you (of course you will say it will never be) should marry another man. Would you tell him that you love him more than you did your first husband? Then never grieve your husband again by asking these foolish questions. Drop the first wife from your mind and see if you are not much happier. With best wishes to Mrs. Wilkinson and sisters,

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTERS:

It has been a long time since I have written to Composer. How much I would like to write to each sister who has a letter printed or, better still, to meet said talk with you all.

I have been canning fruit. As sugar is so expensive just now I am canning fruit juices and some fruit to make into jelly, jam and marmaniade later when sugar becomes cheaper. Have learned some new ways of caring for fruit and vegetables from the bulletins sent out from Washington, D. C.

There has been so much said on country and city life that I can say no more. I have lived in both but (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9.)

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or, Love's Hardship'

HEN in the furtherance of self-interest and personal ambition a woman, by crafty intrigue and treacherous machinations, parts true lovers and supplants her rival, let her tremble, even in her hour of victory, for the consequences of

To what wicked devices will she not resort in her desperate effort to hold the

She knows her triumph is insecure and that she has to fight against fate because of the mysterious attraction which is ever drawing together the hearts of true lovers. The success of her scheme would mean the wreck of three lives, her own included. Exposure before the irrevocable sealing of the vows at the altar would bring on her own head just retribution for her sin and restore happiness to the hearts of the other two. "Sibyl's Influence," with an elaboration of interesting detail and thrilling incidents, tells the hardships and trials of two true lovers harassed by such a plot. This splendid romance, written in Mrs. Georgie Sheldon's best style, is strong throughout, tragic in parts and dramatic in its conclusion. Don't miss the first three chapters in December COMFORT; then you will surely

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treasure of which she has robbed the other woman?

The Masked Bridal

By Mrs. Georgia Sheldon

her.

Had an outsider been present at the interview he would have been impressed by the perfect love, and loyalty, and understanding that existed between mother and daughter.

Edith had scarcely finished speaking of the man she loved when there came a knock on the door

man she loved when diete candidor.

Itising, she opened it, to find a servant standing without and waiting to deliver a card that lay upon a silver salver.

Mrs. Stewart took it and read the name of Royal Bryant, together with the following lines, written in pencil:

"Will Mrs. Stewart kindly excuse this seeming intrusion of a stranger? but I understand that Miss Allandale is with you, and it is necessary that 1 have a few moments' conversation with her.

R. B."

Miss Allandale is with you, and it is necessary that I have a few moments' conversation with her.

"Show the gentleman up," the lady quietly remarked to the servant, then stepped back into the room and passed the card to Edith.

A few moments later there came another tap to tell her that her dear one was awaiting admittance, and she herself went to receive him.

"Roy! I am so glad you have come!" she exclaimed, holding out both hands to him, her face radiant with happiness.

The young man regarded her with astonishment, for she had never greeted him so warmly before.

Edith saw his look and met it with a blush. She took his hat, then led him directly to Mrs. Stewart.

"Roy, you will be astonished," she remarked, "but my first duty is to introduce you to—my mother."

With a look of blank amazement, the young man mechanically put out his hand to greet the beautiful woman who approached and graciously welcomed him.

"That was rather an abrupt and startling announcement, Mr. Bryant," she smillingly remarked, to cover his confusion; "but pray be seated and we will soon explain' the mysterious situation."

"Pardon my bewilderment," said the young man, as he bowed over her extended hand; "but really, ladles, I am free to confess that you have almost taken my breath away."

"Then you will know how to sympathize with us," cried Edith, with a silvery little laugh, "for we have both been in the same condition during the last few hours."

"Indeed! Then I must say you look very bright for a person who has not breathed for hours," he retorted, as he began to recover himself.

"Well, figuratively speaking, our respiration has been retarded many times, during a short interval, by the strangest developments imaginable," Edith explained. "But how did you trace me to the Supremacy?"

"I had something important to tell you, so ran up to Nellie's to see you, but was told that you had accompanied Mrs. Stewart thither," Roy explained. "I hope, however, I shall be pardoned for interrupting your interview," he concluded, with an apolog

"Roy, this is even more wonder than any in the already told you," she gravely remarked.

"Read it: it will explain itself better than any words of mine can do."

"He drew the contents from the envelope, and began at once to read the following confession:

"For the sake of performing one right act in my life, I wish to make the following statement, namely: I hereby declare that the marriage of my brother. Emil Correll, to Miss Edith Allen, which are settled as my community to the settled as my community to the settled as my community to the settled as my community."

Import of Anna Correlli's, confession, he turned to Edith with a radiant face and open arms. "My darling! nothing can keep us apart now!" he murmured, in tones vibrant with joy, "you are free—free as the air you breathe—free to give yourself to me! Come!"

With a smile of love and happiness Edith his breast.

"Oh, Roy!" she breathed, "all this seems too much joy to be real or to be borne in one day!" "For the sake of performing one right act in my life, I wish to make the following statement, namely: I hereby declare that the marriage of my brother, Emil Correlli, to Miss Edith Allen, who, for several weeks, has acted as my companion, was not a legal ceremony, inasmuch as it was accomplished solely by fraud and treachery. Miss Allen was tricked into it by being overpersuaded to personate a supposed character in a play, entitled 'The Masked Bridal.' The play was written and acted before a large audience for the sole purpose of deceiving Miss Allen and making her the wife of my brother, whom she had absolutely refused to marry, but who was determined to carry his point at all hazards. Motives of affection for him, and of jealousy, on account of my husband's apparent fondness for the girl, alone prompted me to aid him in his bold design. I hereby declare again that it was all a trick, from beginning to end, and it was only by my indomitable will, and by working upon 'Miss Allen's sympathies, that I was enabled to carry out my purpose." (Then followed a detailed account of the plot of the play and its concluding ceremony, after which the document closed as follows): "I am impressed that I have not long to live; and wishing, if it can be done, to right this great wrong, and make it possible for the proper officials to declare Miss Allen freed from her bonds. I make this confession of a fraud that weighs too heavily upon my conscience to be bourne. Indomitable will, and by working upon Miss Allen's sympathies, that I was enabled to carry out a finy circlet of fold in which there blazed a my purpose." (Then followed a detailed account of the plot of the play and its concluding ceremony, after which the document closed as follows): "I am impressed that I have not long to live; and wishing, if it can be done, to right this great wrong, and make it possible for the proper officials to declare Miss Allen freed from her bonds. I make this confession of a fraud that weighs too heavily upon my conscience to be borne. Anna Correlli Godard."

The above was dated the day previous to that of madam's death, and underneath she had ap-

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"MY DARLING YOU ARE FREE."

S the two sat band in hand. Mrs. Stewart told her daughter how she had left Italy and had instituted her search for her daughter. She also told her of entering the Goddard home in disguise and by careful observation had discovered the hiding place of the document which meant so much to her. When Mrs. Stewart had finished her recital, she turned to Edith and asked her daughter to tell of her adventures since leaving Boston. Edith recited everything that had occurred, but at the mention of Royal Bryant's name, she blushed rosily, and in that blush the mother quickly read the secret of her daughter's heart.

Edith also mentioned the efforts that Mr. Raymond had made to locate her, and of the fact that he had settled a large sum of money upon her. Had an outsider been present at the interview have seen, he afterward became so strangely agitated.

We know how he had hurriedly removed from his former elegant home to a habitation on another street; after which, instead of going abroad, as the papers had stated, he had gone directly to New York, upon the same quest as Emil Correlli, but with a very different purpose in view—that of giving to Edith the precious document that was to declare her free from the man whom she loathed.

He could get no trace of her, however; unlike Correlli, he had no knowledge of her acquaintance with Royal Bryant, and therefore all he could do was to carry the letter about with him, wherever he went, in the hope of some day meeting her upon the street, or elsewhere.

One day he was out at Central Park, when he suddenly came upon a former friend—Mrs. Wallace—who immediately announced to him her intention of arranging a charitable art exhibition and solicited contributions from him to ald her in the good work.

Thus the appearance of that bit of old "Roman Wall" is accounted for, as well as the presence of Mr. Goddard himself, who was particularly re-

Wall' is accounted for, as well as the presence of Mr. Goddard himself, who was particularly requested by Mrs. Wallace to honor the occasion, and allow her to introduce him to some of her

friends.

It would be difficult to describe the terrible shock which the man sustained when he heard Edith addressed by and respond to the name—Miss Allandale.

Like a flash of light it was revealed to him that the beautiful girl was his own daughter!—that, in her, he had, for months, been "entertaining an angel unawares," but only to abuse his privilege in a way to reap her lasting contempt and aversion.

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ing an angel unawares." but only to abuse his privilege in a way to reap her lasting contempt and aversion.

This blighting knowledge was followed by a sense of sickening despair and misery, when, also for Correll's bigamous exploit, and then startled most at the same moment, he saw Isabel Stewart start forward to claim her child and lead her tents of the late Mrs. Goddard's confession, from the room, when he knew she must learn the current of the late Mrs. Goddard's confession.

her turpitude.

Fiorini, and told her that I was searching for her, at your request. She almost wept at the sound of your name, and eagerly inquired where she could find you. I took her to my office, where to do her what I wished to prove regarding her relations with Correlli, and that, if I could accomplish my purpose, it would give her and the child a claim upon him which he could not ignore. She at once frankly related her story to me, and stated that when they had first arrived in New York from Italy, Correlli had taken her to Madam Leblanc's boarding house, where he had made arrangements for himself, wife and child "Oh, then that settles the question of her claim upon him!" Edith here interposed, eagerly, "Yes—if we can prove her statements, and I think we can; for, when I told Giulia of my visit to made me and how I had failed to elicit the literature and how I had failed to elicit the.

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"Yes—if we can prove her statements, and I
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to madam, and how I had failed to elicit the
slightest information from her, she said that
she knew where one of the servants who was in
the house when she went there—could be found,
for she had stumbled across the girl in the street
and learned where she is now living. She gave
me her address, and I went immediately to interview her. Luck was in my favor—the girl was
at home, and remembered the 'pretty Italian girl,
who was so sweet spoken and polite!' she also
knew where her previous fellow-servant could be
found, and asserted that they would both be
willing to swear that madam herself had told
them to 'always to be very attentive to the handsome Italian's wife, for she made more out of
them than out of any of her other boarders.' So,
I flatter myself that I have gathered conclusive
evidence against the man." Roy added, in a tone
of satisfaction. "I shall interview Monsieur
Correlli at once, and perhaps, when he realizes
that his supposed claim upon you is null and
vold, he may be persuaded to do what is right
regarding his wife and child."

The lovers then fell to talking of their own af
fairs, Edith relating what she had so recently
learned from her mother, and concluded by mentioning the plan of readoption, suggested by Mrs.
Stewart, in order to avoid the gossip of the
world.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

A CHAMPION OF RIGHT.

The morning following his conference with his betrothed, our young lawyer went early to seek an interview with Emil Correlli.

He was fortunate enough to find him at the hotel where he had told him he gould be found if

sign."
He drew them forth as he spoke, spreading them out upon the table, after which he arose and touched the electric button over the mantel.
"What is that for?" curtly demanded his com-

"What is that for?" curtly demanded his companion.
"To summon witnesses to your signature to these documents."
"Your assurance is something refreshing," sneered the elder man. "How do you know that I will sign them?"
"I feel very sure that you will, Mr. Correlli," was the quiet rejoinder; "for, in the event of your refusal, there is an officer in waiting to arrest you upon the two serious charges before mentioned."

The batiled man snarled in impotent rage; but before he could frame a retort, there came a knock on the door.
Roy answered it, and bade the servant without to "show up the gentlemen who were waiting in the office."

Five minutes later they appeared, when Emil Correlli, without a demur, signed the papers which ity shad brought and now read aloud in their presence.

presence.

His signature was then duly witnessed by them, after which they withdrew, Mr. Bryant's clerk, who was one of the number, taking the documents with him.

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Roy, however, remained behind,
"Mr. Correlli," he said, as soon as the door closed, "I have one more request to make of you, before I leave; it is that you will openly acknowledge as your wife the woman you have wronged, and thus bestow upon your child the name which it is his right to bear."

"I will see them both——"
"I will see them both——"
"Hush!" steenly interrupted Roy, before he could complete his passionate sentence, "I simply wish to give you the opportunity to do what is right, of your own free will. If you refuse, I shall do my utmost to compel you; and, mark my words, it can be done. That woman and her child are justly entitled to your name and support, and they shall have their rights, even though you may never look upon their faces again. I give you just one week to think over the matter. You can leave the country if you doose, and thus escape appearing in court; but you doubtless know what will happen if you do—the case will go by default, and Gulia and Ino will come off victors."

"Do your worst—I defy you to the last! And now, the quicker you relieve me of your presence the better I shall like it."

The young lawyer took up his hat, bowed politiely to his defeated foe, and quietly left the room, very well satisfied with the result of his morning's work.

All the necessary forms of law were complied with to release Edith from even a seeming alliance with the man who had been so determined to win her.

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An announcement was inserted in the Boston papers explaining as much as was deemed necessary, and thus the fair girl was free!—free to give herself to him whom her heart had chosen.

Then she was formally adopted by Mrs. Stewart, the old schoolmate of the late Mrs. Allandale, and a little later, when they were settled in their elegant residence on one of the fashionable avenues, society was bidden to a great feast to honor the new relationship and to congratulate the charming hostess and her beautiful daughter.

At the same time Edith's engagement to the young lawyer was announced, and it seemed to the happy young couple as if the future held for them only visions of joy.

True to his promise, Roy gave Emil Correlli the week specified to decide either for or against Giulia; then, not having heard from him, he instituted proceedings to establish her claim upon him.

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upon him.

Correlli did not appear to defend himself, consequently the court indorsed her petition and awarded her a handsome maintenance.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

CONCLUSION.

Three months after the incidents related in our

own mother?" she had questioned, with smiling but tremulous lips, when this matter was being discussed, together with other preparations for the wedding.

Edith was delighted with the idea, and thus it was carried out in the way described.

The party was met at the chancel by Roy, accompanied by his best man and the clergyman, where the ceremony was impressively performed, after which the happy couple led the way from the church with those sweetest strains of Mendelssohn beating their melodious rhythm upon their ears and joyful hearts.

It was an occasion for only smiles and gladness; but, away in a dim corner of that vast diffice, there sat a solitary figure, with bowed head and pale face, over which—as there fell upon his ears those solemn words, "till death us do part"—hot tears streamed like rain.

The figure was Gerald Goddard. He had read the announcement of Edith's marriage in the papers, and, with an irresistible yearning to see her in her bridal robes, he had stolen into the church with the crowd, and hidden himself where he could see without being seen.

But the scene was too much for him, for, as he watched that peerless woman and her beautiful daughter move down the aisle, and listened to the reverent responses of the young couple, there came to him, with terrible force, the consciousness that if he had been true to the same vows which he had once taken upon himself he need not now have been shut out of this happy scene, like some lost soul shut out of this happy scene, like some lost soul shut out of the had once, and no one dreamed that the father of the beautiful bride had been an unbidden guest at her wedding.

In giving Edith to Roy Mrs. Stewart had beg-

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day which I thought you ought to have, since you are her attorney, without any unnecessary delay."

"Oh! it is most wonderful, Roy! This is it," said the young girl, producing it from her pocket. "But first I must tell you that in Mrs. Stewart I have discovered mamma's old friend—the writer of those letters of which I told you. She did not die in Rome, as was feared."

"Can that be possible?" exclaimed Mr. Bryant. "Yes, dear. It is a long story, and I cannot stop to tell it all now," Edith went on, eagerly but I must explain that she has discovered an important document that proves what makes me the happiest girl in New York today. We met addressed me as Miss Allandale, when she instantly knew that I must be her child. Isn't it all too wonderful to seem true?"

After chatting a little longer over the wonderful revelations, he suddenly remembered the "important communication" which Mrs. Stewart had mentioned.

"What was the matter of business which you felt needed early consideration?" he inquired. Instantly Edith's lovely face was suffused with blushes, and Mrs. Stewart, thinking it would be wise to leave the lovers alone during the forthcoming explanations, excused herself and quietly slipped into an adjoining room.

Edith immediately went to the young man's side and gave her letter to him.

"Roy, this is even more wonderful than what I have already told you," she gravely remarked.
"Read it: it will explain itself better than any words of mine can do."

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"My darling! nothing can keep us apart now!" words of mine can do."

"Oh, Roy!" she breathed, "all this seems too much joy to be real or to be borne in one day!"
"I think we can manage to endure it," returned her lover, with a fond suile. "I confess, however, that it seems like a day especially dedicated to blessings, for I have other good news for you."
"Can it be possible? What more could I ask, or even think of?" exclaimed Edith, wonderingly.
Roy smiled mysteriously, and returned, with a security of the min bis core.

roguish gleam in his eyes:

"My news will keep a while—until you give
me the pledge I crave, my darling. You will be
my wife, Edith?" he added, with tender earnest-

ness.
"You know that I will, Roy," she whispered; and, lifting her face to his, their mutual vows were sealed by their betrothal caress.

The young man drew from an inner pocket a tiny circlet of fold in which there blazed a

a tiny young man drew from an inner pocket a tiny circlet of fold in which there blazed a flawless stone, clear as a drop of dew, and slipped it upon the third finger of Edith's left hand. "Now for my good news," he said, after Edith had thanked him, in a shy, sweet way that thrill-ed him anew, while he gently drew her to a seat. "I met Giulia Fiorini on the street this after-noon."

the lawyer emphatically added, "allow me to inform you that your sister was never the wife of Mr. Gerald Goddard, as that gentleman had been married previous to his meeting with Miss Correlli. It was supposed that his first wife was drowned in Rome, but the report was false, as the woman is still living."

"I do not believe it," angrily exclaimed Emil Correlli, and yet, in his heart, he felt that it was picions. "I tell you it is all a lie, for Goddard himself told me, only two days after my sister's geath, that, if I chose to look, I would find the record of his marriage to her in the books of the "That is true; Mr. Goddard supposed the marriage to have been legal, because, at the time he deserted his lovely wife for Miss Correlli, he did not know that he was lawfully bound to her. But, later, both he and your sister learned the truth, and the secret of their unfortunate relations embittered the lives of both, especially after they discovered that the real Mrs. Goddard is still living," Roy exclaimed.

"How do you know this?" demanded his companion.

"I have recently seen and conversed with Mrs. Goddard, and all the facts of her history are in Goddard, and all the facts of her history are in Edith was delighted with the idea, and thus it

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"That is a question that I must refuse to answer, as the revelation of the lady's identity cannot affect the case in hand; unless—it should come before the courts and the truth be forced from me," Roy replied.

"Then why have you told me this wretched story?" cried the man, almost savagely.

"A lawyer, in fighting his cases, is often obliged to use a variety of weapons," was the significant response. "I thought it might be just as well to warn you, at the outset, that your sister's reputation might suffer in the event of a lawsuit, during which much might be revealed which otherwise would remain a secret among ourselves."

To convince Correlli of the truth of his disclosures Mr. Bryant announced that he had in his possession, at that moment, a copy of Mrs. Goddard's confession, and proceeded to read it, having first declared that the original was in his

Modern Methods of Cleaning

By Alice Ward

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RANDMOTHER kept her home spotless from garret to cellar. Her brasses were always shining, her floors highly polished, there was never a flager mark on the paint and the kitchen table was scoured to a snowy white soft her day and had to rely principally on "elbow grease." And this, as everybody knows, is only another way of saying that back-breaking rubbing, scourering and polishing was necessary to keep things in proper shape. Nowadays there is no need of so much hard labor and any woman can keep a spotless house and all in it bright and shining if she is progressive enough to use some of the modern inexpensive methods of cleaning.

The best and easiest way to scrub floors and clean painted woodwork is to dissolve a heaping tablespoonful of washing powder in a small quantity of hot water and add this solution to each pailful of water used. This powder also makes dishwashing easy and is indispensable for use with greasy pots and pans. For this from one teaspoonful to a tablespoonful should be added to each dishpan full of hot water. One of the most important purposes of dishwashing is to sterilize each article so that all germs will be destroyed and each dish will be sanitary to use for the next meal. This result can best be accomplished with hot water and a grease cutting agent like the washing powder just referred to.

Never place dishes or utensils which have contained custard, gelatine, egg. or starchy food directly into hot water; always scrape thoroughly first, and rinse in cold water; then wash in hot water.

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To clean a tea or coffee pot which has a rim of deposit inside, fill the pot with warm water to which one half teaspoonful of washing powder is added. Let stand until the next meal; pour off, rinse in clear, hot water and lay with top off in the air and sun.

To cleanse vinegar cruets and other glassware on which unsightly deposits have accumulated, fill the bottle with a half-dozen buckshot or small pebbles, and warm water to which is added a pinch of baking soda and a sprinkle of washing powder. Shake vigorously. If the deposit is very thick, leave over night. Then rinse thoroughly with clean, hot water.

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Don't rub the hands almost off to get dish towels clean or to remove dirt spots from clothes on a Monday morning by using ordinary soap for the purpose when for about the same price you can get a soap containing that great cleansing agent, naphtha. Naphtha takes the place of muscle. You simply wet whatever you want to wash, rub the soap on it, roli it up and let it soak for twenty or thirty minutes in cool or warm water, rinse and hang it out to dry. That is all that is necessary for clothes that every much soiled. Anything that is just ordinarily dirty need only be soaked for a few minutes before rinsing. This soap is also a wonderful aid in washing off olicloth or linoleum. For very fine laundry work or for woolens, slik waists, chiffon, slik underwear or anything like that soap flakes are the best as they do not shrink woolens or turn white slik or satin yellow. Pour boiling or very bot water over the soap flakes, and whisk into a lather. Dip the clothes up and down and work them about in this creamy lather. Do not rub. It is rubbing cake soap on fabrics, and more rubbing to get the dirt out, that wears out your nice things. The flakes dissolve instantly, so there is no solid soap to stick to the threads, to yellow or weaken them, and the thick lather is so cleansing that the dirt comes out absolutely without rubbing.

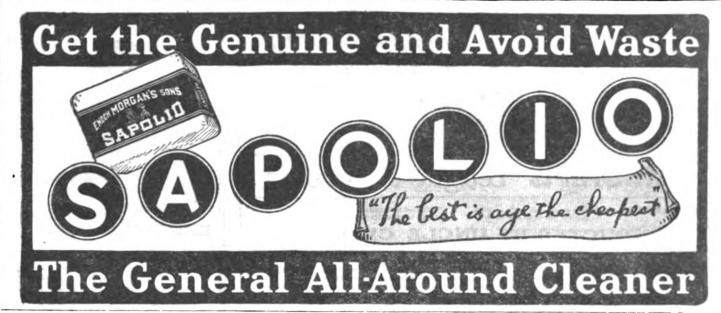
Among the oldest and the very best of the real labor-saving cleaners is the hard cake of scouring material, It literally cleans everything and it is to be found in a handy place beside the sink of practically every efficient housewife of today. Its steady use makes a spotless home. It takes smut from the bottom of pops and pans as if by magic, it cleans the sink faultlessiy and is ideal for getting dirt off bath tubs, zinc, nickel and aluminum and it is best of all for scouring the top of kitchen tables, set tubs and the like and it is used by ma

with nickel, aluminum, brass and all kinds of white wood work.

For cleaning the kitchen stove it is best to use blacking either in liquid or cake form. This can be put on with a brush or a mitt that comes especially for the purpose and protects the hands from smuts and soil that is hard to remove.

It does not pay to take chances with homemade floor or furniture-polishes for such concetions are more or less sticky mixtures that require any amount of rubbing to give even mediocre results and when the price of each ingredient is reckoned cost more in the end than a scientifically compounded polish that can be bought ready made. On hardwood floors, highly polished furniture, planos, mahogany dining tables or anything of the sort it is fatal to use any polish that contains mineral oil for this will soften, 'darken or discolor a brilliant finish and spread a greasy film that catches dust and dirt and ruins all clothing that comes in contact with it. To clean and polish all kinds of furniture so that it has a high luster, wet a cloth in a little of the polish that leaves a surface like the finest sort of veneering and go over the furniture a few times. This is all that is necessary.

To clean hardwood floors, wet a bit of cheese.



a wainscotting, a dusty picture frame by simply going over them with a cheese-cloth duster moistened with polish.

An upholstered chair can have the stuffed portion cleaned and greatly improved in appearance by laying a large bath towel over it and then whipping the upholstery lightly with a rattan rug- or cushion-beater. Shake out the towel whenever it shows any dust and continue beating until all the dust is out of the chair. Then brush the chair thoroughly with a bristle clothestor bonnet-brush. If there are any tuftings in the back and inside the arms of the chair, wipe them out with a bit of cotton tied on the end of a skewer and covered with a piece of an old silk rag. Next wipe quickly over the upholstery of the chair with a piece of clean white flannel that has been wrung out of hot water until it is nearly dry and follow this immediately with a cloth wet with alcohol. Change the cloths at once for fresh ones if they grow dirty and be particularly careful about this if the covering is in pale blue or in any delicate shade.

If there are grease spots on the wall paper An upholstered chair can have the stuffed por-

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If there are grease spots on the wall paper they can often be removed by placing over them a piece of white blotting paper or even manila paper such as parcels are wrapped in and applying a hot iron to this which will draw the grease into the paper. If this does not work try mixing a thick paste of flour and water and spreading it on the paper just as dry as it will stick. Leave this on, until the next day and then brush off carefully. Sometimes a very greasy spot needs two or three applications. Naphtha is also used for cleaning wall paper but it is best to put a light chalk mark about it so that it will not leave a ring. The chalk can later be rubbed off. On very light wall paper French chalk can be used.

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To clean hardwood floors, wet a bit of cheese-cloth with the polish and simply rub over the wood lightly. This removes all dust, dirt, marks and scratches and brings up the grain. You can, with no more trouble than the usual dusting, clean anything from a kitchen chair to a piano, clean anything from a kitchen chair to a piano,

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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prefer the country and, better still, the mountains.
To the sisters who live in the mountains, don't you
think we live in God's own country? Is it not grand
to be able to sit in a cozy home, just as comfortable
as any city home, and only turn our heads to gaze
where "The hand of man has never been. Where the
foot of man has never trod." And to fill our lungs
with the spicy, life-giving breath of the pines? But
any girl with good common sense and a strong will
can be a good helpmeet for her husband, no matter
where she was raised, if she loves him and makes up
her mind to do what is best. But she should decide
all these things before she is married.

Mrs. l'ete, I would like to hear from you and learn
what success you are having with your home-loving,
husband. If he has read any of the letters in Comroor regarding him he surely must be a very different
man by now.

How many of our sisters are working for our coldier.

rogarding him he surely must be a very different man by now.

How many of our sisters are working for our soldier boys? If the one million five hundred thousand knitted suits are to be made some of us must get busy. I am at present twenty-seven miles from the Red Cross class so I am going to use all of my spare clothes that I can in making garments for children. If every woman would use her cast-off clothes to help some poor child it would prevent much suffering when the cold days come.

days come.

I hope this will not bring begging letters to me.

I pity the poor for I am one of them, but what little I can do I will do near me for I will go to town for the winter and the poor children are to be seen everywhere. I regret I cannot help all of them. The future seems dark and cheerless to many but per-

"If we could see beyond today
As God can see;
And all the clouds should roll away,
The shadows flee,
O'er present griefs we would not fret,
Each sorrow we would soon forget,
For many joys are waiting yet
For you and me,"

ELNORA ST

FLEMING, OHIO.

PLEMING, OHIO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMPORT SISTERS:

It hasn't been so very long since 1 was with you but I'm writing to thank those who sent me letters and cards in response to my request, and if I have neglected to answer any, picase remind me of it.

I will tell you what I plan to do through the winter months, I am going to make a United States quilt and pattern it after the United States' map and work in the name of each state. I don't mind the work but I'm wondering if I will be fortunate enough to get pieces from every state in the Union. I want to keep a record of each piece sent so I can have the name of the sender. I will use calico or gingham in plain colors and as many different colors as possible. I will let you know later if I succeed in getting enough pieces.

Wishing you all success and much love, and especially Mrs. Wikkinson for carrying on her good work,

Your sister through Comport,

Mrs. H. L. Carpenter.

Thanksgiving Pies

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half the width over the edge and after putting on upper crust, may be brought over that to in a sure a whole edge. Use water between all edges, well at center, it I spilled to the property of sugar, a pinch of sait, one fablespoon of butter, pinch of cinnanon, and a little grated of butter, pinch of cinnanon, and a little grated on butter, pinch of cinnanon, and a little grated should be found that the property of sugar, a pinch of sait, one fablespoon of butter, pinch of cinnanon, and a little grated should be for the property of the property of sugar, a pinch of sait, one fablespoon of butter, pinch of cinnanon, and a little grated to cover. See the property of th





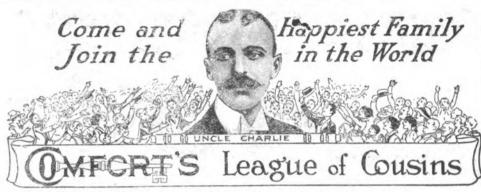


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let our good American friends speak out as your daddies of old spoke, and let us know and in no uncertain tones that you are with us in our fight for right and righteousness with all your heart and soul, loyal and true to the very end. For every traitor we have lost let ten patriots join our ranks. Don't hesitate, but rally to our support here and now. God speed and God bless you on this the greatest and most momentous Thanksglving we are ever destined to sec.

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My picture book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter, is Maria her Ma? Is there an Aunt Charlie? Is they had a little leaflet specially printed answering all these questions fully, and those who are interested will find the same in every copy of the four Uncle Charlie Books sent out this senson.

Now for the letters.

BONHAM, TEXAS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a little ten-year-old girl. I am going to school and I am in the third grade. My little sister, Bernice is in the second grade. Santa Claus brought me a doil last Christmas. Bernice and I have twenty-five doils to gather. Bernice's and my little dog died yesterday. We have one of your books with poems in it and one with songs in it.

So by, by. From your little niece, BONNIE HYATT.

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So by, by. From your little niece, Bonnie Hyatt.

That was awfully kind of Santa Claus, to bring you a doll Bonnie, and I hope he got it down the chimney without mussing up Dolly's flaxen curis and fashionable skirt, which I suppose to be strictly correct begins at her ears and finishes at her neck. I remarked to a young lady the other day, "That's an exceedingly pretty ribbon you have around your neck," and she transfixed me with a look of scorn and said: "That's not a piece of ribbon, that's my skirt." Did you ever? Santa Claus being a nice, respectable old gentleman, must feel his cheeks blaze with shame when he delivers some of the modern feminine attire. I know a young lady who wears pumps in the winter and furs in the summer, and thinks she ought to vote; but then too I know a man who drinks a barrel of beer every day, cusses the President and the United States and wants to put the Kalser in the White House, and he not only thinks he ought to vote, but he "as got a vote. So you see the lady with the furs is less dangerous than the fat man with the hyphen. So Bonnie, you and Bernice have twenty-five dolls to gather. That's quite some doll family and I hope you will succeed in gathering them. What's that Billy the Goat? She means together, not to gather. That's quite some doll family and I hope you will succeed in gathering them. What's that Billy the Goat? She means together, not to gather. That's quite some doll family and I hope you will succeed in gathering them. What's that Billy the Goat? She means together, not to gather, in the some child's peculiar ability to scatter things in all directions, tabulating, collecting and herding a flock of twenty-five folicsome, charming, young, sawdust stuffed doll chickens, and keeping the whole bunch coralled and under proper control must be some task. Bonnie I wish you joy of it.

INDIANAPOLIS, R. R. M. 2, Box 342, IND.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLE:

I am eleven years old and in the seventh grade. I live with my sister seven miles south of Indianapolis. I work in a big garden and pull weeds out of a good-sized potato patch. I wash dishes churn butter and run errands on my wheel. I eat breakfast, dinner and supper and have some time to play.

I would like to be making some extra spending money. Could you tell me how Uncle Charlie?

Hoping to see this in print I will close with good wishes from STANLEY G. SATTERFIELD.

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Stanley G. Satterfield.

Stanley, the world needs more boys of your type, for the whole future of the race depends on such bright lads as you, who want to work, earn and save and be helpful and useful. In the past we have been breeding and rearing too many boys whose one ambition has been to smoke cigarettes, break windows, torture animals and practise the vices of their elders. I'm glad you help sister, but say you must be some clever boy to be able to wash dishes churn butter set the table and run errands on your wheel. You ought to go into vaudeville if you can do all those stunts on your wheel. It seems to me it must be very uncomfortable and require a great amount of skill to manipulate a bicycle while washing dishes. Now as regards making some extra spending money. I'll see that you get a billion dollars if you'll go over to Europe and capture the two Kaisers, Wille and Charlie, the Clown Prince and other members of the House of Hohenzollern; the only family in Germany with six sons that has not had at least one of its members killed in this war. If the Kaiser had a million sons, not one of these royal parasites, by the way, would ever go to a warrior's grave. Then there is another million if you will gather in old wild boar Hindenburg, ferocious old Von Tirpitz, the German anarchist spy Lenine, and half a million of those patriotic Russian socialists who are always talking or running away when they ought to be fighting, and who have demonstrated the warmth of their love for their native land, by quarreling among themselves, killing their officers (the only men among them who had any sense or real patriotism) turning the whole country into a nutty house, accepting German bribes, and stabbing democracy (of which they so frantically prattled) in the back in the very presence of the enemy. The task is a little too much for you eh? Well here's an easier one. I'll see you get a million dollars if you'll take La Follette, Bill Stone, the Mayor of C



The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

we love so well, let us stop to think a minute.

To begin with, this is not a time to load our tables—our soldier boys need food, the soldiers of our allies need food, the starving women and children of Europe need food, and where is it to come from if we eat more than our bodies really need? So, for that reason, we will all be cutting down on our Thanksgiving tables, but even if we didn't have this very good reason, I could give you another one which is important enough to make you stop and consider.

Do you occasionally see on chin or cheek or forehead, as you look in the mirror, some very unbe-



EAT A LAXATIVE PASTE AT NIGHT.

coming and unpleasant red blotches? "A pimple

coming and unpleasant red blotches? "A pimple again!" you say, and wonder why.

But I know the answer!

You have been eating too many sweet or rich things—too many doughnuts, too much ple, fried potatoes, gravies, greasy meats, cake, candy! Perhaps, even too much butter on bread and potatoes and other foods. The latter is not so likely, however. Probably the butter you are eating is not a bit too much if you weren't eating all the other rich things.

I know you don't like the ugly red spots in the least, so set about to get rid of them today.

First, you should take a laxative of some kind to carry off as many impurities as possible. A good one to use is made as follows:

A Pleasant Laxative

Chop fine one ounce of senna leaves, half a pound of raisins, half a pound of figs. Add half a pound of raisins, half a pound of figs. Add half a pound of sugar and a cup of boiling water. Cook over a slow fire for half an hour. Line a square tin with greased paper (not too much grease) and pour the mixture out on this. It should be about an inch thick. When cool cut into inch-square pleces and take one or more of these squares at bedtime. Try just one piece, and if the effect next day is not sufficient, increase the amount at night.

Then you must help the eliminating processes by drinking three or four glasses of hot water (not scalding, but just agreeably warm) every day, in addition to three or four glasses of cool water, and in the morning, at least half an hour before breakfast, a glass of (1 water into which you have squeezed the juice of half a lemon.

which you have squeezed the juice of half a lemon.

All these measures will carry away so many impurities from the body, aided by your daily body bath and rub, that the pimples which now bother you will speedily vanish. A daily milk bath for the face is another way to keep the skin in good condition.

But that is not enough. You must keep them from returning, so remember, this Thanksgiving time, not to eat too many sweets or fats. Nobody likes mashed potato and turkey gravy better than I, so I know that sometimes it is difficult to be self-denying, but if you have pimples and want to get rid of them so that they will not return, self-denying you must be! Eat a dish of stewed prunes occasionally—two or three times a week—and be sure they have first been washed, then soaked over night, and finally cooked slowly in the water in which they soaked. The ordinary sweet prune does not need any sugar.

And eat oranges and grapefruit, whenever pos-sible, not forgetting, also, that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Answers to Questions

Violet.—Your hair is a light brown. You are making it lighter by using borax in the water in which you wash it. A little borax does no harm, but too much dries the hair. The "frown" in your brow is not a scrious matter, at lifteen. You can do away with it by cultivating pleasant expressions of the face, and never giving way to temper. It is not a permanent affair, and will not be so unless you make it so by facial habits. The coarse pores in the hands may be from washing the hands in very hot water, and not properly rinsing after. Wash the hands in warm, not hot, water, with soapsuds and scrub them thoroughly when they need it; always rinse in several waters, and last of all in cold water. Do not use soapsuds except at night or when the hands are really dirty enough to need it; but be sure to keep them clean and to dry them carefully after each washing. Here is a good whitening lotion for the hands:

The Why and Wherefore of Pimples

OW that Thanksgiving time is here with its mince pies and pumpkin pies, its furkeys, its big fat doughnuts, and all the other rich and indigestible things we love so well, let us stop to think a minute.

To begin with, this is not a time to load our tables—our soldier boys need food, the soldiers of our allies need food, the starving women and children of Europe need food, and where is it to come from if we cat more than our bodies really need? So, for that reason, we will all be cutting down on our Thanksgiving tables, but even

A Good Leg Exercise

With hands on hips, fingers forward and thumbs back, hold chin up, drop shoulders, keep back erect. Standing with heels together, rise slowly on the toes until you are on their very tips; then slowly lower the heels again until they touch the floor; repeat many times; then rising, as before, keep back straight but bend knees and sink to squarting position, keeping heels from floor. Rise slowly again, sink to floor, and repeat many times.

The formula you give for a cream contains a proprietary product, and I cannot pass an opinion upon it for that reason. Here is a good cream:

Orange-flower Skin Food

White wax, one half ounce; spermaceti, one half ounce; cocoanut oil, one ounce; lanoline, one ounce; sweet almond oil, two ounces; orange-flower water, one ounce; tincture of benzoin, three drops.

Put the first five ingredients over the fire in a kettle and melt, then remove, and drop in the benzoin and the orange-flower water, whipping it with an egg whip until it is thoroughly cold. The habit of biting your knuckles would, of course, cause them to harden and toughen, and grow thick in appearance. Your remedy, now, is to let them alone, except for rubbing them daily with olive oil or a good cold cream, massaging them back and forth and round and round five minutes at a time. To clean the teeth and make them white, brush on rising, after every meal, and before going to bed, using a good tooth paste or powder. You have probably neglected your teeth, my dear, how about it? The large pores on your face are the result of not washing the face properly. Do what I am constantly recommending to my girls—buy yourself a camel's-hair complexion brush—don't get a brush miless it is of camel's hair, or it will be too stiff for your skin—and scrub the face nightly with warm soapy water, rinsing, afterwards, many times in warm water, finally in cool and cold water to close the porces. Do not use soap on the face during the day, but only tepid water, and always rinse in cool water. Your pores will close up under this treatment, if you are careful to take plenty of exercise every day, outdoors and in, and to keep the bowels active by eating plenty of ruits and vegetables, drinking lots of water, chewing your food thoroughly, and avoiding to many sweets. As to a good soap, avoid highly perfuned soaps or strong soaps. Castile or any of the mild white soaps are good for your skin, as well as the standard advertised facial soaps which are not white. Your eyes and hair harmonize all right, and as to dressing your hair read the directions recently given in CoMronr by me.

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Oklahoma.—I am sorry it is against the rules of this department to answer letters by mall. As you did not give me any pen name, I am adopting one for you and hope you will understand this answer is for you. To develop the bust, exercises are best. Massage with cocon-butter or olive oil is all right. Bathe bust in hot water, then rub the cake of cocon-butter round and round the breast, with a circular motion, following the outline of the breast. The cocoa-butter can be held over a lighted candle to slightly melt it before applying. A good exercise for the bust is as follows:

To Develop the Bust

Standing erect, with heels together, chin up, back straight, bring the arms out in front on a line with the shoulder palms touching. Now throw them violently back, keeping them as nearly on a level with the shoulders as possible, and apparently trying to make them meet in the back. Of course they won't meet, but you must make just the same effort as if they could. Repeat this fifteen or twenty times, and practise daily. The big point is to maintain the shoulder level, and to make the movement a quick vigorous one.

Mrs. J. P. V.—Sorry all letters have to be answered in these columns, but very glad to give you the information you want. Probably the milk diet is exactly what you need. The first week after reading this, follow this plan: Put half-a-dozen prunes to soak at night, and the next morning drink the prune juice and eat the prunes, chewing them thoroughly. Do this fifteen minutes after rising and drinking a cup of hot water or two cups of hot water. Half an



A MILK FACE BATH IS GOOD FOR THE COMPLEXION.

For Dainty Hands

Rosewater, two ounces; Orange-flower water, two ounces; boras, one quarter dram; spirits of benzoin, one haif dram; bruised atmonds, one haif ordine. Mix the rosewater, orange-flower water and almonds, and the haif ounce. Mix the rosewater, orange-flower water and almonds, and the stand for twenty-flower benzoin, one haif dram; bruised atmonds, one haif ordine. Mix the rosewater, orange-flower water and almonds, and let stand for twenty-flower benzoin, one will dissolved, then drop in the benzoin, one drop at a time, shaking constantly. I gave a pretty say for a girl of fiftees to dress the hair, in a recent number of Commons and recent subject of the constantly. I gave a pretty say for a week. At the end of that time, drop this up-for a week. At the end of that time, drop this up-for a week. At the end of that time, drop this up-for a week, the constantly. I gave a pretty say for agirl of fiftees to dress the hair, in a recent number of Commons and are only five feet three, and forty pounds and are only five feet three, and sixteen years old, you weigh one hundred and forty pounds and are only five feet three, and sixteen years old, you weigh too much. You need to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds and are only five feet three, and to get your weight down the following pounds and are only five feet three, and to get your weight down to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to reduce fifteen or twenty pounds. You ask how to

after meals it would help—I do not mean lie down and go to sleep; I mean sit down and real the paper or just relax. It would even be better for you to darn stockings or mend for half an hour after meals than to move about rapidly, doing your dishes or any other active work. You do not want to be tired when you sit down to eat, and you must not be any more active immediately after eating than you can help. Addie H.—See answer to "Mrs. J. P. V." You keep the milk diet until you weigh as much as you

active immediately after eating than you can help.

Addie H.—See answer to "Mrs. J. P. V." You keep up the milk diet until you weigh as much as you want to.

A Curly-Headed Girl.—The pimples which come every month are rather hard to get rid of. You can help, however, by being careful just before the time they usually appear, not to eat sweets or pastries or gravies, but only simple foods, chewing them thoroughly. Each month you may find that your stomach does not take care of its food at certain times as well as the rest of the month, so give it less to do and simple things to do. Do you see? This will help about the pimples, and so will keeping your bowels open. Drinking water, especially hot water morning and night, will help in this latter. The reason your hair comes out is because the scalp is full of dandruff. I don't imagine the dandruff makes "small sores" as you say, except when you scratch the scalp with either your nails or a comb? How about that? When you read this, get some olive oil and wet the scalp with it at night. Part the hair first in one place and then another, and pour on oil, rubbing it in with the fingers, until every particle of the scalp has been covered. The the head up in a heavy towel, to save your pillow cases from disaster, and in the morning, shampoo the hair thoroughly with a soap jelly made by shaving half a cake of white laundry soap into a quart of boiling water and letting stand over the fire until dissolved, then cooling slightly. It will be liquid at first, and you can use it in this form, but later, as it cools, it will jelly. Four on the hair and lather thoroughly when you shampoo your hair, that it may not reinfect the scalp; wipe it off after every using, and give it a soap and water washing every week, dipping it afferward in a rinsing bath of borax and water. Dry in the scalp; wipe it off after every using, and give it a soap and water washing severy week, dipping it afterward in gent end with the hair norbraided. The more air you can get to the scalp, the better. It

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Worried Anna.—You are not much over weight—not at all, if you were older, but at fifteen a girl is usually not up to the weight prescribed for her height. See answer to "A Curly-Headed Girl" in regard to the monthly pimples. The bjackheads you should let alone and not squeeze, because you are merely irritating them and spoiling your skin. They come from not enough attention to the face—you probably have not been in the habit of giving the nightly scrubbing. I am always recommending to my girls. See what I say to two or three other girls this month, and follow the advice. That will do away with your blackheads. But you must, of course, have a body bath daily, also, and rub the skin well with a rough towel. You do not need a bathtub for this; you can stand on a folded bath towel, and rub the body all over quickly with a wash-cloth, warm water and soap; or you can wash an arm, rinse and dry it, cover it up; then wash the other arm, dry it and cover up; and so on, only unovering a small portion of the body at a time, and washing it quickly with a brisk rubbing following. All this will stimulate the facial skin to throw off the impurities which collect in the pores. Then, of course, you must n't forget that the bowels simply have to move thoroughly every day of your life.—you can't have a good complexion, let alone good health, unless they do: so eat lots of fruits and drink plenty of water, and exercise, and exercise.

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The Masked Bridal

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ged that she need not be separated from her newly recovered treasure—that for the present, at least, they would make their home with her—or, rather, that they would take the home with her—or, rather, that they would take the home with her—or, rather, that they would take the home, which was to be a part of Edith's dowry, and allow her to remain with them as their guest.

This they were only too glad to do; therefore, after a delightful wedding trip through the West, they came back to their elegant home, where, with every luxury at their command, the future seemed to promise unlimited happiness.

Poor Louis Raymond had failed very rapidly during the spring months; indeed, he was not even able to attend the marriage of the girl for whom he had formed a strong attachment, and who had bestowed upon him many gracious attentions and services that had greatly brightened his last days. He passed quietly away only a few weeks after their return to New York.

One day, a couple of months after her marriage. Edith was about to step into her carriage, on coming out of a store on Broadway, where she had been shopping, when she was startled by excited shouts and cries directly across the street from her.

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Turning to see what had caused the commotion, she saw a heavily loaded team just toppling over, while a man, who had been in the act of crossing the street, was borne down under it, and, with a shriek which she never forgot, apparently crushed to death.

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Sick and faint with horror, she crept into her carriage, and ordered her driver to get away from the dreadful scene as soon as possible.

That same evening, as she was looking over the Star, a low cry of astonishment broke from her, as she read the following paragraph:

"A sad accident occurred on Broadway this morning. A carelessly londed team was overturned by its own top-heaviness as it was rounding the corner of Twenty-ninth street, crushing beneath its cruel weight the talented young sculptor, Emil Correlli. Both legs were broken, one in two places, and it is feared that he has suffered fatal internal injuries. He was taken in an unconscious state to the Roosevelt Hospital, where he now lies hovering between life and death. The surgeons have little hope of his recovery."

Edith was greatly shocked by the account, not-

"There is hardly a ray of hope for him," he remarked; "he is still unconscious. Do you know anything about him or his family?" he asked, with sudden interest.

"Yes, I have had some acquaintance with him,"
Roy returned.

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"Yes, I have had some acquaintance with him, Roy returned.
"Do you know his wife?" the man pursued. "A woman came here last evening, claiming to be his wife, and insisting upon remaining by his bedside as long as he should live."
"Yes, he has a wife," the young man briefly returned, but deeply touched by this evidence of

Giulia's devotion.

"Is she a dark, foreign-looking lady, of medium height, rather handsome, and with a slight accent in her speech?"

"That answers exactly to her description,"
"I am glad to know it, for we have been in some doubt as to the propriety of allowing her to remain with our patient. We tried to make her leave him, last night, even threatening to have her forcibly removed; but she simply would not

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Pop Littleton's Love Letter
By Huub

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while there came today a long letter telling how be has done well but that he is all the were the control of the

Edith was greatly shocked by the account, notwithstanding her aversion to the man.

She had not supposed that he was in the city, for Roy believed that he had left the country, rather than appear to defend himself against Giulia's claims, and to escape paying the damages the court awarded her, after proclaiming her his lawful wife.

The woman had since been supporting herself and her child by designing and making dainty costumes for children, a vocation to which she seemed especially adapted, and by which she was making a good living, through the recommendation of both Mrs. Stewart and Edith.

The day after the accident Roy, on his way home from his office, prompted by a feeling of humanity, went to the Roosevelt Hospital to inquire for the injured man.

The surgeon looked grave when he made known his errand.

"There is hardly a ray of hope for him," he
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"West."

"All right mother!" he stopped and looked across at her with a half smile—then at Nelly and saw the glint of a little tear of disappointment in her bright eyes.

"But you prom—" she began.
"Oh, yes, I promised! Yes, I did" (and he got up and shook himself), "so I did. And it's Thanksgiving!—Well, seeing it's Tanksgiving and sure I've so much to be thankful for—specially mother!

Nelly ran off.
"Say mother, what's the matter with Nelly—she's as bright as a new peony?"
"Well Pop dear, it's this way. You know she and Tom Hughes was awful fond of one another only that they had a spat when Tom went away West." "John, dear! John, dear!" came a sweet voice of entreaty.

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go, and is remarkably handy in assisting the nurse, while her self-control is simply wonderful."
Roy wrote a few lines on one of his cards, saying that if either he or Mrs. Bryant could be of any service at this trying time, she might be free to call upon them.
This he gave to the surgeon to hand to Giulia, and then went away.
The following evening the woman made her applied.

former pastor and church one and who was wrong matters not, but ever and and who was wrong matters not, but ever and who was wrong matters not, but when the church on his evening pipe and a chat.

Then came Nelly, his daughter, with face all beaming with smiles and approaching her father somewhat timidly, held out her hands to him.

"Pop—I want you to do me a favor—will you—a really great favor?"

"Well, Sunshine, what is it?"

"No-o, you must promise first!"

"Well, it must be something good to make my Nelly look so happy!—Yes—Till promise!"

"Er-o-Pop—tomorrow's Thanksgiving ! and—and there's a Thanksgiving prayer meeting up to the church tonight and I do—want—to—be of and I want you to go with me!"

Then a cloud came over John Littleton's face and he loosened the hands he held and asked:

"Why do you ask me that, Nelly—you know that has been settled long ago. Can't I serve the Lord in my own way? Isn't it good enough for you?—what's wrong?—whose ox, or whose ask have I taken'? Did you ever know me to cheat or—"

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They all walked home in happy silence and when the door was shut John Littleton gathered them to him and said:
"Mother dear, Nelly, I too have had a love letter tonight; pastor was the postman. It was from the dear Lord Himself and He says: 'Come back to my people and let Me come back to you and abide with you always—for I have loved thee with an everlasting love,' and I want you to join with me in sending Him His answer. Let us kneel. Now just one word, dear Lord Come! Even so come Lord Jesus!"

And they bowed their heads.
They could say no more.
Their hearts were too full.
And a still voice within whispered to each, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love!"

streaming eyes. She loved him still, in spite of everything, and she must remain with him while he breathed.

he breathed.

Edith willingly received Ino, saying she would be glad to keep him as long as was necessary: then Giulia went immediately back to her sad vigils beside the man who had caused her nothing but sorrow and shame.

But Emil Correlli did not die.

Very slowly and reinfully he

The following evening the woman made her appearance in their home with her child, whom she begged them to care for "as long as Emil should live."

It could not be very long, she said, with to be.

But Emil Gorrelli did not die.

Very slowly and painfully he came back to life—to an existence, rather, from which he would gladly have escaped when he realized what it was to be.

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"You!" he exclaimed in surprise, while, with sudden discernment, he remarked a certain re-fined beauty in her face that he had never ob-served before.

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Then he added, with a sullen glance at his useless limbs, a strange sense of shame creeping over him.

"Do you still care enough for me to take that trouble?"

"I am willing to do my duty, Emil," she gravely replied.

"Ha! you evade me!" he cried, sharply, and piqued by her answer. "Tell me truly, Giulia, do you still love me well enough to be willing to devote your life to such a misshapen wretch as I shall always be?"

"I told you, Emil, that I was willing to do my duty. I bear your name—you are Ino's father—my proper place is in your home; and if you see fit to decide that we shall all live together under the same roof, I will do my utmost to make you comfortable, and your future as pleasant as possible. More than that I cannot promise—now."

"And you really mean this, Giulia?" he quespossible. More than that I cannot possible. More than that I cannot will make the possible of the possible of

"And you really mean this, Giulia?" he questioned.

"Yes, if my proposal meets with your approval, we can at least make the experiment. If it should not prove a success, we can easily abandon it whenever you choose."

He knew that he could not do without herknew that she had become so essential to him that he was appalled at the mere thought of losing her, while the sound of that magic word "home." around which clustered everything that was comfortable and attractive, opened before him the promise of something better than he had ever yet known in life.

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Beware the fury of a patient man.

Words are the leaves of the tree of language Invention is the talent of youth, judgment of age. Great men stand like strong, solitary towers in the city of God.

He that permits mischief that he might hinder, becomes

None are so fond of secrets as those who are never mown to keep them. It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep, than a sheep at the head of an army of lions.

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The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6.)

"Miss Annesley looked hopelessly unhappy in her fine clothes," he said smoothly, "but extraordinarily handsome, in spite of her tears." He
pulled himself up sharply as if the last word
had slipped out unawares.

"Tears!" The duchess stared at him. "What
do you mean? I remember now. She never said
good by to me. I don't like to think of Tom
Annesley's girl crying at my party. How do you
know?"

"Saw her," laconically. "Gave her some good advice and drove her home. She never spoke to me the whole way."

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"Saw her," laconically. "Gave her some good advice and drove her home. She never spoke to me the whole way."

A light dawned on the duchess.
"So that," she observed slowly, "was where you went to! You're not a good friend for any girl, Levallion, and I won't have it with Tom's daughter. Mind that! I shall drive over and see that child this afternoon. I've been a neglectful old woman not to have looked after her before."

She pushed away her empty plate and got up. Levallion strolled meekly to the window, where he lit a cigarette. The duchess was a good woman, and Sylvia Annesley was—otherwise! But it was the latter who had discovered he was ready to marry and settle down at last. The duchess only remembered the women he had compromised; it never struck her that he might actually think of marrying a little country girl of eighteen. If it had, she would probably have put a spoke in his wheel; to have known Levallion for thirty years was not to envy his future countess.

Yet to marry Ravenel Annesley was the only thought the man had. The day before he had cleverly evaded Sylvia and paid an impromptu visit to Annesley Chase by the back gate; a piece of diplomacy for which he was rewarded by coming straight on Ravenel in the garden.

She was alone; her little chin had lifted angrily when she saw him, but the next moment she was ashamed. After all, he had been kind to her twice. She had nothing against him except that he was a friend of Sylvia's.

Levallion was too wise to stay long, though there were no tears—and no hat-pins!—today. Her face was as cold as his lordship's own, and her indifference more real. He might go or stay as he liked—and he knew it.

But he carried away with him the memory of her strangely quiet face, uncannily, clearly pale as she walked up and down the garden paths.

"There goes Lady Levallion!" he thought, as certainly as if she stood by him at the altar. "And the sooner she is away from that devil Sylvia the better. Sylvia was always a genius at making people miserable, and the girl

old friend must not think she was begging. "I just can't,"
"Do you want to come?" slowly.
No answer. The girl's lip was trembling at the kindness of the motherly voice.
The duchess looked at her.
"You do! then that's all right," cheerfully. "As for gowns, I mean to give you those. I haven't got any one to spend my money on except some horrid chits of nieces who don't need it. That will be half the pleasure of having you. And I'll settle it with your stepmother."
But Ravenel was crying—sobbing from her sick heart against the duchess' smart shoulder.
"My dear, I know," said that soft-hearted lady incoherently, muttering to herself things about "that woman, who did not know how to treat Tom's child." And che had, like Levallion before her, never an inkling of Adrian Gordon's part in the play.

though she beat her!"

In spite of his acuteness, he never thought—
or, perhaps, would not have cared if he had—
that another man had been the cause of that
white face and somber eyes; nor that he himself
had never seen the real Ravenel Annesley, all
life and laughter, but only the ghost of a girl
whose youth was dead in her. It annoyed him
to fall in with Sylvia's schemes, but, after all,
that was a trifle; and he knew how to cut her
claws a little. Therefore, with security and determination, Levallion laid slege to the duchess;
and she smiled calmly as she bade good by to
him.

and she smiled calmly as she bade good by to him.

"Au revoir till next week," he said, as they shook hands.

"Humph!" her grace coughed dryly. "I'll send for you when I want you, my dear Levallion."

Levallion chuckled when he got, rather stiffly. Into the carriage. He was warned off. That meant Tom Annesley's daughter was to be asked to Avonnore House. His lordship was more pleased than by a dozen cordial invitations.

The duchess, the instant his back was turned, proceeded to Annesley Chase in state, though she would far rather have gone on her bicycle. Lady Annesley was, providentially, out. Miss Annesley—Adams did not know.

"Then find out, my good girl," remarked the duchess calmly sweeping by her into the house. She was not to be turned from Tom Annesley's door by the servant of his twopenny second wife. "And fetch Sir Thomas," majestically.

But Tommy had seen her coming and arrived hastily on the scene. He looked worried, and the duchess saw it.

"Where's your sister, Tommy?" she said kindly.

The boy looked at her. She was the oldest

The boy looked at her. She was the oldest friend they had, but even so, his sister's secret

But for me he never would have seen his pinkand-white doll."

She threw the duchess' letter on a table, where
it hit a pile of other letters—blue envelopes, ominous—and sent them rustling to the floor. They
were merely the quarter's bills from the butcher
and the wine-merchant for those luxuries Sylvia
Annesley could never deny herself, but she picked
them up with a vicious hand.

"It's well for you, Levallion, that I haven't a
penny to pay these, or you might whistle for my
lovely stepdaughter!" she said aloud. "But I
can't stand five more years like this before Tom
comes of age. Five more years of duliness, of
skimping, without a soul to speak to, and then
the prospect of turning out of this and living
on nothing a week in lodgings—no! it's not to be
done!" "She's in the garden; she's not very well," he returned loyally. If Ravenel were fretting for Gordon there was no good in saying so. "Shall I call her for you?"

done!"

"Suppose we go to her!" slipping a stout arm through his. "Not well? What's the matter with her?"

Tommy was appalled for one instant. "Dyspepsia," he said stoutly, with a flash of genius.

"Oh!" commented the duchess dryly. "Very like a whale in a butter-boat," she added to herself, as she glanced at Ravenel, who rose from her knees in the garden as she heard the rustle of the duchess' slik-lined skirts on the gravel.

"I beg your pardon for not coming in," the long way I shall ever see it again. He shall

The Kingdom of Our Birthright

In running this series we are not advocating belief in astrology or faith in the pretended talismanic charm of birth-stones, although these beliefs have persisted from remote antiquity and have not a few devotees even in this present age of reason. Yet as myths and superstitions that have dominated through the ages they possess historic interest and educational value. Miss December will appear with a pleasing message next month.—EDITOR.



MISS NOVEMBER.

system.

According to this conception, persons born during the period when the influence of this sign is in the ascendent are by nature physically stronger than those who enter who those who enter

any other period of the year. Moreover they live close to Nature's heart and have a strong love of all the works of the Great Creator, and whatever their occupation, their thoughts and acts proceed from the immutable principles of justice. Instinc-

"Why not? Because you've nothing to wear?" shrewdly.
"No!" with no truth and a red face, for her old friend must not think she was begging. "I

> CHAPTER VII. HER LADYSHIP SHUFFLES THE CARDS.

The November Birth-Stone is the Topaz

Friendship, the substance of which is love and esteem is symbolized by the November birthstone, the topaz. Attachments are often quickly formed, but true friendship is of slower growth, giving new life and ambition to the object of its regard. True friends can forgive each other's little fallings, and will remain loyal through the wear and tear of adversity, for they meet as equals at heart, putting away formalities and dissimulation, and with simplicity and wholeness speak to each other. Husband and wife must ever be friends if through life they would continue sweethearts.

from the immutable principles of justice. Instinegirl faltered. "I thought you were Lady Annesley." She looked doubtfully at her earthy hands
and the visitor's smart, white gloves.

The duchess, in spite of her parting words to
Levallion, had not come with any definite purpose; but the sight of the girl's white face and
hard-set lips—more than all the glance of shuddering aversion she had given her, thinking she
was her stepmother—brought a sudden rush of
motherly tears to her kind, worldly-wise eyes.

"Never mind your hands!" she cried, sitting
down on a wicker chair that creaked under her;
"Nor Lady Annesley either. I didn't come to see
her—I suppose there's no one about to hear
such treason!" with a hasty glance behind her.
"I came to see you. I didn't think you looked
well the other day at my house"—really, the
girl's fresh beauty had astounded her—"and I
came to ask you and Tommy to take pity on a
lonely old woman and come to London with me
for a month," with a nod at the two which set
the green and pink feathers on her smart bonnet
wagging. "What do you say?"

"Oh, my eye—rather!" Sir Thomas forgot his
manners in his joy. But the duchess was looking at Ravenel. She had not been prepared to
see such a change in the pale, sick face.

To get away from Lady Annesley and the
place that had grown hateful to her for a whole
month—she and Tommy! A slow red burned into
her cheeks at the thought, but a second after her
face fell again. She could not go; she had no
clothes fit to wear. Tommy was different; a boy
did not matter. But she herself had not so much
as a desent pair of gloves to wear up in the train.

"We—that is, I can't!" she blurted out miserably.

"Why not? Because you've nothing to wear?" marry her if I have to swallow my pride ten times over. He'd have to give me an allowance that would not disgrace Lady Levallion's mother! Ravenel shall go to the duchess: Levallion will take care no other man gets a chance at her'-in spite of her rage with him, she was secure in her old knowledge of his cleverness—"and I will stay here and try to help things on!" with a pale smile.

She went to the door and locked it then to her

She went to the door and locked it, then to her dressing-case and dragged out a photograph. For a minute she stood and stared at it, biting her

a minute such that it is a such that it is the such that it is anything with it," she thought angrily, "And I daren't trust any one—but—"With swift inspiration a thought had come to her.

her.
"Hester Murray!" she cried half-aloud. "Hester can tell her a bit of—truth! The silly old duchess will never imagine that Hester and I are

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old acquaintances—Hester, who runs in and out of Avonmore to help me; if she doesn't I'll make an unpleasant squall in the Murray mansion. This match-making," with a little laugh, "Is most amusing."

Her ill humor gone utterly, she sat down at her writing-table and constructed a letter to make her old friend shake in her shoes, in spite of its affection. She sealed up her letter and the photograph, for Hester might not have one, and then turned her attention to something else.

"I have a great mind to get rid of Adams," she thought, "She is getting beyond herself. But I'll wait a little; she might talk. And, after all, 'better a devil you know than a devil you don't know!" forcibly. "Though I doubt if Hester will think so," with a curious look, as if something had come back from the past and pleased her.

"Well" she said half-aloud. "I suppose the

"Well," she said half-aloud. "I suppose the duchess will deck out my deaf stepdaughter in purple and fine linen, but unless I want to look a beast, I suppose I ought to provide her with at least one gown. I, who haven't two coins to rub together nowadays. She wouldn't wear my (CONTINUED ON PAGE 19).

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Lady Annesley sat in speechless fury over the note that arrived from the duchess the very next morning.

About her was spread her whole wardrobe, which she had been looking over with the eye of a born milliher, quite certain that Levallion's hints about London had meant he would give her the money to take Ravenel there. And this—with a vicious glance at the duchess' letter—was their real meaning!

"For, of course, it's all Levallion!" She drummed angrily on her knee with slim, white fingers. "I have half a mind to checkmate him. He might, considering everything, have sent me to town. But for me he never would have seen his pink-and-white doll."

She threw the duchess' letter on a table, where

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OVEMBER brings us the day of general thanksgiving, when scattered families group together; when hearts are set with one another in feasting and rejoicing; when we give thanks for our manifold blessings.

It is also a season when we should be devoutly thankful for our friends, the old and the new, and to those far from home extend whatever hospitality we can. Though the cheer be small, the welcome can make a merry feast.

Miss November, in her very appearance, suggests happy faces and a bounteous repast, and where there are young people to make the effort, appropriate decorations can easily be managed. Miss November's picture is seen on another hage illustrating "The Kingdom of Our Birthright."

Ripe corn on cob, tied together in bunches by the husks turned back, and used as a sideboard decoration, makes an effective setting for high dishes of nuts, fruits and desserts. A centerpiece is made by hollowing out a pumpkin, leaving only the yellow shell, lining it with white paper, and placing it on a large circle of green paper. This pumpkin holds a gift for each one seated at the table. Wrap each article very neatly in white tissue paper, and tie with bright colored ribbon, leaving one end long enough to reach from pumpkin to plate. At a word from the hostess, the guests, one at a time, pull the ribbon at their plate, and out comes their Thanksgiving souvenir, which must immediately be unwrapped. After this ceremony, the pumpkin is replaced by a half pumpkin filled with fruit. The gifts may be jokes or otherwise. If jokes, the seeds from the pumpkin will create laughter; also two (beau-) knots of ribbon, designed for two lover guests. A tiny mince pie made in a doll's plate, a nut, a wishbone, a candy gobbler, etc. If personal hits can be made with the souvenirs, fun will not lag.

A bunch of red-eared corn, tied with grive the mistletoe suggestion. If autumn leaves have been gathered as they fell, waxed and pressed and strung on threads, and the bright red berries of the white alder, you have the makings of garlan

Comfort's League of Cousins

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13. Il Hohenzollern. I note that Henry Ford is patriotic and has come to his senses and even Bryan is waking up, so you needn't take them along. If these jobs are a little too much for you Stanley, you can go into the chicken business and sell eggs at sixty cents a dozen all the year round. With feed at its present price you probably would starve to death on a proposition of that kind. Why not start a newspaper route? You might use that wheel to run errands for your ambitions and don't overwork for a while. You need plenty of play and plenty of rest for the next two or three years. Let your body gain strength that your brain and shoulders may be able to bear the burdens that will come in later years.

BETHANY, ILL.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl ten years old I have brown hair and blue eyes. I have a sister Beulah and a little brother Lloyd. My little brother will be five years old in November. I have been reading the Comport for three years, and I always read the letters from the nelces and nephews and often wish that I could see one of mine in print. I go to school and I am in the sixth grade.

I am in a class by myself and get a hundred every day in spelling. My teacher's name is Miss Mary Wallace. There are only ten children that go to our school. So you see we have not got a very big school. I can play the organ. I can iron tat crochet and milk the cow. I have strong eyes so you see I can do a lot of fancy work.

Hoping Billy the goat don't eat this letter I remain your loving neice, Thelma Davis.

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Hoping Billy the goat don't eat this letter I remain your loving neice, THELMA DAVIS.

Glad to hear from you Thelma. So you are in a class by yourself and get a hundred every day in spelling. Well you won't get a hundred in Uncle Charlie's class until you learn to spell "niece" correctly. The only time I was in a class by myself was when I was locked up in a room with a nice attack of mumps and measles. If its rather dangerous to be in a class by oneself. There is the Kaiser and his son the Clown Prince, and the Prussdan Junkers, and the German language press, which says that everything that is printed in English is a lie, and Herr La Follette and Herr Stein (I mean Stone) not forgetting Herr Wilhelm Hearst, the Mayor of Chicago and Tom Watson; all these individuals are in a class by themselves and theirs is a class the world could just at present do very well without. We are all interested in knowing that you can iron tat crochet and milk the cow, Thelma. It seems however it must be pretty tough on the cow to have to be the recipient of these extraordinary attentions on your part. I wonder how cow's milk tastes after the poor animal has been torocheted and tatted, not forgetting ironed. Possibly the cow is anæmic and that is why she gets ironed. Anyway Thelma, you are a live, ambitious girl and that is the kind of girl the world needs.

I am as ever your neice, Florata Turner.

Glad to know Florra, that you are learning fast. Keep it up. Keep your mind on your studies and don't let it go wandering. The screen of such and don't let it go wandering. The screen of such and don't let it go wandering. The screen of such and don't let it go wandering. The screen of such and don't let it go wandering. The screen of such and don't let it go wandering. The screen of such seeds you can concentrate the rays of the sess concentration. Note bow with a magnifying glass you can concentrate the rays of t

WORDESTER, 38 Tatman, St., MASS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am sixteen years old, five feet and nine inches tall, weigh one hundred and twenty-nine pounds, have gray-blue eyes, dark brown hair and very homely. I have very few friends in Worcester as we have not been living here long. I am often very lonesome. I am very fond of reading. I am studying French now and I love it. I like to read novels, too. Will you please tell me of some good books for girls to read? In spare time I draw, make artificial flowers and write short stories for my friends. I just love to write stories. I have a tiny little garden in the back yard. I have planted some beets, carrots, peas and corn. I was born in the country so I am used to farm work. I just love Compost. It has been in our family ever since I can remember. Your niece,

ALVHIL V. HOLM.

ful girl like you could or should read. I suppose you have read all the best known and most popular of the works of the great authors of chastifiction. You ought to read Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," Bret Harte's short stories, which are wonderful, and Poe. How many of you boys and girls know anything of Poe except that he wrote "The Raven," a poem which but few of you like or understand. You should read his "Tales of Mystery and Imagination," "The Gold Bug," "The House of 'Usher." Poe is the greatest literary genius this country ever produced. No one ever handled the supernatural and filled his stories with such an atmosphere of terror and wonder as did Poe. Then there is Mark Twain. His "Huckelberry Finn," "Tom Sawyer," A Connecticut Yankee At the Court of King Arthur," and "Innocents Abroad," are delightful. Every girl as well as boy should read one or more of Fenimore Cooper's romances; and too don't forget Washington Irving. Among more modern worthwhile authors are Jack London, and O. Henry, but don't touch them until you have dipped into the classies. Read "Ivanhoe" by Sir Walter Scott, Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," and all of Dickens' works, if you have the time, they are so intensely human, interesting and appealing. Stevenson's "Treasure Island" will delight you. Kipling and Thomas Hardy are the greatest of living English authors. Read Hugo's "Les Miserables," Eugene Sue's "Wandering Jew," a marvelous, hair-ralsing story and Tolstoy's "War and Peace." This however is only skimming one tiny section of the sea of literature. Fact is stranger and more interesting than fiction. History and popular science, the lives of great men and famous women, stories of travel, and ancient life history of the earth and its races, should form the largest and most important part of one's reading. No, one can read a millionth part of the world's literature, but in convenient, condensed form in a score or so of volumes you can get the heart and soul of nearly all the greatest works that men have written in every field of lite

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HELLO UNCLE:

How are you and all the cousins, I have been reading your talks for a long time. I like them fine. I live about six miles from the nearest P. O. We have not got many cattle. We have only three mules, two cows, a calf and five hogs. Uncle I am five feet tall, weigh seventy pounds, have dark red hair, cat eyes and I am sure pretty, don't you think so? Well Uncle I will tell you what I can do. I can cook milk and clean up the house. Uncle Charlie I am twelve years old and am getting letters from a boy about the same age. Will you give me some advice? I am too young to be writing to the boys. Will you tell me what to do? Uncle I can't do much work in the field I can pick one hundred and eight pounds of cotton a day. Well Uncle I will close, would like to hear from all the cousins.

Your niece,

ALICE GREGORY.

So Alice, you can cook milk and clean up the house can you? You must be some cook if you can do all that. We should all love to see you milking the house. It would be interesting to know how you go about the job and still more interesting to watch you while you are about it. I never drank any house milk, but should imagine it would be tasty stuff. Billy the Goat says he would like you to send him a couple of gallons for inspection. It would be interesting too, to see you cooking the house. I suppose you souse it with kerosene and touch it off with a match, or maybe you load it on to the fryin" pan. Fine cooks are scarce and when we do strike a fine one such as you, Alice, we find her engaged in cooking material no one can eat except a goat. There is no harm in your corresponding with that boy as long as you show the letters you write and also those you receive from him to your mother, and that is something you probably will not do. If this boy is writing mush to you and you are writing slush to him, the sooner your mother stops the correspondence and boxes your ears the better for you. If you can conduct a correspondence along rational, sensible lines, do so, for the more practise you have in writing the better for you, and you certainly need some practise.

THROCKMORTON, TEXAS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a little girl only thirteen years of age. I have dark hair and gray eyes. I am five feet tall. I go to Oak Grove school. I love to go to school. I love to go to school am in the fifth and sixth grade and I learn fast. We have a man teacher, his name is Mr. Poke Mc. Mayhon. School hasn't started yet, but I will be glad when it starts. I have two sisters and one brother. We have been picking cotton. I don't like the job. I want to make you cousins if you will please send me the song entitled the "Sailor Boy."

I am as ever your neice,

FLORRA TURNER.

DEAR UNCIE CHARLLE.

I am a Southern (Georgia) girl through and through, and have only been in St. Louis a little over a year. Since being here, I have graduated from business college; in fact, I graduated twice within nine months, from high school, Georgia, last May and from college here in February, and I am now working. I like my work very much. I am fond of all kinds of music, I play the piano, and used to sing, but my voice is so "squeaky" now that I don't sing any more by myself. I have a friend that accompanies me on the piano with a drum, and we sure have "some music." I go down the Mississippi river quite often, on the Majestic most of the time (a Tennessee steamer) and certainly enjoy the music and watching the people dance. I dance sometimes myself.

I am twenty years of age, and am going to register for any kind of work that the Government may see fit to place me in. I don't see why a soldier has to be a man. Wouldn't a girl do just as well?

CORINE ROBERTS.

Alvhil, it would take a whole edition of Com-FORT to tell you of the books a bright, thought- UNCLE CHARLIE'S BOOKS make the best Xmas gifts.

If you will please note what a lot of so-called soldiers (Germans) have been doing in Belgium you will realize that vast numbers of them have been beasts and brutes instead of men. If you will also note what a lot of Russian soldiers, extreme socialists, anarchists, pacifists and traitors have been doing, thousands of them surrendering to the enemy, selling their native land and stabbing the democratic nations in the back, ourselves included, you will see how necessary it is that a soldier should be a man, and not a cur, a dog and a reptile. When the Spartan went to war, his mother addressed him thus: "With your shield or on it." He was to bring that shield back a victor, or be carried on it to his grave. The best and noblest women in Russia address their soldier men thus: "Until you march against the foe and enter his towns and capitals with flags flying and overturn with your bayonets the throne of Wilhelm of Prussia, we have no word for you but cowards, traitors and Judases." I hope every mother in the United States will address her son thus. The women of Russia, too, are forming battalions of death. They are going to the trenches with guns on their shoulders shouting: "Beware of the tigress mothers of Russia." Patriotism at the time I am writing seems temporarily at least to have dried up in the veins of the Russian soldier, but it is coursing like fire through the veins of the women of Russia. The liberty that is license; socialism that in the minds of the simple and gullible quickly begets anarchy, and blighting ignorance generated by centuries of oppression, quickly turn heroes and soldiers into poltroons, cowards, dreamers and jackasses. These men may escape the cannon, but they cannot escape the lash of the conquering Prussian slave master. Go ahead Corine and serve your country, there are plenty of male slackers, shirkers, traitors, loafers, ingrates and poltroons who need the stimulus of your example.

NEOSHO, Mo.

Dear Uncle Charle:

I hear you wrote a good many poems and my sister has a book of them. I want to know what you had to do before you became a poet. Do I have to go to high school? If so please let me know as I should like to become a poet. I rhyme a good deal. I wrote five piecse this morning I like your appearance well. I don't know how you will like mine. I am almost sixteen years old and I am in the 8th grade and expect to finish this year. I am a farmer's son and have about as good a time as the rest of farmers boys. I never swear. I know a good deal about animals, birds and things. I suppose I'll close for this time.

From your everlasting friend,
RAYMOND PHILLIBER.

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Just what a man has to do to become a real poet outside of starving to death for a few hundred years I do not know. Probably he has to be boiled in oil, dried and run through a meat chopper, fed with lark's tongues and fried hyacinths, washed with dewdrops, steamed with rainbows and other interesting processes of that kind. All I had to do to become a writer of verse was to find myself dead broke on a cot in a hospital, with the knowledge if I did not produce good money in forty-eight hours I would be thrown out on my head. It is a predicament of that kind that makes a man search his soul for time very best that is in him, and produce something marketable or commit suicide. As I had no desire to die I started to write, preferring to kill others rather than kill myself. Poets are born, Raymond, not made. If you are a born poet you won't have to ask anyone's advice how to become one, for you will already have arrived. Rhyming won't help you to be a poet. Rhyming is merely a mechanical process, which anyone can master. To be a poet requires a perfect command of language and limitless imagination. You don't have to be a college graduate, Burns wasn't, but still education is an enormous acip, for the educated man usually knows when he is making an ass of himself, while the uneducated man doesn't. I am both glad and sad to know you do not swear. A man who cannot swear should never try to be a poet. The public does not want poetry and editors won't buy what the public does not want when the editors return your poems with neat little rejection slips and the landlord and the grocery man are camping on the stoop demanding their money, you've simply got to swear or blow your brains out, and if you blow your brains out the landlord will put you in jail for mussing up his property. I know because I have been all through the mill. Fill your soul with poetry, for life without it is but a desert, and write right out of you

LATHAM, Pike Co., R. R. 1, OHIO.

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I am a little girl twelve years old. I have dark curly hair. I am five feet three inches tall. I live among the hills. I go to school about every day and I am a good reader. I am in the fourth grade. I live thirty-seven miles from the Ohio river, which is in the northern part of the United States. I have many pets, I have a kitten, its name is Ribbon and a squirrel, I call it Hipple. I have a bunch of chickens. We get fifty eggs in summer. I ride the horses on the farm. Our nearest town is Latham.

Your affectionate little friend,

VERNA MCVAY.

Verna, we are glad to know that the Ohio river is located in the northern part of the United States. Geographical knowledge its so rare that it always makes me happy when I come across some evidence of it especially in the young. Last week a young lady dropped in to see me. She and four other of her friends had secured positions at nine dollars a week filing away stencils in the office of a magazine. Two of the five girls were foreign born but had been in this country nearly half their lives, the other three were New Yorkers. It appears a heated argument had taken place among them as to whether Chicago was in Indiana or Illinois. Three were for Indiana and two were for Illinois. They did not like to ask the superintendent, so waited until the lunch hour and phoned me. Of course I told them they were all wrong and that it was in Missouri. It is astonishing how little people in this country know about its geography. Nothing teaches geography so thoroughly as does war, but, alas! no one is interested in the war, and ing teaches geography so thoroughly as does war, but, alas! no one is interested in the war, and

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consequently they are learning nothing about geography through the sufferings of others. Nothing is so interesting as to get a map of the United States and go on an imaginary journey from coast to coast. To know next to nothing about the country one lives in, and nothing at all of the world on which one passes one's days, is a tragedy. Take a blank map on which the states are outlined, and if there is one person in a hundred that can fill out more than sixty per cent of the states correctly I'll eat my hat. Try it and see if you do not believe I'm right. I've written a lot about girls and the low wage question. Now of these five girls who were flining away stencils, if they were paid on a basis of efficiency they would hardly be worth five dollars a month. It is schools for adults we need more than schools for children. The world is bound to be full of squirrels, while the majority of people insist on being nuts. We all know how much money we want but how many of us have character and honor enough to render full and (continued on page 16.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.)









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How to Raise Turkeys Successfully

OUNG turkeys have been so difficult to raise during the last few years, that the supply is deplorably short in the markets, and prices correspondingly high, all through the disease known as "blackhead," not being noticed or recognized by the average farmer. I receive many letters every month describing the symptoms of ailing turkeys, complaining of how young turkeys die off, and asking if I can tell the cause and give a remedy.

a remedy.

Few people realize, because the heads of the birds were not discolored, that nearly all these mysterious deaths were caused by blackhead. The name has led people to consider it a disease affecting the head only, whereas it affects the head least, and frequently there is no trace of discoloration, even in the advanced stages of the disease.

Dr. Theobald Smith first ascertained that this

head.

The majority of young poults die after a day or two of droopiness. Adults may droop longer and pass into chronic stages of the disease. Refusal to eat and standing apart constitute late symptoms. Starvation in chronic cases produces thin-

ner. So you see once again the importance of exercising strict cleanliness is impressed upon us poultry people.

About two years ago I gave our readers a summary of the work which had been conducted at the Rhode Island Experiment Station by Professor Hadley. The first point strongly emphasized was the necessity for reducing the amount of food usually given to young turkeys. Experiments made during the last fifteen years convinced him that the parasite which causes blackhead can only be developed in the intestines of a young bird, when it has been weakened by indiscreet feeding, which has clogged the bowels, and rendered the tissues susceptible to attack, and that the only frue method of fighting the disease is along the lines of prevention—in other words, keeping the bird's intestines in such a clean, healthy condition that the parasites have no chance to attack them. The second point is, that certain acids materially retard the growth of the parasite, so that in connection with reduced feed, sour milk is the most powerful agent in checking the development of the disease. Beyond which it is probable that beside the effect of the sour milk is talso beneficial to the tissues of the intestines. But Professor Hadley found that milk clabbered in the usual domestic way, or by any of the preparations usually sold for that purpose, does not contain sufficient acidity to be of value in fighting off the parasites. When they have once been introduced into the bird's intestines he recommended the use of a foreign bacterium, but it is a very expensive remedy, and I really believe unnecessary, if you will take means to eradicate the sources of contagion at this season of the year, and so prevent the parasites being in existence on your farm next spring, which of course would effectually prevent any chance of their being introduced into the young turkey's intestines.

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had good natural drainage, on which we made three enclosures. A rough shelter of slabs and brush was built in each, under which perches made out of sassafras poles were put up, none of them less than nine inches in circumference. This is one of the important items in fixing a place for turkeys. Being heavy, largefooted birds, they are uncomfortable, and positively suffer if condemned to balance themselves on small perches.

I started with ten hens from the Massachusetts farm, and two toms from Long Island, and sent for them early in December, so that they would have time to become thoroughly at home in their new quarters before the mating season, and would give us time to use the methods employed by our Massachusetts friend to keep his stock free from disease. This consists in thoroughly cleaning out the intestines, and then administering an antiseptic to kill embryo parasites and germs.

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Knowing that the hens would be in good condition, we turned them into one of the yards on arrival, but not knowing so much about the way the stock was managed on the Long Island farm on which the two toms had been bought, we gave them two tablespoonfuls of Castor oil each, before releasing them from the crates, and did not let them out until three hours afterward. Then they were put into a small chicken house which we happened not to be using just at that time, and each morning they had a mash made by moistening ground oats and corn with Castor oil, and the antiseptic was put into the drinking water every day for three weeks they were kept in quarantine, after which, they were turned into one of the large enclosures, kept there until the first week in March, when mating commenced, at which time a temporary fence of one-inch mesh was run across the yard, until they had all been served.

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After a turkey hen has laid a clutch of eggs, become broody, and been broken up for two or three days, she is turned in with one of the toms for several days before being turned back into the yard to lay.

Dr. Theobald Smith first ascertained that this disease, which is especially characterized by great sores in the creca and liver, was caused by a microbe—Amoba meleagridis. In explaining the character of the disease he compared it to amobic dysentery in the human subject—a disease which also attacks the large intestine and liver.

The ameba is a microscopic animal parasite capable of living within the tissues of the turkey, its host. It can grow and reproduce itself in large numbers, thereby causing irritations, destruction of the tissues, and nearly always death of the invalid turkeys.

Chronic cases furnish a large variety of morbid changes, evidently caused by the inability of the tissues of the patient to overcome and reduce he irritating masses. The liver and cæcal sores are always present in recent cases, and disappear only in the turkeys which have recovered.

The cæcum may exhibit but a minute sore, but the liver, excepting when nearly healed, always which are usualy red in health, become more or less darkened. In acute cases they die so quick-live most farmers, but I assure you, friend, it which are usualy red in health, become more or less darkened. In acute cases they die so quick-live, however, as to leave no impression as to a change of color of the head.

The majority of young poults die



TURKEY AND PUMPKIN PIE FOR THANKSGIVING.

and control the setting period.

The wire around our enclosure was only four feet high. One wing of each bird was cut to prevent them flying over it. Early in March half barrels were secreted among the brush in the yards, so that the hens would become accustomed to their appearance and consider them safe hiding places for their eggs. About the middle of the month we commenced to keep a lookout for eggs in the half barrel, and stolen nests. When one is found, it is purloined, and a china one put in its place; ditto when the second one was taken, but after that no more china eggs were dropped, as two always seemed to satisfy Mrs. Turkey, into matter how long she might go on laying. Until like common hens, turkeys are not attracted to a nest by an egg. In fact, they retain so much of the wild bird that they will not adopt a nest that has been used by any other bird; so never distribute nest eggs as decoys, but only as substitutes for those abstracted.

The matter of feeding the old birds is of great importance, and is the rock most farmers founder on, leaving them to forage for themselves, or at the best, giving them uncertain quantities of corn, which means that they are miserably thin and dilapidated, or outrageously fat. In either case, they lack the components which the egg for hatching should possess. Result, weak youngsters which are doomed to die, no matter how much care is lavished on them. So our turkeys are fed with special reference to supplying the interesting should possess. Result, weak youngsters which are doomed to die, no matter how much care is lavished on them. So our turkeys are fed with special reference to supplying the interesting should possess. Result, weak youngsters which are doomed to de, no matter how much care is lavished on them. So our turkeys are fed with special reference to supplying the interesting should possess. The set of the possess of the po

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As common chickens, as well as old turkeys, harbor the parasites which cause blackhead, and can be so little affected that they show no signs of ill health, though their droppings will spread the disease, it is plain that the first step in ridding the premises of the contagion is to keep turkeys and common fowls apart, and the turkeys in restricted quarters during at least some part of the year, so that it will be easy to purify and get them into good breeding condition before the mating season.

Before I started keeping turkeys, fifteen years ago, I visited a large breeder in Massachusetts, who for ten years had been wonderfully successful, and I adopted many of his methods, to which fact I consider I owe much of my own success. He kept his birds in large yards, or rather raclosures, on half an acre each. The land was shallow, but there were plenty of clumps of brush and ferns to afford shelter on hot days. The goot was really waste land, of no earthly value for crops, but perfectly ideal for turkeys.

We utilized a strip of poor brush land which

except that we use milk which has either been turned with ordinary household rennet, or just allowed to stand in a warm place until thoroughly congealed, and then broken, strained through cheese-cloth or a fine sieve just as one does when making cottage cheese, catching the whey in a pan, so that it can be used in a drinking fountain, and then feeding the curds mixed with the dre mash.

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Now to the schedule of reduced feeding, which must be rigidly adhered to. Nothing for the first forty-eight hours; after that, hard-boiled egg, which has been chopped fine (include the shell). The young birds must have only the smallest imaginable quantity. If you have one of the little spoons which come with mixed mustard, use it as a measure, and divide that amount between the birds for a day's feed. If you don't use mixed mustard, or haven't such a spoon, a number nine thimble will do, but be sure it is only half full, and that two birds share the quantity. The fourth day the thimble may be three parts full, and a pinch of finely chopped green stuff added to it (the best green stuffs are tender clover, grass, or the green sprouts of oats.) The fifth day, fill the thimble with the chopped egg, and add a tiny pinch of rolled oats, and a degree more green stuff. Increase the amount about a grain a day, up to the tenth day, at which time the sour milk treatment should commence. At first, give just a few grains, mixed with a still fewer grain of dry mash. Increase slightly each day, at the same time decreasing the amount of chopped egg in such proportions that by the fourteenth day the egg may be entirely discontinued. At this time the birds should be getting one quarter of an ounce of green food, half that quantity of rolled oats, a pinch of dry mash and half an ounce of curds. This is for each bird. Keep whey before them all the time, so that they can drink when they please.

By the third week, rations should be as follows: Two ounces of green food, one ounce of rolled oats, half an ounce of dry mash; half a gill of curds, and not quite half an ounce of small mixed grain. Remember that this amount is for one week's rations, and must be divided for the seven days. Increase at the same gradual rate as before, all t

night.

There have been so many letters about turkey raising and diseases, that instead of giving individual answers in this column, I have devoted my entire talk this month to the subject, and I ask you, who have written me, to read it carefully, as it answers all your inquiries more fully and practically than could be done in separate answers to individual questions.

Correspondence

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F. S. L.—The rations are not well balanced. Clover hay, cut into inch lengths, steamed over night, and mixed with ground feed (equal parts of oats and corn). A good proportion is a quart of clover hay after it has been chopped, to a pint of ground feed. Table scraps well boiled, with potato or any other vegetable trinmings can be fed alone or mixed with the hay instead of the feed. Ducks' food should always be sloppy, and consist principally of vegetables; some meat or a little grain. Mix a tablespoonful of bone meal to every quart of mash just now, for it provides the line in eggs which is necessary for the production of strong boned ducklings. I think your birds have been defective in this quality, and your method of feeding has not helped them. Are their sleeping quarters dry? They should be cleaned out and heavily bedded with straw and meadow hay at least once a week. I think natural weakness has developed into rheumatism through neglect in this respect. If other birds should be attacked, remove to a dry coop with lots of bedding, and rub the legs with opium salve. Add fifteen grains of iodide of potassium to every quart of drinking water, or if it is not convenient to get the potas-



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Cubby Bear's Thanksgiving Plum Pudding By Lena B Ellingwood

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UCH a beautiful Thanksgiving morning! Cubby Bear sprang out of bed and ran to the door. He was glad the weather was pleasant, for Mamma Bruin and he were to have a long walk that morning.

They were going to have Thanksgiving dinner with Auntie Bear, and the little cousins, Bonnie-belle and Jackie. Cubby Bear had never seen little Jackie, but he loved Bonniebelle. She was a dear little bear, always sweet and smiley, and she wore a gold locket tied round her neck with a blue ribbon.

They had an early breakfast, and while Mamma Bruin tidied up the house, Cubby Bear ran about excitedly, trying to help. He looked on in delight while Mamma Bruin carefully placed in a birch-bark basket a fine, fat plum pudding, which she had boiled the day before. They were to take this to Auntie Bear, to help on the Thanksgiving dinner. The "plums" in it were dried blueberries, which Cubby Bear had picked in the summer, the day he had gone berrying with Racky Coon, and the bees had

"It is a very good pudding," Mamma Bruin id with pride. "Auntie Bear is a good cook, said with pride. but her plum puddings are not like mine."

"Shall we stay all night?" asked Cubby Bear. "Oh, yes! it is too far to come back the same day! We may stay a week, perhaps. You must be a very good little bear, Cubby. Keep your face clean and your shoestrings tied up, sip your soup quietly, and answer politely when you are

Mamma Bruin polished her glasses carefully, and tied on her best white apron. Cubby Bear wore his new green necktie and his red ear-muffs.

"Now we are ready to start," said mamma Bruin. "Here, Cubby you may carry the um-brella. It is a fine morning, but it is always safe to take an umbrella when one is traveling, for the weather may change at any time. I have this large bundle to carry.

Mamma Bruin wound the clock, and fastened the door by placing a large block of wood against it; then she and Cubby climbed out of the window, and closed the shutter behind

Then they started on their way. The air was mild for November, and the pale sunshine threw shadows of the bare trees down on the fallen leaves, which had faded to a sickly yellow, or turned brown like the earth they would soon mingle with. Cubby Bear kicked up the leaves as he walked to hear them rustle.

They had walked a long way, when Mamma Bruis widdenly depended by kindle and these

Bruin suddenly dropped her bundle, and threw up both hands.

"Oh, Cubby Bear!" she cried. "Our beautiful plum pudding! We have forgotten it!"
Cubby Bear's little face wore a funny look of

dismay. "Our beautiful plum pudding!" he echoed. "Oh, oh! whatever shall we do?"
"I must go back af er it," said poor Mamma Bruin. "You may stay here and watch my

"No, Mamma Bruin," said Cubby Bear. "You stay here, and I will go back for the pudding. I am growing larger and stronger, you know, and ought to be a help to you. It will not tire me as it would you, for I am used to running about all day, at play. Here is a fallen tree—

The two teams have not until I come have." sit down here and wait until I come back.

"What a good little bear!" said Mamma
Bruin, as she settled herself comfortably, with
the bundle and umbrella on the ground at her
feet. "I shall be glad to rest."

next two were wiping their eyes on the backs of
their furry paws. The oldest one stared sadly
at the others, his paws deep in his pockets, his
under lip drooping dejectedly.

So Cubby started off. He did not stop to play in the dead leaves, but trotted briskly on his way back home.

He had gone as far as the dead pine tree which had been killed by lightning one terrible night a few years before, when he heard an unhappy little wail, followed by a burst of loud sobs.

"Who can be crying like that, on Thanks-ving Day!" wondered Cubby. "I must try to giving Day!" wondered Cubby.

"Oh, what is the matter?" asked Cubby Bear.

"Are you lost, Little Badgers?"
The five Little Badgers looked at him.
"Yes, we are lost!" they told him. "Our
mamma, Betty Badger, went away yesterday to
get our Thanksgiving dinner. She did not come back, and this morning we started out to find her. We are hungry. We shall never find our her. We are hungry. We shall never find our mother, or our home. We shall be cold tonight-perhaps we may freeze! And if we do

something good to eat, and then find someone who will take you to your own home. Come, follow me."

When they got to Mamma Bruin's house, Cubby opened the window, helped the Little Badgers in, and then climbed in himself.

He looked all about for something to feed his hungry visitors with, while they watched him anxiously.

But all he could find was that beautiful, fat plum pudding, speckled so thickly with plums, which had been made for Auntie Bear's Thanksgiving dinner!

Could he take that?

What would Mamma Bruin say? He uncovered it, and took it out of the basket. The Little Badgers looked at it longingly.

Clearly, there was nothing else to be done! The Little Badgers must be fed. He was sure Mamma Bruin would give it to them if she were there, and could find nothing else.

Choking back a sigh, Cubby Bear cut into the pudding, and gave generous slices to the hungry Little Badgers.

There came a knock at the door.

"Come to the window!" called Cubby Bear.
"The door is fastened." Racky Coon looked in.
"Why, why!" he exclaimed in surprise "So
the Little Badgers are here! Well, well! Betty

Badger is hunting everywhere for them, and I came to ask you to help find them. She is get-ting all the forest people to look."

"Then you will take them home!" said Cubby Bear. "I am so glad you came, for I am going on a visit, and Mamma Bruin is waiting for me. The Little Badgers were lost, and hungry, and I brought them home to feed them."

Racky Coon was looking hard at the pudding.
"Will you have a slice?" asked Cubby Bear politely. "Gladly, thank you!" answered Racky.

When they had finished, not a crumb was left of Mamma Bruin's fine pudding, but the Little Badgers were no longer hungry They started off, smiling and happy, with Racky Coon, for their home at the edge of the West Forest Racky had brought his sled, though there was no snow, and the five Little Badgers had a fine ride, hugging each other to keep from falling off the sled.

Then Cubby Bear fastened the window shutter, and with a light heart went back to where he had left Mamma Bruin.

"How long you have been gone! Why, where is the pudding?" she asked, when he came in sight. "Oh, I should have gone back for it my-self!" And I am afraid she felt a little impatient!

But when Cubby had told her all about the poor Little Badgers, she said he had done quite

"Now we must hurry," she said, "or Auntie Bear will think we are not coming, and we shall get no dinner at all! We have a long way to go, and it is late."

When they reached Auntie Bear's house, Auntie and Uncle and Bonniebelle and little Jackie all came running out to welcome them, Bonniebelle as sweet and smiley as ever, and with a fresh blue ribbon for her locket.

They had a fine dinner after all, and there were so many good things to eat, they did not in the least need the pudding which Cubby Bear, in the kindness of his heart, had given to Betty Badger's hungry children.

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find out." So he turned in the direction from which the sounds had come, and soon came upon an unhappy little group—the five Little

The two youngest were crying aloud, their tears pattering down on the fallen leaves.

not freeze, we shall starve. YOU will have Thanksgiving dinner, Cubby Bear, but WE shall have nothing!"

At this sorrowful picture, the five Little Badgers threw themselves on the ground, and wept together.

"No, no!" Cubby Bear told them, as he picked them up, one after another, and set them on their feet. "You shall not starve, I promise on their feet. "You shall not starve, I promise you that. I will take you with me, and give you

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Hoping to hear from you soon, Mg. Thos.

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Tom, it is exceedingly kind of you to want to put me on easy street for the balance of my life by the liniment route, but I fear yours is a proposition that I could hardly accept, as I have had so many made of a much more promising kind. A liniment proposition seems to suggest rubbing it in, and the people of the United States have had pretty nearly everything that is punk and rotten rubbed into them to such an extent that I have not the heart to anoint their hides with even so magic a liquid as yours. You are quite right, Tom, I do have quite a number of callers. After, however, it got noised about that Charles Noel Douglas, invalid, writer, poet, editor, philanthropist, and personal friend of the Czar, the Kaiser, Bill Bryan, and other crowned heads of Europe, had gone into the rheumatism and horse liniment business and was anointing his friends with a miraculous remedy for stiff and sore joints, how many callers do you think I'd have? I know if you don't. I'd have the patrol wagon from the police station and the padded ambulance from the nutty house come and gather

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i. lequate service for what we receive? The vast hins see of wage earners as a whole are underpaid, but there are piles of inefficient people who are overpaid. Ignorance is dear at any price and half the work of the world alas, is done by those who are densely ignorant. There are numbers of people who believe that there is a lot of work in the world that would not be done at all unless people were kept ignorant. That is all rubbish and piffle. All labor is honorable and dignified. The fine ladies and gentlemen of Europe are working in the fields and munition factories, plowing the fields or making shells. Never again will they look with contempt on the working class. War has given them a new vision. Heaven knows that new vision is sadly needed.

Canton, Iowa.

Canton is a many considered and of my career of my career of the confessor and confidential adviser to make the good people of the U. S. A. Tom, it is all very fine of you to figure out what my profits would be at seven dollars and a half a gallon of the world that would not be done at all very fine of you to figure out what my profits would be at seven dollars and a half a gallon of the world that would not be done at all very fine of you to figure out what my profits would be at seven dollars and a half a gallon of the doctor. I Lave never heard of a liver fine of you to figure out what my profits would be a seven dollars and a half a gallon of your liniment to a return down. As for getting my friends to sell the liniment down. As for getting my friends out with a seven and a half gallon of your liniment to a return down. As for getting my friends out with a seven and that gallon of your liniment to a return down. As for getting my friends out with a seven and a half gallon of your liniment to a return down. As for getting my friends out with a seven and a half gallon of your liniment to a return down. As for getting my friends out with a

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rheumatic horse liniment every minute of the day as long as the juice held out. For external application there is no money in your liniment, but for internal application there are millions in it, if you know how to mix it properly, and if you don't know how it is easy to learn. I know. Tom, your intentions are of the best. Like everyone else, you are willing to help the sick and humanity generally if you can also help yourself at the same time. Comfort has been deluged with hundreds of letters similar to yours, so many in fact that nearly all its staff have threatened to shoot me on sight. Remember there is many a true word said in jest, and there is more truth than poetry in these apparently frivolous remarks of mine. No matter how lovely the deed or how beautiful the thought of those who are prompted to do acts of love and kindness, there are always thousands of selfish, profit-seeking, two-legged human clams, people devoid of all the finer sensibilities of life, devoid of sense and decency, who butt in and do their level best to spoil the best laid plans of men, women and angels, and fill with disguest all those who are straining every nerve to be kind and helpful. Of course, Thomas, I would not like to suggest that you are one of those individuals, but, believe me, if we ever start a home fund for you and the liniment and salve cranks get wise to what we are doing, their nervy actions will disgust you to such an extent that you will excavate your own grave and fall into it before it is half dug. It is a queer world, but fortunately it contains more good people than people who are otherwise, and not all the schemers in creation can undo all the good work of those who are kind, sweet and Christ like, no matter how hard they try, and the Lord knows they do try. Life is a hard proposition. Tom, but I have not quite reached the stage where I am compelled by dire necessity to peddle liniment. You see, Tom, the well-ordered nicely adjusted mind, recognizes the fact that certain things do not go very well together,

League Shut-in and Mercy Work for November

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least these, ye have done it unto Me."

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Written references from postmaster and physician must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Appeals unaccompanied by written references will be destroyed.

Fulton R. Lowe, Sheppards, R. R. 1, Box 33, Va. Helpless invalid for many years. Needy and worthy. Send him some of the sympathy that buys bread. Mrs. Kate Coleman, Price, N. C. Invalid for many years. Needs food and clothing. Remember her. Miss Myrtle Eshbaugh. Tionesta, Pa. Helpless for fourteen years. Aged mother her only support. Very needy and worthy case. Send her a dime shower. Ekline Miller, Xenia, R. R. 8, Ohio. Orphan girl, crippled and helpless. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26.)

IN @ AROUND The HOME

Terms Used in Crochet

on. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or atitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops; thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw that thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread fraw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk, block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., padding cord; ** stars mean that the

Patriotic Christmas Work

HE new conditions under which the holidays find us this year, should appeal to us each and all so strongly that if we are not already busy we should now make haste to do our part. Children and friends should of course, be remembered as usual, but first and foremost should be the plans and work for our boys in Khaki and the marines, who are now in the

Khaki and the marines, who are now in the fight for universal peace and liberty.

Wounds and injuries will not be the only hardships they will have to endure. Being new to the life they will be particularly sensitive to the cold but much of the suffering from this cause can and must be prevented by warm woolen clothes.

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Quantities will be necessary and it is in the providing of these that our women can assist those who fight for their country far from home. Directions for various garments have already appeared in these columns and COMFORT is now doing her bit by offering wool and directions for making some of the garments. Besides these other articles such as wristlets, mufflers, mitts, bandages, etc are also in great demand.

Every moment should now be util-

should now be utilized if work planned is to reach the boys by the holidays, as the Christmas boxes will be started this month from the various wait. from the various units.

Much of the work is

Much of the work is very simple and can be successfully undertak-en by a beginner.

The rules here given are all official. The yarn used for all the work should be either grey, khaki or navy Scotch.

Thumbless Long Wristlets

Materials. One half

Materials. One half hank of yarn 2 steel needles No. 12. Cast on 60 stitches. Knit 2, purl 2 for 16 inches, bind off and sew up leaving a two-inch space, two inches from the top for the thumb. thumb.

Overcast around this space or finish with one row of single crochet to strengthen the work. Catch top of mitt together between

WRISTLET. third and little finger; this prevents the mitt from slipping off on the outside side of the hand when one is working The length, 16 inches as here given has also been found to be more practical than a shorter mitt which only of over it thus keeping it up.

THUMBLESS LONG

Short Wristlets

For these knit in the same way until eight or nine inches in length and sew up.

Abdominal Belt

Materials One skein or 2 balls natural or light grey, I pair No 5 amber needles. 1 pair



ABDOMINAL BELT.

No 12 steel needles. Cast on 160 to 200 sts. on steel needles. Knit three inches ribbed (k, 2, p 2.) Knit on to amber needles and knit

Knitted Scarf

Materials. Two and one half hanks varn. Amber needles No. 5.



SCARF FOR PLAIN KNITTING CAN BE MADE BY

Cast on from 45 to 50 stitches (width should be 10 inches.) Knit plain, always slipping the first stitch, until scarf is 58 inches long.

Eye Bandage No. 1

Three-ply knitting cotton No. 6, No. 12 steel needles Cast on 12 sts. knit plain three inches; increase one on fourth st., each row until there are 24 sts. Knit four ribs plain, decrease one on fourth stitch each row until there are 8 sts. Knit two ribs plain, increase one on fourth

across plain. Work eight inches, knit on to steel needles and rib for three inches. Bind off COMFORT'S Committee, U. S. Navy League, Washington, D. C. who are now planning to supply the men with news from home, in this

Waterproof tobacco pouches and COMFORT Waterproof tobacco pouches and COMFORT Kits made of knaki and supplied with safety pins, needles, thimble, buttons, thread, pencils, small pad of paper, etc., can also be made at home for the Christmas boxes.

Any group of women who wish to form a unit of the COMFORT'S Committee have only to write to the U.S. Navy League, 1201, 16th St., N. S., Washington, D. C., or any city in which the League has branch headquarters.

A Twine Bag

Such a bag is always a useful little article and Such a bag is always a useful little article and one that has the advantage of not soiling easily and also being attractive can be fashioned of a small bit of pongee, linen or even dish toweling. A piece six by twelve inches is a good size. Seam up the ends. The top should be finished with draw string without a frill, bottoms simply gathered up leaving a small opening for the cord, around this working in buttonhole stitch. Through the center of the bag insert a row of filet crochet of ecru cotton. A simple block pattern for this purpose can be made as follows. Ch. 26 stitches, turn, 1 d. c. in 9th stitch from

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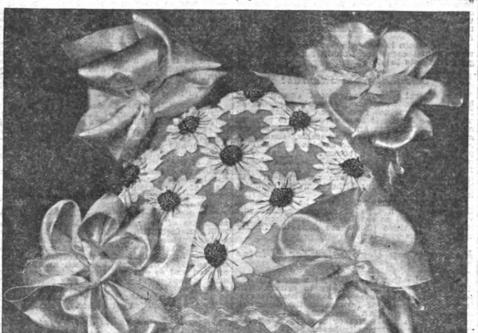
1st row.—Ch. 2, sk. 2 chs., 1 d. c. in third st., repeat making 7 sps. in this row. Ch. 5, turn. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th rows.—7 sps. each with ch. 5 at end of each row. 6th row.-3 sps., 4 d. c. or 1 blk., 3 sps., cb. 5,

turn.
7th row.-2 sps., 10 d. c. or 3 blks., 2 sps., ch.

5, turn.
8th row.—1 sp., 5 blks., 1 sp., ch. 5, turn.
9th row.—2 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
10th row.—3 sps., 1 blk., 3 sps., ch. 5, turn.
Now five or more rows of all spaces and then another block. Such a bag as this while most simple, still if nicely finished makes a dainty little gift. The insertion looks pretty over a ball of bright cord and it also serves to show when a new supple is needed.

when a new supply is needed.

The same idea and materials can be worked up into a man's handkerchief or collar bag.



MARGUERITE CUSHION.

stitch each row until there are 24 sts. Knit four ribs plain, decrease one on fourth stitch each row until there are 12 sts. Knit plain 15 inches, bind off.

Eye Bandage No. 2

Three-ply knitting cotton No. 8, No. 12 steel needles. Cast on 42 sts., knit four rows, six plain, six purl, then reverse to form pattern of blocks. Should measure two and one half inches in width, eight and one half inches in length. Sew on tapes 15 inches long, one on each corner.

Cap for Convalescent

Materials. One and one half skeins or 3 balls of either natural khaki or light grey, one pair No. 5 or medium size amber needles. Cast on 60 sts. (or 18 inches.) Knit plain until work neasures 18 inches, sew up, gather one edge and finish with small pompom.

Steeping Cap

Materials. One and one half skeins or three balls of natural khaki or light grey, one pair No. 4 amber needles. Cast on 92 sts. Knit 86 rows of ribs. (k. 2, p. 2). Cast off 32 sts., knit 12 rows. Cast on 32 sts., knit 30 rows, knit plain, narrowing every 6 sts. for 1 row; knit 6 rows, narrowing every 5 sts; knit 5 rows, narrowing every 4 sts., k. 4 rows, narrowing every 3 sts. and sew up.

rowing every 4 sts., g. 4 rows, harrowing every 3 sts. and sew up.

This cap may be made on 4 No. 12 steel needles with 100 sts. and knitted round and round like a stocking. May answer for day wear with ribbing turned up.

Bandages of knitting cotton are greatly needed, the work is simple and especially suited to beginners.

to beginners.

Three Yard Bandages.

Three-ply knitting cotton No. 12, No. 12 steel needles. Cast on 45 sts., knit up three balls of cotton.

Nurse's Mitt

Three-ply knitting cotton No. 6, No. 4 amber needles. Cast on 25 sts; k. 75 rows fold over and sew up. Considering that the knitted out-fits will see hard service and must be replaced from time to time, there is work enough map-

inch circle for the bottom to which the bag proper should be sewed.

Marguerite Cushion

Rickrack braid for daisies is used for this pretty cushion cover. Sixteen points for each daisy. With yellow silk and fine crochet hook make 1 single crochet in each point.

2nd row.—Using both loops, 1 s. c. in each s. c. 3rd row.—1 s. c. in each of first 2 s. c., * skip 1 s. c., 1 s. c. in next 2 s. c., repeat from * 4th row.—1 s. c. in every other s. c.

With needle and thread draw this last row together. Use the wrong side of the work for the outside. With needle and fine thread on wrong side draw the petals into shape. In joining, sew 2 points of one daisy to corresponding points of next and so on. Finish the corners of the cushion with full bows. This daisy patof the cushion with full bows. This daisy pat-tern may be used also for tidies and of all white for edging doilies, etc.

Tobacco Pouch

The crocheted bag covers an oil silk pouch long enough to allow the top to be rolled over



several times before the top of the cover is

Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson

round of double with ch. 2, between each for running in the cords.

Christmas Work Bags

In planning gifts for friends this year it is worth while to remember that much of the knitting being done nowadays is on articles which bulk up pretty well as they near completion and therefore while bags of any sorts are always welcome gifts, this year the bigger the bag, the better.

Bag of Ribbon in Dandyke Points

The combination of color has much to do with the effectiveness of this bag, which is suitable for small bits of family work or embroidery or one's own belongings.

Its construction is novel but not at all dif-

ficult. One and one half yards of six and one



BAG OF RIBBON

balf inch Dresden and the same amount of plain satin-faced ribbon will be necessary, with three yards of No. 2 satin for drawing strings. The bottom is a five and one half cardboard covered circle. Outside Dresden and inside plain ribbon. Fold balance of the Dresden ribbon into seven equal parts. From one selvege cut up into the center of the ribbon as shown in diagram No. 1.

Next overcast selveges of each of these divisions together. That is bring points marked B. and D. together and folding at C. join. Repeat on each division Then starting at A with the ends of both Dresden and satin ribbon,

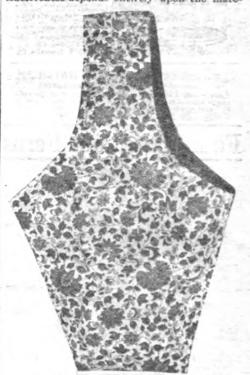


DIAGRAM OF RIBBON BAG. NO. 1.

join the selvege of the plain ribbon to edge represented from A. to B. then into the center again and thus around every point When this is complete seam up, sew to bot-

tom, make facing and run in strings. Useful and Artistic Knitting Bag

This practical bag is made for use and its attractiveness depends entirely upon the mate-



USEFUL KNITTING BAG

rials used in its construction. Flowered cre-tonne lined with plain rep is pictured. It measures 13 inches in width by 18 in length.

Creeping Rug

A pretty creeping rug for the baby can be made of double-faced canton flannel. Animals or dolls can be cross-stitched in a border or in groups. Colored linen or printed cottons for children's books may also be used for these decorations.

Shoe Trees as a Gift

A simple gift which is so useful that it would and sew up. Considering that the knitted outfits will see hard service and must be replaced
from time to time there is work enough mapped out to keep every woman busy who can
report for duty with knitting needles and a ball
of wool.

Without slacking up on this main line of
work, newspaper and magazine articles of local
rather than national interest, may be collected.

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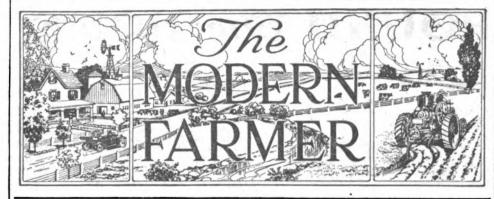
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Kitchen Window Garden

HY not grow a garden in your kitchen window? This is the way HY not grow a garden in your kitchen window? This is the way it may be done.

Make a box about eight inches deep and a foot or more in width, according to space, and as long as the window is wide. If there is a double window on the south side of the room so much the better. Should the kitchen not be so located as to have a sunny window of course some other window will have to be used. This box should be set in a tin or galvanized iron bottom at least two inches deep to catch the drainage water. Several holes should be bored in the bottom of the box to provide for this drainage. A coat of paint will add greatly to the appearance of the box. The box may be supported by brackets or on a table or stand made especially for the purpose.

First place a layer of small stones over the bottom of the box and cover with excelsior or straw an inch deep. Fill the box to within an inch of the top with fine garden soil, such as would be used for house plants, and you are ready for planting.

Now transfer to this window garden roots of

an inch of the top with fine garden soil, such as would be used for house plants, and you are ready for planting.

Now transfer to this window garden roots of parsley that was grown in the garden during summer and you will have a fine garnish all winter. Onions may be grown from sets and lettuce from seed in this garden, as well as flowers from bulbs.

Plants grown in this window garden should be watered and cared for exactly as house plants grown in pots in the house.

Alcohol from Sawdust

For several years government experimenters have been at work on methods of producing fuel for gas engines from cheap or waste products of the farm. It is now possible to produce a fuel that will run an internal combustion engine from hay, straw, corn-stalks, sugar-cane refuse, sugar beet pulp or sawdust, as well as potatoes or corn. At present prices of farm crops, however, it does not pay to make alcohol from grain or potatoes, but as soon as the methods and machinery are perfected it will be possible to convert hitherto waste products into valuable fuel.

One difficulty that remains to be overcome is the making of a type of carburetor that will vaporize alcohol as readily as it now does gasoline. When these tilngs are done the farmer will "raise his own fuel."

How to Keep Vegetables for Winter Use

People who live in cities find a good deal of difficulty in keeping vegetables in cellars. The reason is that the modern house, heated as it is with some sort of furnace in the basement, has too warm a cellar. Vegetables will not keep well either in too warm or too dry a storage room and the average city basement is both too warm and too dry. For houses heated with stoves the cellar is usually an ideal storage place for vegetables.

PROVIDE VENTILATION FIRST.—The first thing.

PROVIDE VENTILATION FIRST.—The first thing to provide in any storage house is some good system of ventilation. This means opportunity for free circulation of air. It is not necessary that the air be kept flowing through at all times, but it is important that as uniform a temperature as possible be maintained. Forty degrees above zero is about right. When the temperature rises above this the ventilators should be opened and the air changed. Fresh cool air should be admitted and the warm air drawn off. In ventilating care should be taken not to cool the cellar so much as to freeze the vegetables. When the temperature has fallen to 40 degrees again the pipes should be closed.

A THERMOMETER NECESSARY.—For good results

A THERMOMETER NECESSARY.—For good results in storage a thermometer should be hung in the center of the storeroom and be carefully watched. When the mercury runs high the air should be changed, as already described, and the thermometer watched to prevent cooling the cellar too much. The same is true whatever kind of storeroom is used.

Hom to Fix Air Pipes.—The pipe for admitting cold air should open near the floor; the one for drawing off warm air should open near the ceiling. Both should be provided with dampers to completely close them. In severe weather they may be still further stopped off with old rags at both ends. An ordinary six-inch stove pipe or a box made from six-inch fence boards is about the right size. It is a poor plan to try to ventilate through windows and doors. The air changes so rapidly that the temperature is apt to fall too low and freezing will result.

VEGETABLES REQUIRING RATHER WARM DRY

VEGETABLES REQUIRING RATHER WARM DRY STORAGE.—Beans, peas, popcorn and onlons require rather warm dry storage. The attic is the best place for them if it is warm enough to keep the onlons from freezing. Onlons grow best in cool, damp weather and if stored under these conditions may start to grow in storage. It is for this reason that it is best to store onlons in a rather warm and very dry place. Beans, peas and popcorn mold easily in cool, moist air and molding spoils their power to germinate and grow.

How to Prepare Onions for Storage.—
Onions must be well dried when placed in storage. They should be pulled and left on the ground to dry before they are picked up, and the tops removed before they are placed in storage. The best way to store large quantities is to put them in bushel boxes with slat sides so that the air can circulate freely through the boxes. If many bushels are to be stored in this way a large, well-ventilated and heated onion house especially constructed for storing onions should be used.

Preparing Roots for Storage—All roots for

Structed for storing onions should be used.

PREPARING ROOTS FOR STORAGE.—All roots for storage should be clean. This means that they should not be pulled or dug in wet or muddy weather. They should have the tops removed but not cut too closely to store well. Beets will "bleed" if tops are cut too close. The "slat onion box" is a good receptacle for all roots. The smaller the quantity placed together the better they will usually keep. It is an old adage that "one rotten apple spoils the barrel" and the

same principle applies to roots. The essential things, however, to be remembered are: keep the cellar or storehouse cool and dry, but not too dry, and store only clean, whole, sound roots. Before storage, all unripe, bruised, broken cull, diseased or injured roots should be discarded. They will not keep and they will help spoil the rest.

not keep and they will help spoil the rest.

STORING APPLES.—Apples may be kept in good condition in the root cellar. It must be remembered that the first step in the storage of apples is to be taken at the tree. Unripe, bruised, diseased, scabby or wormy apples or those injured in any way will not keep. Hence all apples for storing must be hand picked. They must not be dropped from the picking basket into sacks and rolled around on the wagon and thrown down the cellar hole. No. Such apples cannot keep. From tree to storage they must be handled with the greatest of care. It is better if each apple is wrapped separately in a piece of tissue paper and packed in box or barrel in which they are to be stored.

STORING IN PITS.—Storing in pits is the pio-

Storing in Pits.—Storing in pits is the pioneer method. For vegetables that are to be kept until spring this gives good results, the disadvantage being the danger from freezing if it is necessary to open the pit during winter. The usual way to store in a pit is to dig a hole in the ground at some elevated place where the drainage is good and there is no danger of water getting into the pit. The hole is made from one to two feet deep and the bottom covered with straw about six inches thick. Potatoes or vegetables prepared as for storage in the cellar, are placed in the pit, a layer of straw about a foot thick spread over them and the whole covered with the dirt that was removed in digging the pit. This should make a layer of earth over the straw at least a foot thick.

Storing Cabbage.—Cabbages to be stored in

pit. This should make a layer of earth over the straw at least a foot thick.

Storing Cabbage.—Cabbages to be stored in pits are pulled, a few of the outside leaves removed and stored head down and roots up. The pit is prepared and covered the same as for other vegetables. For storing in cellars two methods are followed with good results. One is to pull, remove outside leaves and hang up in the cellar by a string tied to the roots. The other is to remove all outside leaves and the roots, preparing the head as for market, and store on shelves made of slats, each layer of cabbage on a separate shelf. For large quantities special storage houses should be provided.

The Use of the sand box, which may be used with satisfaction in a limited way. The method is to provide a large and rather shallow box and enough moist—neither wet nor dry—sand. A layer of sand is placed in the bottom of the box, next a layer of vegetables, then another layer of sand is placed in the box is filled. If the sand is kept moist and the box is placed in the coolest part of the cellar, vegetables may be kept in this way, even in furnace heated houses, in fairly good condition all winter.

Storing Dried Fruits and Degetables

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its good cheer the hogs that have been-specially fattening to supply meat for the farmer's table have to be slaughtered and dire and heart rending are the screams of agony that come from the killing place. Let those sad sounds remind our readers that often there is much thoughtless and unnecessary cruelty in this killing business. Men have done the work so long and in the old-fashioned way that they do not take kindness and humanity into consideration, for the reason that in many instances it has not been brought to their attention. Let us give such men and all who slaughter animals one standard rule to remember and it is this: Every animal that has to be killed to supply man with meat deserves to be killed to supply man with meat deserves to be made unconscious before its throat is cut. Stun or pith the ox before using the knife. Do not scald the hog while alive. These may appear unnecessary reminders; but that is not the fact. Many a hog goes into the scalding barrel before the breath of life is out of its body and who shall say what suffering results. Has not every farm reader of this paper heard the agonizing squealing of the plg that has had its throat cut and then is allowed to bleed to death? Certainly he has; then let there be no more of such cruelty. It is unnecessary. Let us be humane and decent and try to have others, private and public, do slaughtering work humanely.

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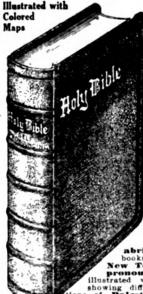


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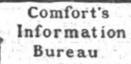


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K. A. Aspinwall, Kirk, Nebr., desires to obtain a second-hand copy of "Around the World on Wheels," a book published in 1899 after first appearing in the Sunday and weekly issues of the Chicago Inter Ocean." Can any of our readers give aid? The book describes the experiences of Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Mc-lirath who cycled ground the world as correspondents for the "Inter Ocean."

The Girl He Loved

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clothes if I gave them to her, and I've no desire to part with them. I don't care to interview her, either. She does hate me so!" for her ladyship's wits at least were young still, whatever her eyes might be.
"I must do the best I can," she said thoughtfully; and there alone in the little rose-colored room did a curious thing, for Lady Annesley, not for a women who loved her dead husband's child. She took a ruby ring from her finger and slipped it in a note quiekly written and addressed to her stepdaughter. It was a simple little effort enough, saying merely that she had received from the duchess an invitation for Tom and Rayenel to spend a month with her in London and would accept for them with pleasure if they cared to go.
"As for gowns," it ran, "I will do the best I can for you, but as that may be small just now, I send you this ring, which you can wear of turn into money, as you choose. It is one your father gave me. I would send for you to talk over your frocks, but my neuralgia is terrific to day."

day."

She rang for Adams to deliver the note and waited for her to come back with a curious anxiety. It looked well to be generous, but she hated giving away her rubies. It seemed half a year before the maid returned with -yes—with a note!

Lady Annesley tore it open, and her strained lips grew triumphant. She had been generous at no cost whatever.

"Thank you very much"— Ravenel had written with furious haste, having no mind for any more of her ladyship's gifts - "but I don't want to keep your ring. I send it back in this. You had better wear it yourself.

RAVENEL."

That was absolutely all. Lady Annesley slipped her recovered ring on her finger.

"You can go, Adams," she said carelessly. But when she was alone she laughed a laugh that showed her gums.

"I'll have my, house in town," she gasped.

"You're a clever man, Levallion, but you'll never know who is helping me to get you married. I'll take care that you go on thinking me a fool. But to make Hester Murray help to get you it's too good!" She wiped her eyes where she sat helpless with laughter.

"Hester!" she murmured, "of all people."

. CHAPTER VIII.

"A BIT OF THE TRUTH."

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The Duchess of Avonmore was worried.

She had carried her point and walked off Tom Annesley's children to her big town house in Park Lane. She had given Ravenel such dresses as her own nieces would have sold their souls for, had done her best to make each day more pleasant than the last, and the only result was that one fine morning she sat alone with Ravenel, absolutely at a loss.

Sir Thomas was perfectly hanny, new clothes and a horse to ride having made his countenance to shine as the sun. But Ravenel! the poor duchess stahed.

The girl was pathetically grateful for the benefits showered on her, and showed a clinging affection for the duchess that came near to bringing the tears to that good woman's eyes; but there was no happiness in her face. She went everywhere; she was gay as if by an effort that sapped her strength, for each day she grew paler, her lovely lips more hard set. There was neither elation nor triumph in her eyes when women envied her or men admired her.

"Most girls would be off their heads with pleasure," reflected the duchess. "That woman must have broken her spirit somehow. I wish I could find out what ails her."

Tommy could have enlightened her, but he had been sworn to keep his mouth shut. And in the dark the poor duchess did the very worst thing possible.

"Ravenel," she said cheerfully, "here's an invitation for you Mrs. Wurts. Warts wants you to

possible.

"Ravenel," she said cheerfully, "here's an invitation for you. Mrs. Murray wants you to lunch with her today. She is a great friend of mine—poor little woman! She will cheer you un."

slight figure of her hostess in an innocent fawn-colored gown, and wondered why she did not like. Club Offer. For on'y five one-year se her. Lord Levallion could have told her, but so this Set Free by Parcel Post prepaid. her. Lord Levallion could have told her, but so this Set Free by Parcel Post prepaid. Premium & far he had not shown himself on the Avonmore 2605. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine





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House herizon. She sat down at luncheon almost sullenly, and by degrees, in spite of herself, thawed. Few people had Hester Murray's manner when she chose, and on her success with this listless, beautiful girl her future depended. Sylvia was victously unscrupulous, and the tritle she asked should be done well.

Besides, it was amusing! Mrs. Murray hated girls, and this one looked at the rich appointments of the dining-room far too cleverly when her hostess murmured something about her small means.

"I don't call this poor," Ravenel said calmly.
"You should see us at home."

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Cut in three sizes; for dolls 16, 18 and 20 inches in length. It will require two and one eighth yards of 27-inch material for the dress, one and seven eighths yard of 24-inch material for the wrapper, and two and one eighth yards of 24-inch material for the coat, for an 18-inch doll.

and misses. Muslin, batiste, nainsook, lawn, crepe, silk and flannelette, could be used for this model.

Cut in three sizes for misses; 16, 18 and 20 years, and in six sizes for ladies; 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It will require five and three eighths yards of 36-inch material for an 18-year size, or five and five eighths yards for a 38-inch size.

1998—Dress for Misses and Small Women. The dress has a fitted body lining, to which the skirt is gathered. The outer waist may be finished separately or tacked over the lining.

Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. It requires six and one half yards of 36-inch material for an 18-year size.

2013—Ladies' Apron Dress. Percale, gingham, seersucker, crepe, lawn and alpaca are good for its development.

Cut in four sizes; 34, 38, 42 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires five yards of 36-inch material for a 34-inch size.

2197—A Natty Suit for Mother's Boy. One could make this of linen, linene, drill, khaki, galatea, gingham, percale, serge, velvet and corduroy. The trousers are straight and with side closing.

Cut in four sizes; two, three, four and five years. Size four will require three and one quarter yards of 36-inch material.

2200—A Good Dress for School or General Wear. This style is smart for gingham, percale, lawn, chambray, serge, poplin and voile, also for velvet, corduroy and linen.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. It requires three and five eighths yards of 36-inch material for an eight-year size.

2204—A Dainty Dress for Mother's Girl. Crepe, albatross, or cashmere, serge, messaline, poplin, or voile, and all wash fabrics of soft weave, can be used for this style. The sleeve may be short with a cuff, or in wrist length, finished with a heading.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight will require three and one half wards of 44-inch material.

with a cuff, or in wrist length, finished with a heading.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight will require three and one half yards of 44-inch material.

2205—A Practical Work Garment. This will be ideal for house work or for the studio. It may be finished in gingham, linen, khaki, percale, chambray or lawn.

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2207—An Ideal Work Dress, This is a one-piece model with simple, comfortable lines. It is good for all wash fabrics, for serge, flannel, flan-nelette and brilliantine.

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material.

2212—An Ever-Popular Model. Khaki cloth, serge, cheviot, mixed suiting, linene, drill, rep and poplin are nice for this model. The skirt is a five-gored model. The blouse may have long or short sleeves.

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and other wash fabrics are nice for this style.

Cut in four sizes; 14, 16, 18 and 20 years. Size
16 requires six and three eighths yards of 44inch material.

2217—Waist, 2218—Skirt, A Very Attractive Gown. Satin, velvet, serge, mixed suiting, checks. plaids or Jersey cloth could be used for this model.

Maist Pattern 2217 is cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure.

The Skirt 2218 is cut in six sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches waist measure. If requires eight yards of 27-inch material for a medium size for the entire dress. Two separate patterns, 10c for each pattern.

2219—Waist. 2202—Skirt. A Smart Combination. This is the day of the separate waist and skirt.

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42 and 44 inches bust measure, and requires four and one eighth yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

Skirt 2202 is cut in six sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires six and one half yards of 36-inch material. Two separate patterns, 10c for each pattern.

2220—A Smart Dress for Mother's Girl. Linen, galatea, seersucker, gingham, percale, drill, voile, serge, plaid and checked suiting, are all nice for this style.

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Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 years requires three and one quarter yards of 44-inch material.

2222—Union Suit with or without sleeves for men-and boys. This model is good for cambric, muslin, linen, jean, fiannel and fiannelette. The sleeve may be omitted.

Cut in six sizes: 28. 32, 36, 40, 44 and 48 inches breast measure. Size 36 requires two and seven eighths yards of 36-inch material, without sleeves. With sleeves, it requires three and one eighth yards of the same width.

2223—A Practical, Comfortable Garment. Cam-

With sleeves, it requires three and one eighth yards of the same width.

2223—A Practical, Comfortable Garment. Cambric, muslin, lawn, dimity, crepe and flannelette could be used for this style. The garment is in one piece.

Cut in six sizes; one, two, four, six, eight and 10 years. Size six requires one and five eighths yards of 36-inch material.

2225—A Simple, Popular Model. The simple gown is the gown of the season. In this model, the lines are pleasing and the development is easy. The pockets may be omitted.

Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires six and one eighth yards of 44-inch material.

2229—Waist. 2228—Skirt. A Smart Combination for business or home wear.

The Waist Pattern 2220 is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. The Skirt 2228 in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. A medium size will require six and seven eighths yards of one material, 36 inches wide. Two separate patterns, 10c for each nattern.

2230—A Simple but Stylish Dress, This will make a splendid dress for business and general wear.

Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size

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Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 will require six and one quarter yards of 36-inch material.

2234—A Simple, Practical Apron. Gingham, seersucker, percale, drill, linene and linen are good for this style.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires four and three quarters yards of 36-inch material.

2241—A Practical House Dress with long or short sleeves. This style is good for percale, gingham, chambray, seersucker, serge, rep, volle, flannelette, drill, linen and galatea.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires five and five eighths yards of 44-inch material.

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The Thankfulness of Wyoming Sal

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bank of uncertainty. Bricktop was pleading with his whole presence.
"Sal, do ye love me?" he queried, his voice low and anxious. "Say ye do, Sal, but don't say it ef ye don't."

The struggle was over. The last doubt swept way. She relaxed and laid her head on his

"Love me, Pete," she whispered, "love me, because now I know I love ye. You was th' man that Mis' Eddle said would come, an' who I'd love better'n Eddle. An' I do love ye better'n him, Pete, I do! I guess I jest needed to see him married to see that I was lovin' something that was empty."

was empty."

Joying in his conquest, Bricktop crushed her to his bosom. Sal knew then, as his lips kissed hers that her heart had found its true haven. And she whispered softly:
"I was a thankless critter, th' hull past year, but I guess God knew better what he was doin' when he made Eddie's gal send fer him that time, I certainly got a lot to be thankful fer this Thanksgivin' Day."

And Sal hid her face on his bosom again, happy and thankful as she had never been since that unhappy Thanksgiving Day one year agone.



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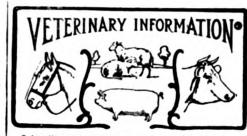


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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print initials if so requested.

Actte Indication.—My brother-in-law had a horse that was sick about twenty-four hours before he died. He would not eat or lie down. His stomach swelled and there was an offensive odor from the secretions. He breathed hard and died fighting at his throat. What was the trouble and what should we have done? B. T. A.—The horse should have been opened to determine the cause of death, but we suspect that rupture of the stomach may have occurred as a result of distension with gas. Tapping with a trocar and canula would have been indicated for withdrawal of gas and colic medicine also should have been given.

WART.—My colt two and one half years old has a wart on his left knee. It looks like a seed wart. When I drive him it bleeds. I took him to a veterinarian twice and had it cut off. It came back larger than before it was cut.

A.—Apply lard around the growth and then apply nitric acid twice a week with a flat stick. Remove the scab when it loosens. The the colt so that he will be unable to lick or bite the growth.

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DISTEMPTER.—I have a four-year-old horse that has had the distemper the second time and I believe he is taking it the third. The first time he had a discharge from the nose of a green and yellowish color, a cough and his ankles would swell. Now there is a discharge from the nose and he has a cough. (2) I have a mule that cut her foot on the wire a year ago last October and it is not well. What should I put on it to heal it? (3) I have a horse that cuts his front feet with his hind feet. How can I prevent him from during it?

A.—It is to be feared that the colt has glanders and for that reason we should advise you to have an examination made by a trained veteriarian. An affected horse has to be destroyed according to state law. Under the circumstances we should not feel justified in prescribing treatment. (2) (Tip he hair from the hoofhead and cleanse the wound. Then scrape the wound and wet it with a 1-500 solution of bichloride of mercury. Afterward apply two or three times a day a lotion composed of one ounce of sugar of lead and six drams of sulphate of zinc and one pint of soft water. Label the bottle "poison" and shake it well before use. (3) Have a skilled smith so e the horse to prevent striking and if necessary put on boots.

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INDIGESTION.—I have a mare eighteen years old, smart and clever in every way, but at times she cats her own manure and then grows poor. When she does not eat it she gets fat. To prevent it I would have to stay with her all the time. I was told to get stump wood and I did, also turned her out to grass.

MRS. F. 1. C.

A.—Have her teeth put in order by a veterinarian. Allow her to gnaw poplar ("popple") bough and stems and allow her access to rock aslt. It may be necessary to muzzle her. Try the effect of pouring a little kerosene on the manure.

Worms.—My dog, three years old, has worms. He is fed well, each day, but falls away. What shall I give him?

A.—Starve the dog for twenty-four hours and then give worm medicine for dogs which you can buy at the drug-store ready for use, or give one to two teaspoonfuls off reshly powdered Kamala in cream or soup and repeat the dose in two weeks.

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EAR TROUBLE.—I have two cats which seem to have an ear trouble; they are continually scratching their ears, but the trouble seems to be inside where they are unable to reach. One of them quite frequently has his ears bleeding from too much scratching. Nothing shows inside the ear and just lately a few scabs have come on the outside of his head over the eye, but they heal as soon as he stops the scratching. Someone told me to try using sulphur mixed with lard. Can you tell me what this trouble is; is it catching, what causes it and what can I do for them? They are not a year old, yet, and otherwise seem very healthy.

A.—It is possible that in your country spinous ear ticks are the cause of this trouble. They are trouble-some in California and Texas, but we have no data relative to the presence in Alaska. More commonly the trouble is canker of the ear from water getting into the ears, but in that trouble a bad smelling brown discharge comes from the ears. It is common in dogs. On general principles we should advise you to put a little warm sweet oil in the ears and apply sulphur ointment daily to the sores.

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PILES.—I have a cow and when lying down small red lumps extend from the rectum. She is in good condition. Is her milk good to use? A. F. W. A.—There should be no objection to using the milk. It may be necessary to have the tumors removed by a surgeon. Meanwhile try the effect of benzoated oxide of zine ointment applied twice daily and mix two teappoonfuls of sulphur in the feed night and morning.

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RINGBONE.—Can you tell me what alls my yearling colt? He is lame and has a bunch on the front leg next to the hoof. If it is a ringbone what would be the cure for it?

A.—Keep cold wet swabs or felt constantly upon the hoofhead and pastern and keep the colt in a roomy, clean, airy, well-bedded box stall. If the lameness does not subside clip the hair from the part and blister two or three times, at intervals of three or four weeks with a mixture of two drams each of binloddied fuercury and powdered cantharides and three ounces of lard. SPRUNG KNEES .- I have a valuable work and saddle

SPRUNG KNEES.—I have a valuable work and saddle horse, weighing about twelve hundred pounds. Something got wrong with him last fall or early winter and he became nearly helpless. He is all right in that respect but he is so badly pitched in his knees that he is of little value.

A.—It is unlikely that treatment will lave much beneficial effect. Let the horse occupy a roomy box stall and feed both grain and hay from the floor level. Also let him graze as much as possible. Hand rub the back tendons of the fore legs three times a day and each time try to force the knees into proper position. At night rub knees and tendons (cords) with druggist's soap liniment.

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AZOTURIA.—My father has a mare about five years old. Recently he drove her a distance of seven miles and she had all she could do to get home. She was sweating badly, appeared to be weak and when he stopped her she stood braced. She has a good appetite, but is poor in flesh. She has stemach worms. She is driven about fifty miles each week.

M. L. T.

A.—The mare no doubt had an attack of azoturia caused by a flay or more of idleness during which time the grain feed was not reduced in quantity. In this disease the muscles of the loins, hips and thighs swell and become hard and the urine is the color of strong coffee. In severe attacks the horse goes down paralyzed and in many instances dies. Never let the mare stand for a single day idle in the stable. Stop feeding grain when there is no work for her to do. To destroy the worms mix in the feed night and morning for a week one tablespoonful of a mixture of equal quantities by weight of powdered copperas, salt and sulphur, then skip ten days and repeat the treatment. Omit from if she is pregnant and increase the salt and sulphur.—Please tell me what to do for a cold care.

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SPLINTS.—Please tell me what to do for a colt one year old that has lumps inside ber knees, and large as a ben's erg. The lumps are bard and it hurts when I pinch them. The colt walks stiff on her front legs.

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A.—We suspect that the hard lumps or growths are splints. Twice daily swab them with a mixture of one part of each of tincture of iodine and turpentine and two parts of alcebel. Do not rub it in. If this does not suffice the lumps should be blistered once a month with a mixture of one dram of biniodide of mercury and one ounce of lard.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Finally, tired of being single, I married. We get along as well as the average married people do, though we did not marry for love as we read of it in the story books. My husband was a miner until we came to America. We left Liverpool in the ship Saxonia. The first night out a port hole opened and the water came in and washed us out of our bunks. You may be sure we were frightened but the Captain kept us interested during the storm. Before landing he lectured us about America and told us there was a home and work for all, but that we would have to earn every dollar we got, and I have often thought how true were his words. By careful management we have a home of our own, and all paid for, which we never could have expected in England. Very few there own their homes. I like this glorious U. S. A. and would not go back again to the old country to live, but hope to go sometime for a visit.

With best wishes to all, Mrs. Adnes Jackson.

With best wishes to all, MRS. AGNES JACKSON.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

When I was only a little girl I took Comfort and now that I am grown and married I find it still the best paper of all. I always read the Sisters' Corner first as I am always seeking information for I am by no means past taking advice even if I have been married eight years and am the mother of six children, You may know that I have my hands full, but I still find time or rather, take time, to read as I think that is the best way to take one's thoughts away from that it is the best way to take one's thoughts away from the monotonous round of every-day work.

I rather think "Lonely One" should be put in the Slacker class. She should stop worrying so much about herself and realize there are thousands of others doing the same thing she so much dreads when she is only fulfilling nature's law. It looks rather selfish to meprovided one is advised by a doctor that it would not prove fatal—to spare herself and adopt a child some other woman has borne. True, many a child needs a mother but let those who are unable to give birth to one of their own, adopt them. I think any woman who loves and cares for an adopted child is a credit to her race, but in "Lonely One's" case, she is sparing herself and reaping a benefit from someone else. Are there any of us who are too good to go through the ordeal of child birth? I, myself, have been through the by-some-much-dreaded nill fire times (my young-est are twin boys, fifteen months old) and have never worried about it. I am inclined to argue with the sister who wrote advising ready-made clothes for the little newcomer. There is pleasure in making the tiny garments and there is so much time ahead that no one need shirk their household duties nor do they have to deprive themselves of the walk in the open air, which is so essential.

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Sincerely a COMPORT sister, Mrs. FRANK VAUGEN.

Mrs. Vaughn. Don't spank your twinn'es for eating sand. While I'm not an authority on the subject, it is my humble opinion they are not properly nourished and nature is only making her wants known to you in this way. Some necessary element is being omitted from their dietmine. I should say, but ask your family physician about that.—Ed.

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HE skunk and civet cat are easy to take. They seem to have no fear of springing a bright, new trap that is not concealed. While, therefore, it is not necessary to conceal sets for this animal, I would advise doing so, as one can thus often take a wandering mink or raccoon.

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To conceal land sets, one should scoop out a hole large enough so that the jaws are just below the surface. If fine material is employed, such as dirt and rotten wood it is best to place a wad of cotton or wool under the pen so nothing can get under it and interfere with the action when sprung. Always use a covering natural to the place, that is dead leaves when sets are made in dead leaves; green grass when sets are made on green grass, etc. In cold weather, line the excavation with dry material such as leaves, etc., before arranging the set to prevent the trap from freezing to the ground. Traps so placed must be examined from time to time and the bed of dry material changed.

There are usually several skunks or civet cats in each den. While sets may be arranged at the mouths of burrows, I prefer to use baited traps placed in the immediate vicinity of the burrows. One may thus take several skunks and civets in a single night from a single burrow.

Build small V-shaped pens in the vicinity of the burrows. Use bloody meat for a decoy, covered with a small quantity of grass so that it is hidden from crows and hawks. Guard the lure with one or more traps.

I have found that good results may be obtained when small excavations are dug and a Kangaroo or Jump trap is concealed on top of a piece of meat. The animals in digging for the decoy will be caught.

Warm, moonlight nights are best for taking the two fur bearers mentioned. They are more active at this time and den up, generally speaking, when the weather gets real cold.

Some who are starting to trap for the first time will have trouble in locating occupied dens; you can learn to tell them by the general appearance—if the entrance seems used, if there are tracks about and droppings,—but a surer method is to reach into the den as far as possible and take up a handful or two of dirt. In this dirt, if the den is used by the skunk or civet

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When employing meat for bait, remember it will attract dogs and cats also. Baited sets, therefore, ought not to be made too close to human habitation.

The beginner, no doubt, will hesitate to trap both the skunk and civet because of the odor. With care, however, they may be taken with little inconvenience. When an animal is taken in a trap and is alive, do not excite it more than is necessary. A small caliber rife or pistol is best to employ for killing. Shoot the animals just back of the head so that the bullets cut the spine and paralyze it.

When shooting fur bearers, remember that holes in the pelt—back or belly—affect the values of the skins. If possible, shoot so the bullets range from the back of the head downward, out the neck.

Should a skin be "stunk up" or some of the odor get on the clothes, it may be removed by thoroughly washing, one or more times, in gasoline. Do this outdoors and be sure to let the vapor evaporate thoroughly before taking it indoors, otherwise there is danger from fire.

The raccoon and opossum are much harder to take than either the skunk or civet cat, as their animal instinct is better developed. Unless the novice makes his sets in water, he is liable to have some difficulty in taking many pelts.

The raccoon is very strong, considering its size. I should recommend nothing smaller than a Number 1½ trap. Further, fasten all traps in deep water when able to do it and avoid the use of small takes also. The 'coon frequently when caught will gnaw its way loose. My method of fastening traps for this fur bearer is to wire them to rocks, etc., weighing from twenty to twenty-five pounds each which cannot be dragged off. For the opossum, however, it is optional whether one employs the Number 1 or 1½.

When tracks of the 'coon are found—even the beginner cannot mistake them for they resemble very closely the imprint of a baby's foot—build a small three-sided pen of rocks or sti

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The Girl He Loved

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"I don't think so." Ravenel, with every wish gratified and a raging pain at her heart, could not keep back the cry.

"You will some day," musingly. "But, my dear girl, don't let us moralize! I will go and put on my hat. Perhaps you can amuse yourself till I come back."

There was a glass over the mantelpiece, and under it a long row of framed photographs.

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There was a glass over the mantelpiece, and under it a long row of framed photographs. Mechanically, as soon as she was alone. Ravenel looked to see if her big black hat were straight. Even misery does not allow a girl to go about with a crooked hat.

But after the first glance at the crowded mantelshelf, where gold and silver and ivory frames jostled each other, she took no more thought to her apparel.

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In front of her, staring her in the face, was a likeness of Adrian Gordon. She had no photograph of him and this strange woman had. The girl's throat thickened—filled.

He had played with her, thrown her over, made her a laughing-stock to herself: yet his Dictured face sickened her with longing. She could have followed him through the world, just to see him sometimes, never even asking to speak to him. In a passion of despair she seized the photograph and kissed it as she had never kissed Adrian Gordon in life.

"Adrian," she whispered, "there must have been something I didn't know to make you leave (CONTINUED ON PAGE 23.)

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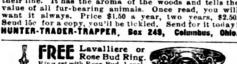
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The Modern Farmer

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firms get their business before the public and thus become known; hence it is a poor plan to buy from a nursery that you have never heard about.

become known; hence it is a poor plan to buy from a nursery that you have never heard about. But From Nearby Dealers,—If you live in Maine don't send to California for your stock, or if in Michigan don't buy from a Georgia dealer. In other words your trees should have been produced under climatic and soil conditions similar to your own; hence they should seldom be brought from far-off states. On the whole you will succeed better if you buy from reliable dealers located in your own or a neighboring state.

Don't Buy Scrub Stock.—In nursery stock the cheapest trees are usually the dearest. They are "scrubs." No reliable dealer will sell you scrub stock at a cheap price without telling you that it is scrub stock. Unscrupulous dealers often make such sales on the ground of price alone. By all means buy good trees neither too young nor too old; two or three years being the best.

Buy the Right Varieties.—Be sure you get varieties that will do well, or have already succeeded in your locality. Because the tree is high priced and comes from a reliable dealer is no sign that it may not be a very poor tree for you to purchase. Right here is where reliable information is needed; hence the one who intends purchasing fruit trees this wii r should not buy on the "spur of the moment" but study up on the question and be ready with this information when the tree agent calls at the door.

Don't Make Costly Experiments.—If we never tried new varieties we would never make

the tree agent calls at the door.

DON'T MAKE COSTLY EXPERIMENTS.—If we never tried new varieties we would never make any progress; hence it is always a good plan to try something new. But don't depend on it. Depend on old reliable varieties for the main part of the order and try new stock only on a limited scale. Often we can learn much about these new varieties from books, bulletins, catalogs and from our neighbors who have tried them. Much of the money spent for the new stuff is wasted; hence in making out our fruit tree orders we should "go slow" on the new and the wholly unknown but should not necessarily avoid them altogether. Just "go slow," that's all.

Paper Sausage Cases

Sausage cases are now made from paper. These cases are as tough and strong as those obtained from the intestines of animals and are much nicer to use for home-made sausage. When put up in these cases and smoked the same as is often done with bologna or summer sausage, the contents will keep well for several weeks.

The Questions and Answers constitute one of the most valuable features of this department and we urge our farmer subscribers to read all of them carefully each month, as you will find that they contain much useful information and advice on practical problems that are troubling you as well as those who have asked the questions. Cut them out and pasts them into a scrapbook for future reference. This will save you the trouble of writing us and will avoid delay in getting your answer when you need advice on these same matters, we are glad to receive inquiries from our subscribers and to advise them on all matters pertaining to farming.

Questions and Answers

EFFECT OF CARBON BISULPHIDE.—In August Comport you advise the use of carbon bisulphide to destroy weevils in beans. Will beans treated in this way be rendered unfit for food? Or will they be suitable for cooking after the carbon bisulphide treatment? I have a lot of dry beans and ann truly glad for an effective remedy to keep the weevils out. We have taken Comport for years and could hardly do without it.

MRS. M. L., Waldron, Ind.

A.—The beans will be all right for food. Carbon bisulphide is a liquid somewhat resembling gasoline in that it evaporates very rapidly, leaves no residue behind and its fumes are very explosive when they come in contact with fire. It is the powerful fumes of this substance that kill the weevils. But the fumes soon pass off after the beans are open to a free circulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation of air and leave no trace of the carbon bisulation.

Of course one would not care to cat such of the beans as contained weevils even though dead, but these can be sorted out before cooking; the remainder will be fit for cooking purposes after a thorough airing.

The Girl He Loved

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me like that! You didn't really—Adrian!" The incoherent, senseless words left her shaking. She had no time to put down the photograph as Mrs. Murray came in, but stood with blazing cheeks and the living light of passion in her eyes, that had been so indifferent.
"Do you know him?" she said, caring for nothing but to hear whatever she could of him, even from a stranger.

Mrs. Murray laughed.
"Adrian—Captain Gordon—do yoù mean? He is very good-looking, isn't he? Of course, I know him, do you?"

Ravenel turned and, very carefully, replaced

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the picture. Her back was toward her hostess, but her face was plain in the mirror. Her mouth felt so stiff she could scarcely speak.

"I know him—a little; he has gone to India, T think."

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"Yes: poor man, I fancy he had to! Mrs. Gordon," airily, "is not a cheap luxury."

"Mrs. Gordon!" the room swam. "Do you mean he was married?"

"It was a boyish madness, if he was; but Mrs. Gordon exists, I'm afraid. Don't, for Heaven's sake, say I told you; it would ruin him with Lord Levallion. She is very unhappy, and has been a frightful drain on Captain Gordon. But I must say it hasn't prevented his enjoying himself. Poor Adrian is one of the most hopeless flirts I know. You won't," pleadingly, "say anything to Levallion?"

Ravenel looked at her. It was queer how cold she felt, and how passionless—now she knew why Adrian had not come.

"The 'gay Gordons' are a proverb, aren't they?" she said, and found she could smile quite easily, "Captain Gordon is only an acquaintance of mine; you may be sure I shall not mention him to Lord Levallion. Whom I barely know." For a moment her manner staggered even Hester Murray, till she saw the girl's face had grown haggard.

"One can't tell all one knows," she said lightly. "Shall we go out now?"

She was elated as she followed her guest to the carriage, for she had obliged Sylvia and not told one lie. Adrian had certainly given Mrs. Gordon money he could ill spare. And she knew Ravenel

How to Trap Shunk, Civet. Raccoon and Opossum

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Raccoon and Opossum

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The raccoon is the only one of the smaller fur bearers which will eat both flesh and vegetables, seemingly with little preference. Like its larger brother the bear, it always appears hungry, so a good bait is almost a necessity. Anong those as good bait is almost a necessity. Anong those which I have employed successfully are: corn, fresh fish, clams, honey and canned salmon. I might also add that a patent lure will often prove of value.

If a large hollow log is found partly submerged along a stream, place traps at each entranceway. If the water is too deep, scoop out an excavation for the traps; if too shallow generally a foundation for the sets may be made of rocks, with from three to four inches of water and concealed with soaked grass, leaves or moss. I'mploy no lure of any kind with the set I have just given, for the first 'coon passing either up or down the stream will attempt to enter the log and, if the traps are placed properly, get caught. The log set is employed quite extensively for taking the mink also. Only those logs having large hollows can be expected to furnish ideal places for taking the raccoon.

Often natural places may be discovered along the edge of a stream or lake where there are splace, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective also, provided, of course the place, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective also, provided, of course the place, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective also, provided, of course the place, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective also, provided, of course the place, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective also, provided, of course the place, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective also, provided, of course the place, simply conceal traps there. Sets in run ways are effective in attracting the raccoon.

The opossum in the past has been known to the trade as a "cheap fur." During the last two years howeve

winter and spring.

Both the opossum and raccoon are considered a delicacy by many and often a market may be found for the carcases. When this is true, trapping these fur bearers is profitable indeed.

Practically every method mentioned for taking the raccoon may be employed in catching the possum.

would never mention the subject to Levallion. It had been a good day's work. But if Hester Murray had only known just what she had done at Sylvia's bidding she would have cut off her right hand sooner than have meddled. If she had even known why Lord Levallion was looking at her from the opposite window, as she got into the carriage, would have given all she owned to undo her work.

"It's time that child was looked after," he reflected as the open carriage drove off. He had a disike to seeing anything ill-treated that was odd in so hard a man; and Sylvia—"I think it's time I took a hand in the game," he said aloud. "And I do not consider Mrs. Murray a proper friend for the future Lady Levallion."

And it might have been better for all concerned if Hester Murray could have heard him.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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PALESTINE, ILL.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

1 cnjoy the sisters' letters so much but those pertaining to children and their care are doubly intersecting to me as I have a dear little daughter just twenty-two days old.

I did not have courage to write until I read Lonely One's letter. Dear sister, what makes you think the waiting would be so dreadful? I have been married almost two years and time spent waiting and preparing for my baby was the happiest time of my fife. T.e thought of the great blessing coming to me, and the making of all the little garments left mo time for worry. If you are physically able to become a mother I am sure you will find it a thousand times better than adopting a child. With all the months of waiting do not, or need not, mean months of being shut indoors but rather a time to enjoy one's self and be so happy. I could write much more about this but fear my letter would be too long.

Dear Mattle Mae Clark, of course you will be as good as new when you get your artificial limb. I know, for just one week and a day from the day we were married, my husband, while at work, fell and broke his left leg. After six weeks of patient suffering he had it amputated and now has an artificial limb, which, although it is not as good as his truly own leg, is a great help for he works and makes a comfortable living for our little family.

I like to read the descriptions of the sisters so will tell you something about myself. I am four feet, nine inches tall, have blue eyes and light hair and weigh about one hundred pounds. My busband is twenty-four years old.

Little Mary Katherine is waking so I will close, with love and best wishes for Mrs. Wilkinson and all the Comfort sisters. Mrs. Alice Brim Beers.

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Mrs. Felmet, I cannot agree with you about making filler no to church. We can't drive our children to love God, but we can lead them. I say if your child goe not wish to go to church let him stay at home a few Sundays. Read to him from your Bible and book of Bible stories and teach him the beautiful truths in simple way so he can understand them. It is the mother, not the church, that must teach the children to love and fear God. Am I not right, mothers?

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MRS. WILKINSON AND COMPORT SISTERS:

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think or bothering you were it not for the sake of my brave soldier boy.

My husband and son both enlisted in His Majesty's Service in February, 1916 and sailed overseas in September of the same year. My husband was invalided home the next March and oh, how my heart aches for my poor boy, only seventeen, left there alone, so far from home and mother. Won't some of the sisters write to him and perhaps some of them would be kind enough to send him handkerchiefs, socks, etc. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 27.)

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Children's Happy Hour

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Tootsy and the Fairy Dog

KNOW you will like dear Miss Tootsy as soon as you look at her, but when I tell you what a wonderful adventure she had and how hard it was for her to get here, then, you will love her, just heaps and heaps. Tootsy is a real little girl and not a make-believe. She had a china doll almost as big as herself and, strange to say, the doll had a lovely, lacy dress that Tootsy wanted to put on herself. Her mother scolded her just a little for being so vain and told her that this could not be for the pretty dress was sewed to the doll in such a way that it would have to be ripped to pieces in order to be taken off. Tootsy sighed and sobbed and took the dolly out on the sunny porch and sat her down where she could stare at the dress admiringly. Still she wished to see it on herself and was strongly tempted to try to put it on. But, like a good little girl, she made up her mind to try to think of something else, and was just about to put the dolly away when a strange little dog came up. "How do you do doggie," said Tootsy, and the queer little animal answered her back, "Howely do." The child was frightened at hearing a puppy talk just like a person and was about to call her mamma when he said: Fear not, I come to give you a new dress exactly like the one you crave for." Tootsy caught her breath, and tried in vain to speak. "Shut your eyes," said the fairy dog, and she did so. In an instant he was gone and upon Tootsy was the sweetest dress, just like her doll's. She was so surprised she didn't know what to think, but suddenly the porch floor seemed to sink away from her and she was floating in the air like a feather; and oh, how high she did go; just think of it,

over the houses and trees and up where the sky has all the beautiful colors on it. Not a soul could she see but the fairy dog and there he was running along a cloud like as if itwere solid ground. Not only that, but he had the impertinence to stop and jump into Tootsy's arms. "I don't like you one bit," she said, "and I'm going to take this dress off for it has gotten me into so much trouble," "If you do, you will drop to earth and be killed," warned Fairy dog, but he was too late. Tootsy had thrown the dress off and was falling like a rock. "Oh, Lord, please save me," she prayed, and right away her prayer was answered, for she fell into an apple tree that was white with big, soft, fragrant blossoms. "Those are beautiful," she murmured and although she was slipping down, down, down, through them all the time, she managed to grab a small branch. You can see in the picture how she looked when she finally settled to the ground safe and unhurt. Her first thought was of home. The fairy dog was at her feet, bruised and hurt for he had fallen on hard ground. He could not walk or fly or even crawl but he told Tootsy that her mamma's place was many miles away and the only way she could get home was to get a fairy gown and dance through the air. He advised her to wave the apple blossoms three times, and as she did so they turned into a streamer or long scarf and away she flitted like a butterfly. Back to the porch she went and there was the doll with the lace dress on.

Her mamma came out the door and said: "Dearie, I believe I will give you that pretty dress."

"Never mind mamma," she gasped, rubbing her eves open: and then she snuggled to her mother

"Pearie, I believe I had dress."

"Never mind mamma," she gasped, rubbing her eyes open; and then she snuggled to her mother and kissed her and told her everything. And mamma commented:

"That was a pretty dream."



Cut-Out Doll Directions

Paste the picture on smooth cardboard, using boiled flour paste. Rub all the wrinkles and bubbles out, beginning at the center and working towards the edges. A spoon or a silver knife handle is good to use for this purpose. Put the pasted picture in a big book and allow a few hours for drying. Then cut out the dresses and

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Dance Halls of Bird Land

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The nests are built in the trees and have no connection with the playhouses. The male birds build these latter and gather every bright and shining object they can find to adorn the entrance to the bower. When it is completed, according to one who has watched them, little "at homes" are given daily, at which the males meet and pay their court to their lady loves, now bowing and scraping, now playing hide and seek through the bower, and now doing an absurdly dignified dance for their edification.

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Brown Hair, Montane, Texas.—If church starts at eight-thirty, and you live near it, a few minutes before that hour would be the time for you to set for your boy escort to call for you. If he arrives ahead of time, it is vour privilege to say when you are ready to go. (2) If you are offered a glass of soda at a drug-store, and you wish to accept, any simple, pleasant phrase is sufficient. "Thank you; that's very kind of you," would be one way of doing it.

Texas Kid, Eastland, Texas.—This young lady has been going with a boy for a "good while" and now wants to 'quit' and has no other reason but that she is tired of him. All right, Texas Kid, that is a very good and sufficient reason, and there isn't a thing in etiquette to prevent your quitting any time you wish. But don't try and get him back after he has found another girl

Anxious, Summerville, Ga.—Holding hands is done.

Anxious, Summerville, Ga.—Holding hands is done by engaged and unengaged couples, and it simply means that they like to do it. (2) A lady may ask a gentleman in, when he brings her home from church at night, but it is generally wise for him to decline. The lady should say "Good night" first, but no very serious rule would be broken if the gentleman was the one that offered his farewells in advance.

Sour Grapes Asherton Texas —If you are sixten.

that offered his farewells in advance.

Sour Grapes, Asherton, Texas.—If you are sixteen and "always willing to take advice, we are going to advise you at once that you cease going with this "pretty nice" young man of twenty-six. Stick to boys of your own age, and do not ask how long you should be going with a boy before you expect an engagement ring. We are going to ask you how long you expect to go to the Aslerton, Texas, high school before you graduate? And there will not be any questions like your one regarding "silent love" in your exams.

Peaches and Cream, Carrigo Springs, Texas.—And

like your one regarding "silent love" in your exams.

Penches and Cream, Carrizo Springs, Texas.—And here seems to be a friend of Sour Grapes, only with a sweeter name, who has learned to love a "real handsome" young man of twenty-four whom she has known for eight months. The thing has gone pretty far, for Peaches and Cream wants to know what time in August would be best suited for a wedding. And as Peaches and Cream is just sixteen we are going to say that the proper time will be August 1st, 1922.

A. LaFollette, Tenn.—No; we do not think it is nice for a young lady to go out in company with a gentleman whom she does not appreciate. Perhaps she will pick out a different one the next time, or perhaps he can find a young lady that will appreciate him more. Black Eyes, Heber, Ark.—Here is a girl who is in

can find a young lady that will appreciate him more. Black Eyes, Heber, Ark.—Here is a girl who is in a sad way because she does not know if she should keep on 'being sweethearts' with a boy that she has known for four years and who does not come to see her regularly although he only lives a short way from her home. She wants to know if she 'must give him up and seek another?' No, Black Eyes, as long as he says he "will never marry anyone else" we would advise you to stick to him and give him a chance to call oftener or take the consequences.

B. B. Rogersyttle, Tenn—No, indeed, it is not

B. B., Rogersville, Tenn.—No, indeed, it is not necessary according to the high laws of etiquette for a girl to thank a boy after cake walking with him. If he should walk after a piece of cake for her—and a plate of ice-cream—that would be a different thing altogether. (2) It is not improper for a girl to wave at a boy friend—whether she does it first or last.

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Two Lonely Girls, Lebanon, Oregon.—Of course, my
dears, a girl can go with one boy and write to another—or fifty others for that matter and no book of
etiquette could stop it either. (2) A girl of eighteen
should not be out after dark with a young man
without her mother or some older woman, but it is done
right along—and probably even in Lebanon.

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Cousin, St. Clair, N. Dak.—We think a girl of fif-teen would be much better off if she went out rid-ing with her mother, than with a boy five years her senior. And if you do this, and leave aside the boy question till you are a few years older, you will not have to ask if you should shake hands with, or sit by him when you do not want to.

E. T. Chester, Ill.—If you rode home in a buggy with your girl friend and her beau, it was perfectly correct for you to wait until she was ready to go with you upon your arrival home.

you upon your arrival home.

Curious, Hicksville, Ga.—The stamp language is a very foolish language, and we have no space to publish it in this column. If you have anything to say put it inside the letter, and save the post-office department reason for worry and complaint.

The Gold Dust Twins, Sweetwater, Wyo.—It was perfectly right and proper for you and your sister to treat as you did the young man who tried to kiss you. The only apologies that are needed are from these two young men. (2) If you do not want a young man to put his arm around you when you are out in a car with him, simply tell him so plainly and distinctly. No; we would not wink at a young man.

Eve of Tennessee.—Yes, ice-cream and cake or lemo-nade and cake would be perfectly proper for you to offer your friend who calls Sunday afternoons. It should be brought in and daintily served from a small tray by either your mother or yourself. (2) Like your mother, we do not approve of straw rides, and we

think you would be much beter off to remain at home. Your mother is also sensible and right in her opinion that you wait until you graduate next year before you receive the attention of young men. We see no harm in your writing to this young man while you are away at school, although if your mother seriously objects, we would do as she wishes.

Lonely One, Lebanon, Oregon --If your letter means to ask if it would be right for you to go to entertainments with an unmarried man who is working for your husband, we say most certainly not, and we are surprised that we should have to answer such a question.

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Puzzled, Hickory, N. C.—There are times, but not very many, when a lady may ask a gentleman to accompany her somewhere. You will have to use your own judgment about this, and be guided by the circumstances. A great deal would depend upon the degree of intimacy.

Beauty, Christiana, Texas. We think a pleasant combination for a box supper would be some chicken salad arranged on lettuce leaves, some plain bread and butter sandwiches, daintily cut and well buttered, a small pot of home-made lefty or conserve, some rich plain cake, and of course some pickles. It makes us hungry to think about it, and we wish we had just such a box here, or could go to your supper. (2) It is only necessary to say "yes" or "no" and thank him when a boy asks if he may see you home from church.

Reba of Tennessee.—A boy, when calling, should hang up his own hat, or be told where he may hang it. (2) We should certainly thank the young man that unhitches your horse every Sunday—no matter how often he has done it, you should thank him just as often.

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1.1 Ola, Random Lake, Wis.—A boy should show courtesy and respect by being properly dressed if he makes a Sunday evening cail, and you did well to treat your careless caller coldly. Only we would see that he knew why we did so. (2) Your writing and spelling are very good indeed, and we wish all the letters we receive made so creditable an appearance.

Poultry Farming For Women (CONTINUED PROM PAGE 15.)

sium, add a tablespoonful of baking soda to every quart of water. Grit is important; sand is not sharp or large enough to do the necessary work of masticat-

quart of water. Grit is important; sand is not sharp or large enough to do the necessary work of masticating.

E. S.—The yellow spots in the mouth and the offensive breath, are unmistakable symptoms of roup. The spots in the mouth or throat might be a cankerous cold only, and the sores on the comb and wattles merely retarded circulation. But the bad odor with breath is an unmistakable sign of roup, which is a most contagious disease, and may affect the whole flock, unless great care is taken to prevent the contagion spreading. As this is the time of the year when colds and roup are prevalent, I am going to repeat some of the advice I have given in this column before, as prevention is much easier than cure when things are taken in time. I want you to understand that every ordinary cold may develop into roup if not checked at once. I beg of you to watch your fowls at the first sign of watery eyes, sneezing, coughing or heavy breathing, to remove the affilicted birds to a clean coop in some sheltered outhouse far removed from the other poultry, and keep them in strict quarantine while doctoring. As all forms may be roup, treat them for that disease without waiting to diagnose the case. Spray the bird's nostrils, eyes, mouth and throat three times a day with a strong solution of permanganate of potassium in a quart of water, and for use, dilute one teaspoonful of permanganate of potassium in a quart of water, and for use, dilute one teaspoonful of permanganate of potassium in a quart of water, and for use, dilute one teaspoonful of between the with three of water. If dioxogen or peroxide is used, one half teaspoonful to every half cup of water. If you have no atomizer or syringe, strip a wing feather to within an inch of the tip, dip it into the solution, and swab out the bird's throat and mouth, and bathe the nostrils and eyes with a clean, soft cloth saturated with the lotion. Cover the bottom of the coop with plenty of clean, chopped hay. Clean out every day. Feed on light nourishing food. Stale bread steeped in disinfected if weather will permit, and every precau-tion taken to kill the contagion before it becomes epidemic.

E. L.—To lay eggs in the winter, hens must have animal and vegetable food, as well as a balanced ration of grain. The method of feeding used by the Kansas and Missouri Experiment Stations should be successful in your locality.

Mrs. F. R.—When chickens fail to feather or grow, it is usually due to want of animal food, but sometimes the parent stock is to blame. If the old birds are much inbred, or composed of mixed breeds, chicks are liable to be slow in developing. Try giving them skim-milk to drink, and a mash feed once a day, adding about a tablespoonful of oil meal to every quart of ground grain. I gave formulas for lice powder and liquid in one of the spring numbers.

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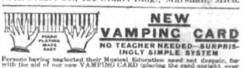


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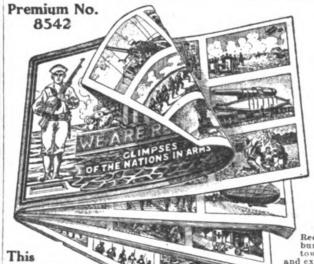
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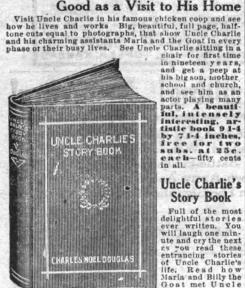
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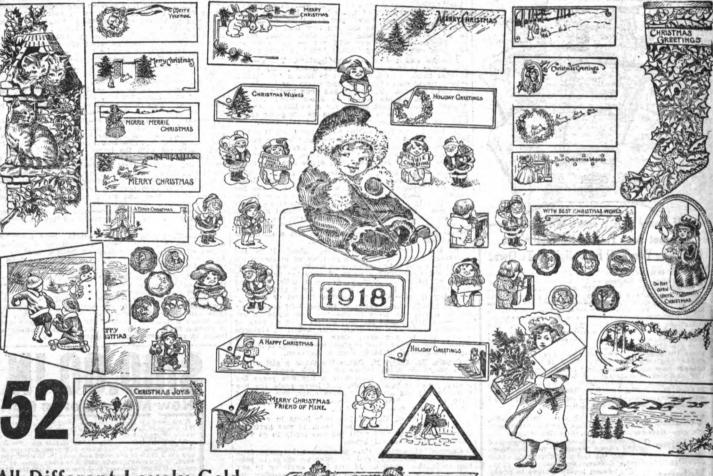
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One Special Large Oval Illustrated Gold Embossed and Colored Christmas Gummed Seal with the words "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

Five Novelty Santa Claus Cut-out Christmas Gummed Seals, Em-

Ten Cute Novelty Children Cut-out Christmas Gummed Seals.
One Artistic, Beautifully Embossed and Finished Christmas Calendar for 1918.

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All the Enclosure Cards, Tags, and Folders carry a cheery Christmas Greeting such as "Merry Christmas," With Best Christmas Wishes," "Christmas Greetings," "Merry Yuletide," "Christmas Joys," and others equally as pleasing and apropriate. These are to be tied to or enclosed inside your Christmas packages to bear a loving message with the gift. And all the gaily colored gummed Stamps and Seals you will use to seal and decorate the outside of your Christmas letters and packages as well. You will be surprised and delighted to see how much they add to the attractiveness of your gifts to say nothing of the fun in "doing them up."

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And don't forget that in addition to all of these lovely cards, seals, tags, stickers, etc., we are also going to send an exquisitely embossed and multi-colored Christmas Calendar for 1918, a large handsome holly decorated Book Mark and two large Christmas Novelty Cut-out Folders which are as unique as they are pleasing. When you first look at one of them it is to all appearances a handsome Christmas Post Card and the other a very attractive four-page Booklet, when presto—a flip of the finger, and the startling transformation takes place, causing the figures and designs to stand out in bold relief, and in a life-like manner that is truly wonderful. These cute novelties are something entirely new this season and they make very attractive center-table or mantlepiece ornaments as they are large and stand without support.

This splendid collection will furnish your whole family with all the Holiday

This splendid collection will furnish your whole family with all the Holiday Gift Decorations needed for this Christmas and they will surely add to the pleasure of your giving and the gifts themselves will be all the more appreciated by the recipients. We purchased a large quantity of these Novelty Packages but even at that we fear we have not enough to go around so take no chances of being disappointed but send in your order at once. Also Christmas will be here almost before you are aware of it, and you want to make sure of receiving your package in time so that you can get your Christmas packages allready before Christmas Day.

We will send you this package of beautiful Christmas Novelties including the Handsome Christmas Calendar for 1918 upon the terms of the following

FREE OFFER For one one-year's subscription (not your own) to COM-beautiful Christmas Novelties free by mail postpaid. Premium No. 7931.

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Premium No. 6462

For A Club Of Two:

Lions, Tigers, Bears and all kinds of Wild Assimals, Home Seenes, Domestic Pets and Mappy Childhood Spay. Here is something as quod as a circus food Days. Here is something an indestructible, new style flows, and with twe give you free a big collection of 100 views of home of these domestic pets, farm of the most delightful and entertaining of the Arctic and tropical countries, enters, being is and girls need not be obliged to hunt for something to comply that does not display the manusch, instructed and out of mischief. Aside from the pleasure they will derive than because it will give them an ever-enting, joyfuler active minds indoors with one of these Scopes at hand because it will give them an ever-enting, joyfuler and the fifty beautiful seenes, of home life, the fifty sextling animal views will furnish them with scope. Any boy or girl would be delighted to have one of these wonderful Stereoscopes together with the isome with it and knowing this we have purchased alarging and exciting views that come with it and knowing this we have purchased along out real and life-like when looked atthrough his proper advances.

In Treated, Ralls County, Mo.—Your letter is similar to several others this month. Why does a father solve when defected is treated the pleasure they will derive that no proper liberties. They form the flifty beautiful seenes of home life, the flifty exciting animal views will furnish them with and showed wonderful Stereoscopes together with the big collection of 100 entertaining and exciting Views that come with it and knowing this we have purchased along our reaggement. He will derive where educational facilities have been denied. Don't make "date." If you are invited to go anywhere be fdir and go as you promise. And expect any man to keep his promise to you are invited to go anywhere and then stay away for no reason, but to spit another.

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In order that each cousin may be answered in this column, no cousin must ask more than three questions in one Month.

HANKSGIVING is not a day; it is a habit. We cannot be thankful on Thanksgiving Day unless we have been learning how every other day in the year. There are some simple rules: Walk on the some simple rules: Walk on the in the best room in the house; think about your friends, not your enemies; talk about your good luck, not your bad. These are some of the ways of acquiring the spirit of cheerfulness which is the only soil in which the flower Thanksgiving' will grow." Thus writes a certain Rev. James M. Farr, and I hope all "my girls." for that's how I think of you, have acquired that habit. If you haven't I want you to start in this very minute and find something for which to be thankful. Just now, I am thankful that I can be of help to some of you in the following answers to your questions.

B., Rogersville, Tenn.—And so you have a good notice of the property of the control of the property of the property

swers to your questions.

B., Rogersville, Tenn.—And so you have a good notion to kill yourself because your sweetheart has to go to war. Don't you think such a brave boy deserves a more patriotic and braver sweetheart? I do, so be a good sport and do all you can to help him by cheery letters and all the other things you can do. Of course I'm just as sorry as can be for you and all other girls who are called upon to loan their sweethearts to Uncle Sam, but I'm proud because the most of you are doing it so bravely.

Sammy, Lindsay, Cal.—Goodness me, here's a girl of twenty-four who says she has no pride in her personal appearance and is very fat and sloppy looking and wonders if that is why she has no beaux. Shouldn't wonder a bit, Sammy, if that were the very reason. Better read our Pretty Girls' Department after this.

Lovesick, Greeley, Nebr.—Forget that bold, bad man

Lovesick, Greeley, Nebr.—Forget that bold, bad man you think you love, for if he loved you he would find some way to tell you so. Aren't there any nice young men in Greeley?

Blue Eyes, Nara Visa, N. Mex.—I don't think it was so very wrong for you to kiss a soldier good by when he was leaving for the war, though, ordinarily, I don't approve of kissing unless an engagement exists between the two people.

Lonesome, Sulphur Springs, Texas.—Don't you think you have been too nice to your would-be beaux and thus frightened them away. A reasonable amount of neglect does a man good and keeps him interested.

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Two Blue-eyed Chums, Grenada, Miss.—The fact that you are two years older than your fiancees would-n't matter so much if aforesaid fiancees were twenty-five years old instead of nineteen. Too bad they aren't a little younger and then you could adopt them. Wait till they grow up. (2) If common usage makes anything proper, then it is the most proper thing in the world to seal the engagement with a kiss. But don't be too generous with your kisses before you are engaged if you want to be engaged.

F. Hull, lows—Fornteen years all said seals and the seals are the seals and the seals are the seals are the seals and the seals are the se

don't be too generous with your kisses before you are engaged if you want to be engaged.

F., Hull, Iowa.—Fourteen years old and wants to marry a 'feller' of eighteen who earns the munificent sum of one dollar a day by cleaning the streets, and says her parents put her to bed without any supper when they learned she had been out with him. That's right and I hope they don't forget a good sound spanking. You are years and years too young to think of marrying and even if you were old enough, one dollar a day wouldn't pay for the proverbial 'bread and cheese,' and kisses alone aren't very satisfying when one is hungry. You should be studying instead of thinking of young men.

Broken-hearted, Santa Cruz, Cal.—Poor little girl, and I'm so sorry for you, but if the young man says he does not love you as he did and does not care to marry you, you can't force him to and you wouldn't want to, I know. Perhaps by the time he returns from the war he will be more appreciative of your love and look at matters in a different light. Don't let him know how much you want him and if you write don't let your letters show how much you love him. I'd like to hear from you again.

Ambitious, Roseburg, Idaho.—Eighteen years old

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Ambitious, Roseburg, Idaho.—Eighteen years old and wants to leave home on a lecture tour (all by her lonesome) to earn money for musical training, and her parents won't let her. I admire her spirit but do not approve of her plan. Can't you compromise with those obdurate parents of yours, Ambitious, and tell them you'll stay home half of the year and play the role of most dutiful daughter, if they'll let you go to school the remaining half. Be diplomatic and don't fuss about it and it will get you more.

I. G. Leslie Ark. Severteen years eld.

I. G., Leslie, Ark.—Seventeen years old, writes from school, and wants to know if she should marry a boy of twenty-two who broke his engagement with another girl for her, and closes her letter "Yours efficiently." My advice to you, dearle, is to stick to school till you know the difference between "efficiently" and "affectionately." If breaking engagements is a habit with that fickle young man of yours, I suppose you'd better marry him before he breaks his engagement with you for another girl, but I fear you'll be sorry if you do. Walt a few years.

Billy Mannington W. V. V.

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Billy, Mannington, W. Va.—Your letter was very sensible—though a few words were spelled incorrectly—and while I'm very much opposed to such young people marrying. If the veung man is all you say, and is fairly sure of keeping his present position, you might do worse, particularly since you are not happy at home. Perhaps you'd better wait a little longer but if you do marry him don't let him grow ahead of and away from you in a mental sense. Then the chances are not so great of his growing tired of you.

Curly Locks. Waynesburg, Ky.—I am sorry to tell you, young lady, that the man doesn't love you if he says he also loves another. Love isn't that sort of thing, and the man who makes such an admission is merely playing with you both. The quicker you are rid of him the better.

Club Offer. For two one-year subscriptions to Club Offer. For two one-year subscriptions to Club Offer. For two one-year subscriptions to Marry a man if the idea of the marriage is revolting size for family use, the handles are handled by the state of the marry and the beautiful Daisy design which is now in the first place in listening to your support of the beautiful Daisy design which is now mother's entreaties for you to marry this man. I the bowls of the tesspoons and tablespoons and t

erong, but think what a life you and the man will cad if you marry him without love and with loath-

Blue Eyes, Colorado Springs, Colo.—It is just as all right to correspond with two or three men friends as it is with one, if your mother is willing.

In case you haven't found that "something" to be thankful for, here it is: Be thankful that I didn't scold as much as some of you deserved. Here's one little hint thouch—the best way to be thankful is to make some other person more thankful. That isn't difficult, is it? Try it and tell me how it worked. And now good by until next month.

Cotsis Marion.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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I am badly crippled with rheumatism and cannot do much for him or the five little ones I have left to care for. My husband has been in the Military Hospital since last April. My son's address is, Frivate Guy Englesby, No. 888251, 15th Reserve Bat. B. Co. Army Post Office, London, England.

And would some one be kind enough to send me old books or papers, or reading matter of any kind that will help pass away so many lonely hours, and I will pass them on to someone else, or return the kindness if I can.

I hope this letter will be printed for the sake of my poor, homesick, solder laddle.

Mas. H. W. Englesby.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I have just finished reading Comfort and thought perhaps some of the sisters could help me.

I was an only child, and given to be selfish and think only of myself, and when I was older it was a constant fight to keep down my selfishness, but I finally won out, and when my first baby, a girl, was born, I determined she would not be an only child. She is now nine years old, I have had four children since she was born, but lost them all at birth. Now the question arises: Must I adopt a child to rear with mine? My husband and I both favor this plan, but our friends and relatives object seriously, saying that there would always be first in our thoughts. I have tried hard to keep my child from being selfish. I have punished and talked, but to no avail. We live on a farm just outside of a village and our nearest neighbors are indulgent relatives, who have no children and "spoil" Camele in spite of my protestations. I have her little friends come and stay with her and I am with them as much as possible and watch Camele. She seems to care very little for any of her young friends and will invariably make them angry and drive them away. I know that Camele hasn't a bad disposition naturally, for when there are no children around she is as sweet a child as can be found, and because of this our relatives do not believe her to be selfish with her little friends.

At school she is the same, so I have been told, and no amount of persuasion and punishment on my part can correct her.

Please sisters, help me to decide which is best to do, raise my child to be despised by all or adopt a child about her age and rear them together, making Camele share equal with the child. My husband and I feel that we could learn to love another child, and not show the difference even if we did feel it. Sisters, discuss this in these columns.

Love to all readers.

Perplexed Mother. It may be that the letter

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Perplexed Mother. It may be that the letter and picture which we published in the Sisters' Corner last month will help you decide about adopting a little girl as an antidote for your Camele's growing selfishness. If you and your husband are sure you can love another child as well as your own, go ahead and adopt one and let your relatives and friends talk till they are blue in the face, if it makes them happier by so doing. That's what I'd do. Perhaps if you took a tiny baby its very helplessness would appeal to Camele's love and sympathy and banish selfishness forever.—Ed.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Take tea leaves that have been used and put them around potted plants. It makes them grow.

When peeling onions hold a cork between the teeth and the eyes will not become affected.

SUDIE HALL, Goldsboro, N. C.

To keep lemons fresh, put in sour milk. Change about once a week.

Nowadays when one must economize, here is a way to use rice and bread scraps. Just mix together as you would any bread pudding and serve with a sauce.

Mrs. Earl Weaver, Colville, Wash. We bought enough brown sheeting to put around our porch, which was already screened in, instead of canvas and it is just as good and not nearly as expensive.

Always buy colored goods that won't fade and shrink before using: To do this, fold the cloth, put it in a pan and pour boiling salted water over it. Dry and press.

(Charlie's Wife, Georgia.

Remedies

Tansy as a tea is good to expel worms. Sweet Sixteen, Tennessee.

Burns.—Apply kerosene oil. This is also good for neect bites and stings.

CHAPPED HANDS.—To one pint of cider vinegar add one ounce of saltpeter. Apply after washing the hands.

CRAMP COLIC.—Dissolve one teaspoon of sugar in a glass of hot water. Repeat if necessary. Water must be very hot.

SORE THEOAT.—Gargle the throat several times a day with lemon juice and swallow a small portion while gargling.

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ULCERS.—The bark of the root of wild Indigo is valuable in case of ulcers, used as an ointment, poultice or a wash.

DROPSY.—Wash and peel garden beets, cut in thin slices and dry. Take a few of the chips, steep them to make a tea and drink this several times a day.

DANDRUFF REMOVER.—Mix lard with yolk of egg and rub well into scalp. Let stay over night and wash off in the morning.

Mrs. Virgir Hollis, Trevat, Texas.

INDIGESTION .- Drink half a glass of Yellow Root tea

Quick Beauty

The Chaiming Movie Favorite Whose Felf Made Beauty Has Become World Famous.

For Promoting Hair Growth

HE open secret of really forcing hair to grow is the proper stimulation, not mately of the scalp, but of the hair roots. This is done scientifically, and in a really wonderful way too, by a mixture which you can easily make up yourself at home, consisting of one ounce of istancinol, exeting not more than fifty cents at the drug store, and a pint of bay rum or a half pint each of water and also hol. This makes up a full pint of the best had grower it is possible to make and costs much less than a dollar.

To Have a Spotless Complexion

You will find that the sallowness, red spots for the and other blumistes of the face, at ms, here, in the and shoulders will promptly disappear, and to stee place you may have as exquisite a complexion as concounted ever hope for, by simply mixing together one ounce of zintone costing about lifty cents at the dring store, two table monofuls of giverine and a plat of water. Apply frequently and literally as a cream

You May Look Years Younger

Remarkable success has been of tained in removing crows' feet, deep and shallow wankles, lines of age and sagging cheeks by the use of the following formals. It makes the skin more vigorous and plump and the change to your'ifainess is straking. Samply mix two ounces of eptol, which will cost about fifty cents at your druggist's, with half pint of water and two ounces of glycerine. Use t is every day.

Splendid Shampoo

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Never forget that the scalp must be kept cleen of scurf and dandruff to insure healthful hair. A shampoo extraordinary for its cleansing properties is a mixture of a teaspoonful of eggol and half a cup of water. You can get at any drug store a peckage of eggol, enough to give you at least twelve splendid shampoos, for twenty five cents. This shampoo outclasses mere soap and water, and leaves the hair easier to do up glossy and full of life.

Best Way to Treat Superfluous Hair

Superfluous hair should be dissolved away, instead of burned off, as is now so commonly done. The only thing I have ever known that would "dissolve" superfluous hair is simple sulfo solution. By applying this, even the stiffest hairs on very tendor portions of the body are removed without leaving the slightest mark, red spots or irritation. It is ideal. The simple sulfo solution will cost you one dollar at any drug store.

Miss Suratt offers to send to any reader direct any of the articles named above, if there is any difficulty in obtaining them from the drug store. In such case send your name and address, enclosing the price, to "Secretary to Valeska Suratt," Suite 471, Thompson Bldg., Chicago, mentioning the articles you want.

SPECIAL FREE

A 50c Bottle of the New Exquisite Creation, "Valeska Suratt Perfume"

Above all things, I want you to try what is now admitted to be the utmost in face powder loveliness, extraordinary in fineness and smoothness and practically invisible, free from all chalkiness. As a special introductory offer, a 50c bottle of the new perfumer's triumph, "Valeska Surati Perfume" will be sent free with every order for "Valeska Surati Pace Powder," in white, flesh or brunette tints, 50c a box. Send price for as many boxes as you want, and add to it 10c to cover postage on the Perfume, to Secretary to Valeska Suratt, 471 Thompson Bidg., Chicago. You'll get a surprise.

several times during the day.

Mrs. Oscar Land, Westminster, S. C. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 30.)



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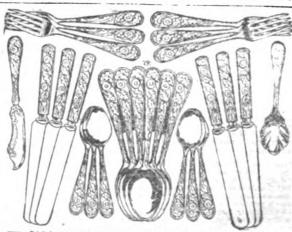
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We have in the past made many offers of table ware, but this is the first time we have ever been able to offer a complete set of 26 Pieces in return for such a small club of subscriptions. And please don't think that because we are giving away this set on such liberal terms that it is plated on a brass base and consequently will change color and have that "brassy" look just as soon as the plating wears off. This Set which we offer you here is plated on a white metal base therefore each and every piece is the same color all the way through and will not show signs of wear, even after years of constant use. As shown in the above illustration there are 26 pieces in this set—6 Knives. 6 Forks, 6 Teaspoons, 6 Tablespoons, 8 ugar Shell and Butter Knife. Each piece is full regulation size for family use, the handles are handsomely embossed and decorated with the beautiful Daisy designs which is now



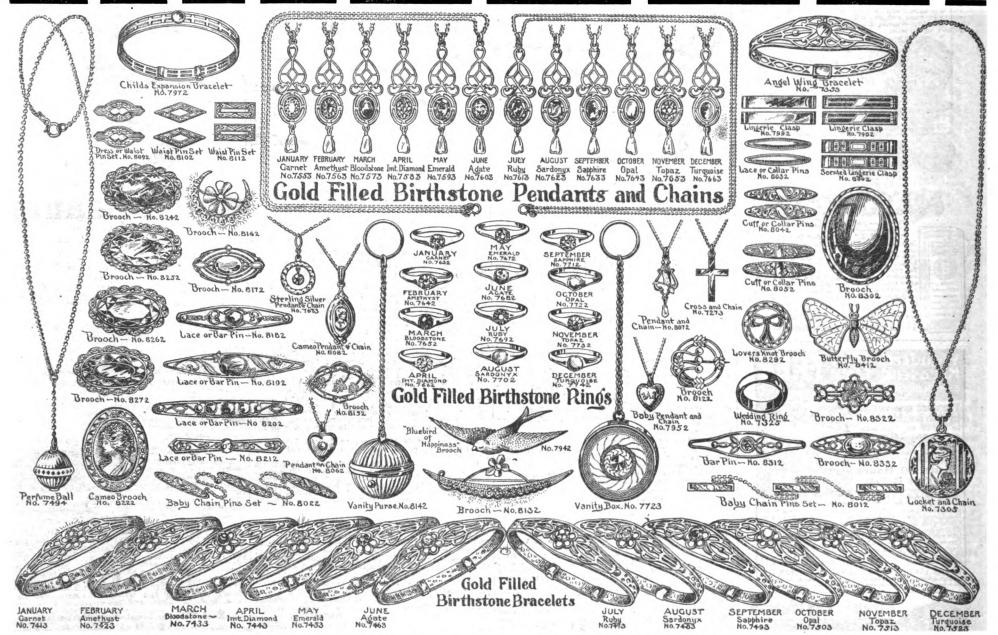
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It is only because we buy this set in large quantities direct from the factory that we are able to secure it at a price that enables us to offer it as a premium for so few subscriptions: It is by far the greatest value we have ever offered, in fact we are so sure that it will please and satisfy all who accept this offer we are going to guarantee every Set sent out for a period of five years. We will send this beautiful 26-Piece Dalsy Set exactly as illustrated and described controlled. and satisfy all who accept this offer we are going to guarantee every Set sent out for a period of five years. We will send this beautiful 26-l'iece Daisy Set exactly as illustrated and described to any address upon the terms of the following special

Club Offer. For a club of ten one-fear subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each, we will send you this 26-Piece Daisy Table Set Free by Parcel Pest prepaid. Premium No. 73010.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Now You Can Own Lovely Jewelry Without Buying It!



Beautiful Gifts In Gold And Sterling Silver! We Will Send You Your Choice Free And Prepaid In Return For A Few Subscriptions To COMFORT!

Perfume Ball. Premium No. 7494. Girls—this is the greatest jewelry novelty of the season. To be seen wearing one of these new perfume balls suggests sweetness and refinement. Chain is sterling silver, the ball has a sterling silver band and comes in blue, pink, green and lavender. To scent the ball you simply let a few drops of your favorite perfume fall on the absorbent cotton within. The delicate fragrance then escapes through the tiny openings. CLUB OFFER: We will send you one of these handsome Perfume Balls free and prepaid for four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Be sure to mention color wanted.

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Child's Expansion Bracelet. Premium No. 7972. This is a handsome and popular style bracelet for the little folks. It is gold-filled, set with a genuine chip diamond, and is adjustable so that it will fit the tiny wrist perfectly. We

guarantee it for five years.

CLUB OFFER: We will send you this beautiful child's bracelet free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each.

Dress or Waist Pin Sets, Premiums No. 8092, 8102, 8112. Ladies—here are three new handsome, designs in these extremely useful pin sets. They are genuine gold-filled, bright finish, beautifully engraved and come two pins to the set. Will wear for years and we guarantee them. Take your choice free on the terms of the following special CLUB OFFER: We will send you your choice of any one of these genuine gold-filled pin sets free and prevaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please order by number.

Brooches, Premium Nos. 8242, 8252, 8262, 8272. The handsomest brooches worn this season, 11-2 The handsomest brooches worn this season, 11-2 inches long, set with large magnificent colored stones beautifully set off with a twisted gold border inlaid with tiny lustrous French pearls. No. 8242 is a garnet, No. 8252 a sapphire, No. 8262 an amethyst, No. 8272 a topaz. You can have your choice of colors. CLUB OFFER: We will send you any one of these handsome and stylish brooches free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please order by number.

Cameo Brooch. Premium No. 8222. The ever oppular cameo head, beautifully cut, of a handsome hade of pink changing to a lighter shade on the head. This handsome brooch is in a genuine gold-The ever head. This handsome brooch is in a genuine gold-filled setting with an extra strong safety clasp on back. It is just the right size—one inch wide and one and one-half inches long. CLUB OFFER; We will send you this beautiful camee head brooch free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each.

Brooches. Premium Nos. 8172, 8152 and 8162. Three of the season's latest styles and shapes, genuine gold-filled, not too large, very refined ar dainty, suitable for all ages. No. 8172 is set with dainty, suitable for all ages. No. 8172 is set with a large handsome imitation emerald, and two small French pearls. No. 8152 is a very artistic design set with two flashing solitaires. No. 8162 is in the shape of a crescent set with thirteen flashing white solitaires and one French pearl. You could not find three prettier designs anywhere. You can have your choice of any one of them.

CLUB OFFER; We will send you any one of these three stylish brooch pins free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please order by number.

Please order by number.

Lace, Veil or Bar Pins, Premium Nos. 8182, 8192, 8202. 8212. Every woman and girl has use for

these handsome lace or bar pins—three or four of them are not too many to have at one time. Here are four of the prettiest designs you ever saw. No. 8182 is two inches long set with one large and two small pink jade stones. No. 8192 is two and a quarter inches long set with a large green jade stone and two brilliant solitaires. No. 8202 is two and one-half inches long set with three green jade stones and four French pearls. No. 8212 is two inches long, set with a bandsome came ohead, and two French pearls. All are gold-filled and warranted for five years.

CLUB OFFER: We will send you your choice of any one of these handsome bar pins free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please order by number.

Pendant and Chain. Premium No. 8062. Gold-filled.

Pendant and Chain, Premium No. 8062. Gold-filled, cable link chain and small heart-shaped pendant set with a small French pearl—very handsome and always a popular style for young girls and children. This makes a beautiful present for "mother's girl" and one that she will always cherish.

CLUB OFFER: We will send you this fine gold-filled pendant and chain free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each.

Baby Chain Pin Sets, Premium Nos. 8022, 8012. Three dainty pins attached by a gold-filled unbreakable chain. The fronts of these pins are gold-filled and handsomely engraved. Each set is guar-

anteed for two years.

CLUB OFFER: We will send you either one of these baby chain pin sets free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please order by number.

Vanity Purse, Premium No. 8142. One of the Vanity Purse, Premium No. 8142. One of the latest novelties, and very popular in the cities. Our illustration shows the purse closed. It opens in the middle, the two halves being joined with a hinge, and inside is a space for nickels and pennies. It is carried in the palm of the hand with the little finger slipped through the ring at the end of the chain which is four inches long. Very light and dainty and right in style. Comes in four different colors—gilt, yellow, pink and blue.

CLUB OFFER: We will send you one of these new popular coin purses free and prepaid for two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please order by number.

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Birthstone Pendant and Chain. The most stylish and beautiful of all neck ornaments. 15-inch gold-filled chain with a gold-filled pendant set with your own birthstone and attached to the pendant is a handsome imitation baroque pearl. The stones are a solitaire and are the most perfect and beautiful imitation real gems we have ever seen. Following is a list of the twelve different stones and the month represented by each: No. 7553, January, Garnet. No. 7563. February, Amethyst. No. 7573, March, Aquamarine. No. 7583, April, Diamond. No. 7593, May, Emerald. No. 7603, June, Pearl. No. 7613, July, Ruby. No. 7623, August, Peridot. No. 7633, September, Sapphire. No. 7643, October, Opal. No. 7653, November. Topaz. No. 7663, December, Turquoise.

CLUB OFFER: We will send you a birthstone pendant and chain free and prepaid for three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each. Please be sure to order by number and mention birthstone Wanted.

Birthstone Rings. The most popular of all ladies'

Birthstone Rings. The most popular of all ladies' and girls' rings and it is considered extremely lucky to wear one. Each ring is guaranteed 12-Karat gold-filled and is warranted for five years. The setting is the ever popular "Tiffany" style. As a Christmas, Birthday or all-the-year-round gift for wife, mother, sweetheart or sister, nothing could be more appropriate and acceptable than one of

these rings set with the birthstone of the person to whom it is given. The stones in these rings are the same as those in the Birthstone Pendant described above.

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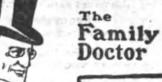
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J. M., Seven Mile, Ohio.—You undoubtedly have some adhesions following your operations, and this would account for the trouble in the left side. Besides you will undoubtedly have an early change of life, and this will clear up, if not cure you of many of your nervous and painful sensations. Would not advise further operative interference.

C. B. S., Guin, Ala.—There is no cure for loss of the sense of smell. If you have a diseased middle turbinate bone, have it removed, and have any other operative procedure that will remove the original cause of your loss of smell. In a few cases, with a pro-longed treatment combined with the removal of any of-fending tissue, there has been a partial recovery of the sense of smell, but these cases are very rare.

Mrs. M. L., Carl, West Virginia.—The swelling of the knees is probably due to an inflammation of the knee joint known as synovitis, and is more or less dangerous as to function, if not properly treated and cared for. The knees should be bandaged during the daytime with an elastic bandage or socalled rubber kneecap. At night an ointment of twenty per cent lehthyol applied would be beneficial. Fly blisters under the direction of the doctor only, are very useful, and will cure the condition in many cases.

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J. J., Hutton Valley, Mo.—You undoubtedly have neuritis, that may be of malarial origin. Try large doses of quinine sulphate, ten grains, three or four times a day for four or five days. You should have all of your teeth that have cavities cared for, and the wisdom tooth extracted at once. This may be the exciting cause and the malaria the actual cause of your pains wherever located, especially in the regions indicated.

"Anxlous," Stuart, Okla.—Varicose veins are dilated veins, due to dilitation from obstruction to the return circulation. Pregnancy is one of the causes and will as an obstruction of the portal circulation cause diseased or congested liver. When the support of the veins is so poor as to weaken the coats of the veins from lack of support, they break through, and the result is varicose ulcer, and a generally inflamed and swollen leg. The cure is either an operation or the usual support of an elastic stocking or bandage. The bandage or stocking should be applied in the morning and removed at night on retiring, as the recumbent position removes the pressure and the support is unnecessary. There is no book that we can recommend on this subject. Consult your family physician, for further advice.

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Puzzled, Michigan.—Your trouble is probably muscular rheumatism. You have undoubtedly been working and afterwards have sat in a draft while warm and sweating. If you would iron your back with a hot flatiron, having previously placed a hot wet flannel under the iron thick enough to prevent burning, we feel sure you would be benefited, if not cured. Your brother's bleeding from the nose is due to some nasal trouble, and he should consult a specialist about it. Probably a small operation would result in a permanent cure. May be the simple cauterizing of a small vein would be all that would be required. This is true in the majority of cases of this kind.

M. M. Magnen, Ind.—You may have some local

M. M., Manon, Ind.—You may have some local trouble causing the nervousness, due to child bearing which needs local remedies and maybe a small operation. You are in no danger of paralysis, but you should be examined by a specialist in women's diseases and get at the true condition. Also consult an oculist and have any eye condition corrected.

J. F., Rib Sak, Wis.—The roughness of the skin after shaving, can be relieved by the use of a good cold cream, which is sold at any druggist's. Or a sulphur lotion, known as lotio alba, used once or twice a week night be useful. You should be careful to use some good shaving soap or cream, numbers of which are on the market.

"Lassie," Madrid, Nebr.—Don't worry over being called "skinny" if you feel well, eat well, sleep well and as a rule are in a good state of health. Load the "simple life." Keep away from candy, pastry and live on a sensible diet, and in time you will be as well as you wish. There is no "flesh-builder" worth the name.

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B. W. Andelseis, Als.—Vour purples are undoubt.

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R. W., Andalusia, Ala.—Your pimples are undoubtedly due to some form of indigestion. Your bowels should be regulated and you should use some form of an antacid such as milk of magnesia or bicarbonate of soda, a half teaspoonful of the latter dissolved in hot water. You should of course refrain from eating sweets or pastry of any kind. If you are constipated some form of mineral oil in tablespoonful doses is indicated, or you can use bran mixed with your cereal, there are many kinds of bran to be had at any grocers, with directions for use, as well as bran cookies. A good local remedy is Lassar's paste, but this must be used only on the advice of a physician. The creeking of your neck is undoubtedly muscular. Cold doughing of the spine and the application of vase.

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Mrs. T. J., Iowa.—From your symptoms, you may have an ulcer of the stomach which should have immediate medical and perhaps surgical attention. Constant vomiting with more or less pain, and loss of weight, must mean something radically wrong. Sometimes this condition is due to eye strain. In either case you should consult a competent physician at once. Would advise looking in to the eye condition first. Consult a good oculist, not an optician, and ascertain whether or not you have eye strain due to the need of glasses.

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disease of the liver. From what you write, they cannot be true moles. Have your general condition looked into and consult us further.

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Mrs. F. D., Wilmot, Wis.—Your husband's trouble is undoubtedly due to some error in diet. Would suggest that he daink plenty of water, confine his diet to milk and rice for two or more weeks and bathe daily in hot water to which has been added some bicarbonate of soda. If there is constipation, have him take a good saline cathartic, such as Rochelle Salts.

"Uncle William," Sherwood, La.—Your condition is commonly known as "hives." It is usually due to some indiscretion in diet. Certain substances such as fish, crabs, lobsters, cheese, sausage, buckwheat, pork, etc., in susceptible individuals bring on an attack. Also certain liver conditions. Use a plain diet, free from such foods as indicated, drink plenty of water and no doubt your trouble will be cured.

P. G., Jacksboro, Texas.—From your symptoms, you

water and no doubt your trouble will be cured.

P. G., Jacksboro, Texas.—From your symptoms, you seem to have some valvular heart trouble. Possibly a change of climate would be beneficial. Too much of soda is injurious, and would advise you to give it up for the present. You should find out what diet is suitable for your stomach, and adhere to this, also consult a good heart doctor and have a careful examination. May be in this connection, the taking of your blood pressure would help in the getting at the true condition of your circulatory apparatus.

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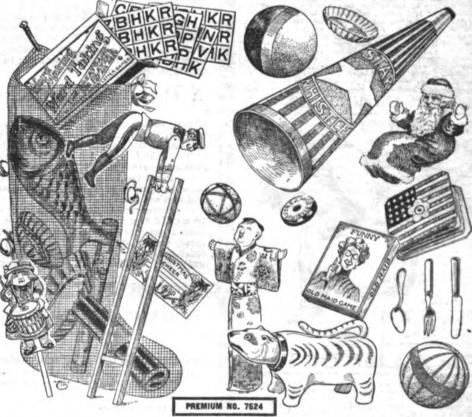


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Full names and addresses must be signed by all persons seeking advice in this column but not for publication. Unless other wise requested, initials only will be published.

W. D., Jeddo, Ala.—We think that in the absence of anything in writing to indicate your right to the real estate left by your grandfather, it would be very difficult for you to legally establish such a claim. We think that if your motier dies without a will, you would be entitled to a child's part by inheritance from her estate. We think, however, she has a legal right to disinherit you by will if she so elects.

A. P., Paris, Ky.—Under the laws of your state, we think that the parents are entitled to the custody of their minor children and we do not think that you would have any legal right to leave home and go to another state if they forbid your doing so.

E. M. P., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we

E. M. P., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that where divorces are declared, the court exercises very general jurisdiction over the property and children, but cannot compel divestiture of title to real estate. We do not think that either the husband or wife's interest in mortgaged community property attaches to more than the equity in such property.

A. L., Indiana.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that the transfer of property, for the purpose of avoiding the payment of a just debt, could be set aside in the proper action brought for that purpose, provided the evidence fully substantiated the fact that the transfer was made for the purpose of avoiding the payment of the debt.

E. G., Alabama.—We do not think you have any legal right to use an assumed name.

W. S. Tongessee —Under the laws of your state.

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W. S. S., Tennessee.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving no child or descendant the widow would receive all the personal property absolutely, after the payment of debts and expenses, and in addition to her homestead rights in his real estate, would receive dower of a one third interest for life, the balance going to his parents, brothers and sisters and their descendants, depending upon who is left, and the manner in which the property was acquired, but if the intestate leaves no heirs at law capable of inheriting the real estate, it all goes to the widow in fee-simple.

V. S. B., Idaho.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a female can marry without the consent of the parents at eighteen years of age.

X. Y. Z., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your

X. Y. Z., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a married man can be compelled to support his wife unless she abandons him without good reason, and that he can also be compelled to support his children of tender years who are unable to support themselves.

L. V. S., Maine.—We think it is a wise precaution to have official documents signed by a witness. (2) We think you should keep your tax and other receipts.

Mrs. L. J. K., Temple, Okla.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the courts would have power to decree or enter a judgment or order of legal adoption upon the consent of the grandparents of the child or children in case no hearer relative of said children is living or can be located.

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Miss H. M., Harrisburg, Ark.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that in the absence of a will, a stepchild has no interest in the estate of the stepfather, except, of course, such as may reach him through his mother's interest in the stepfather's estate. In case the mother survives the stepfather, she, of course, being entitled to her share in her husband's estate, and her child, of course, would be entitled to an interest in her estate in case he is not barred by her will.

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D. Q. T., Haymond, Tex.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that five years' peaceable possession of real estate, cultivating, using, and enjoying the same, paying tax thereon, and claiming under deed duly registered, and which is neither forged nor executed under a forged power of attorney, gives full title, and that ten years' like peaceable possession, cultivation, and enjoyment, without evidence of title, gives to the possessor full title to one hundred and sixty acres, and to all beyond which he has in actual possession. We think, however, that you should be careful not to write anything which might be construed as an admission on your part that you have not enjoyed ten years' peaceable possession of the land you mention if you desire to hold same under a possessory



title. We think that the real estate man you mention as stating that you would have to make an affidavit to this effect must refer to the fact that in case your title is attacked in the courts, it would be necessary for you to defend such action by a verified answer or reply and by the proper evidence. We think it might be more economical if you could procure a quit-claim deed at small cost from the proper persons to this property than it would be to defend a hard fought action in court to defend your title in case, of course, any action is brought against you to evict or eject you from the property.

S. A. S. North Carolina — Under the laws of your

S. A. S., North Carolina.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that children may be disinherited by will. (2) That the woman, who received the real property under the will of her aunt, could sell or dispose of the same without the consent of her children, provided the will was drawn so that she received the property absolutely.

A. F., Illinois.—Under the laws of Michigan, we are of the opinion, that, if the deed of the property you mention, was made to your father and mother, as tenants by the entirety, as your letter indicates, the whole property, upon the death of your father, became the sole property of your mother, and she could dispose of same without your consent.

G. C.; Illinois.—In order to make the judgment recovered against your debtor in Illinois, a lien upon land owned by him in Mississippi we think you should bring suit on the judgment in that state and have your judgment against him recorded as a judgment of the courts of that state.

Mrs. R. C., Virginia.—If the executor of the estate, in which you have an interest, fails to account and pay you your share, after the period allowed by law for the administration of the estate, we think you should proceed against him in the proper court, and compel him to pay you the amount of your interest in the estate. in the estate.

New Blood for Gas Victims.—Cook County Hospital authorities, Chicago, resorted to blood transfusion to save the life of a man overcome by gas. The operation is the first of its kind in America and followed the ideas of Dr. William H. Burnmester, Coroner's physician, who recently outlined a method of blood transfusion for the resuscitation of victims of gas. Without the operation, the man would have died within an hour.

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Lennie McAlister, Swaty, Ark., would like Decemer, 1916, issue of COMFORT.

I would like to hear from Comfort sisters living in Alberta, Canada. Mrs. F. O. Vaughn, Cortez, Colo. Mrs. Ida Davis, Asheville, R. R. 1, N. C., would like literature and letters relating to the Holy Land.

Miss B. Gilliam, Comanche, Okla., would like September 1915, 3rd and 11th issues of "All-Story Week-ly," also any other reading matter. Will pass same along to others.

Helen Shultz, Buffalo, 48 Rother Ave., N. Y., would ke to hear from someone who knows about the erde Grand Copper Co., of Arizona; also the Ruby ountain Gold and Silver Mining Co.

To hear from anyone troubled with indigestion with gas settling under arm down left side, and what they did to obtain relief. Will return all stamps.

MRS. R. S. DUNMORE, Philadelphia, 8416 Germantown, Ave., Pa.

Poem containing the lines:

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News of Charlie Ballard, age 26, red hair, and thick set. Left Amarilla, Texas, last April for Colorado. Please write to his sister. Willia Coley, Bowling Green, R. R. 5, Ky.



Four Wheel Chairs in October 436 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

I am sorry to see the October chairs number one less than the September list. It is getting into the fall and it should have bettered September's record. Let us all boost next month so to make our November award a cause of thanksgiving to a larger number

The four October wheel chairs go to the following shut-ins. The figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends in their behalf.

May Belle McGraw, Sparta, La., 186; Jane Terry, Timpson. Texas, 169; Mrs. W. T. McBride, R. 2, Kite, Ga., 130; Selbern Gardner, R. 3, Kemp, Texas, 130

Little May McGraw, though 16 years of age, is no larger than a seven-year-old child. She is very emaciated and weak; has been crippled from birth and suffers from severe curvature of the spine. Her good neighbor and friend, Polly Spinks, who helped largely in getting the subscriptions for May, writes a pitiful description of the poor girl's condition and need of a wheel chair.

Miss Jane Terry, age 78, is crippled by rheumatism and suffers also from liver trouble.

Mrs. W. T. McBride, age 55, crippled sixteen years by paralysis of entire left side which renders her left arm and leg entirely helpless. She describes her condition as very deplorable.

Jim Gardner, age 13, received an injury to his leg on a plow two years ago and tuberculosis settled there. His thigh bone is affected and he has a swollen stiff knee joint. He is a great sufferer and much in need of a wheel chair.

You will be interested in the letters of thanks and the Roll of Honor printed below.

> Sincerely yours, W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 25 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled. I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the treight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has trienda to help him get subscribers can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

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Truly yours.

MRS. J. W. Sifford.

COMFORT Wheel Chair Much Nicer Than They Expected

BELLCROSS, N. C.

Bellcross, N. C.

The wheel chair for my brother, Paul Forbes, arrived in excellent condition and freight charges all prepaid. We are very grateful to you for it. It is much nicer than we had expected. My brother was more than pleased with it. He sits in it all the time when not sleeping, and rolls himself around where he wants to go. He is to have his picture taken soon and will send you one. Wishing you and COMPORT the success which your good works deserve, I remain, Gratefully yours, Mrs. L. A. WILLIAMS.

His Life Brightened by His COMFORT Wheel Chair

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Respectfully, Walter Campbell.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

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Sounded Dangerous

In a certain village in Ireland there is a house the door of which must be raised a little to be opened, and for this purpose the hatchet is generally used. One night a knock was heard at the door and a boy was sent to know who was there.

"Who's there?" asked the youngster. "It's me," answered the person outside.

side.

The youngster, knowing the voice, shouted back in such a tone that the person outside could hear him.

"Oh, mother, it's Mrs. Murphy; get the batchet." Needless to say, Mrs. Murphy didn't wait.

A Good Player

"Thump-rattlety-bang!" went the "What are you trying to play, Jane?" called out her father from the next

"it's an exercise from my new in-struction book, 'First Steps in Music,' " she answered. she answered.
"Well, I knew you were playing with
your feet," he said, grimly, "but don't your reet," he said, grimly, "but don't step so heavily on the keys—it disturbs my thoughts."

A Good Tip A Chicago physician relates that his active nine-year-old boy was kept in school and the teacher had a serious

talk with him. Finally she said: "I certainly think I shall have to ask your Father to come and see ne."
"Don't you do it." said the boy.
The teacher thought she had made an impression. "Yes," she repeated, "I must send for your Father."
"You better not," said the boy.
"Why not?" inquired the teacher.
"'Cause he charges #4 a visit."

The Cause of it All It was hard lines on old MacTammart, the laird of Tillifidley. He was keen to be out and about his business, and here he was laid up with a bad attack of gout. The local doctor came, and, of course, began to examine the old man's foot. And the old man used bad language and wound up with an angry:



"Why don't ye strike at the root of the matter and get me better?"
Without a word the doctor picked up his walking stick and shattered a decanter of port wine, which stood on the

With a yelp of wrath and a grunt of pain, MacTammart sprang to his feet.
"Whit did ye dae that fur?" he demanded fercely.

"Och," replied the doctor, a blunt old chap, "I wis list striking at the root."—
London Ansicer.

Speaking of Appetites

A huge eating competition had been held by some brawny sons of toil in a country town in Yorkshire, and one of the competitors had succeeded in disposing of a large mutton, a plentiful supply of vegetables, and a plum-pudding, the whole washed down with copious draughts of ale.

He was unanimously declared the winner and was being triumphantly escorted home when he turned to his admirers and said:

"Ah, say lads, don't thee say nowt of this to my ole woman, or she won't gio me no dinner!"—Tit-Bits.

Doubly Criminal

Mr. Grimes (with great indignation)—
"I've finished with that fellow Skinner, absolutely finished with him. He's a bad one. He has a lying tongue in his "head."

"head."
Mrs. Grimes (sympathetically)—Dear me! And only yesterday his wife told me that he had false teeth."—Louisville Herald.

Servant—"I can't get this 'ere taillight to burn, sir."
Country Doctor—"Oh, never mind!
We're only going home, and I've got the constable safe in bed with lumbago."—
Punch.

Fine Subject Madge-"When you took the long walk ith Dolly how did you find so much to talk about?' talk about?" Marjorie—"We happened to pass a girl we both knew."—Judge.

Didn't Take the Hint Cleo-"Yes, I told him that he had a terrible reputation for kissing girls against their will."

Amy-"And what did he do?"
Cleo-"He sat there like a booby and denied it!"

Must Be Why

Dolly (age 8)—"Why does the clock start all over again when it gets to 12, Bobby?" Bobby—"Because 18 is an unlucky number, I suppose."

Rest Needed

The pretty restaurant cashier had applied for a holiday.
"I must recuperate," she said.
"My beauty it beginning to fade."
"That so?" said the proprietor.
"What makes you think so?" think so?"
"The men are be-

ginning to count their change."

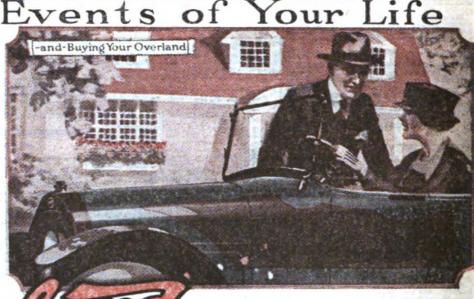
She got her holiday.—N. Y. Times.

Edith—"Haven't you and Jack been sagaged long snough to get married?" Ethel—"Too long! He hasn't get a cent left."—Boston Trensoripi.









Like the other great events of life, buying the family car is very much the concern of the wife and mother.

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Write Your Soldier Boy Good, Homy Letters and Write Often-Send Him Papers and Magazines too

NOMMANDING officers at the camps of our national army report that the most eager craving of the soldiers is for letters from home, and the farther away the stronger the yearning for tidings from kindred and friends. It is keenest of all with the soldiers and sailors of our expeditionary forces abroad who cheerfully accept any hardship incident to the service except disappointment by delay of the mails.

The first contingent of our troops to engage the Germans gave a touching manifestation of this feeling when, after their initial turn at fighting in the trenches, they were sent to the rear, as usual, for a period of rest and recreation. Though weary, grimy, plastered with trench mud and wet by marching in the rain they were in excellent spirits, nevertheless, on reaching the village where they had been billeted and their mail was supposed to be waiting them. Every heart was jubilant in expectation of the hoped-for letters from home. But their mail had not come and there was a noticeable sense of depression in their disappointment. When asked how they had fared one of them replied, "We have nothing to complain of except the delay of our mail."

To any woman having a son in the service mother love is sufficient urge for her to write him often. Though paternal affection is strong, men, as a rule, are not given to letter writing and make a poor fist of it at best. Besides, to a man temporarily deprived of association with the gentle sex nothing is so cheering to his heart, so steadying to his character and helpful of the assertion of his better nature under the trials and temptations of soldier life as frequent letters from a good woman who is sincerely interested in his welfare and proud of his good name. Therefore, writing letters to our soldiers is a duty of no small importance that rests on the women of America.

Because of the Government's preference for young, unmarried men the soldier probably has ne wife to write him. Maybe he has no mother living, but, if he has, the performance of this duty should not be left entirely to her but should be shared by all his female kindred and any lady friends with whom he has been in the habit of corresponding. Let them all write him good, long, cheery, racy letters, and often too. But right here we would draw the line on girls writing to strangers whether soldiers or civilians.

Our Cousin Marion in her "Talks with Girls" has repeatedly cautioned them against indiscriminate correspondence with men, especially with men they have never met or are but slightly acquainted with. That advice accords with the maiversal standard of propriety and there is no apparent reason for any deviation from it even under stress of present war conditions. Therefore we disapprove of the suggestion, now going the rounds, that every girl adopt a soldier as a correspondent regardless of having no personal acquaintance in the army. The well-being of our soldiers does not require such sacrifice of propriety, for it is hardly imaginable that any normal young man fit for a girl to correspond with could be destitute of female relatives and friends, not to mention sweetheart, willing to write him. A girl should take her mother's advice in choosing her correspondents and remember that there must be something wrong in any letter she is unwilling to show her mother.

Russia Down and Out

N the nine months since the Czar was dethroned great and once mighty Russia has descended swiftly from bad to worse and now lies prostrate and helpless, the victim of avarice and treason instigated and promoted by German intrigue. A large section of her territory lopped off by the invading enemy while other provinces are seceding or in revolt, her army and navy mutinous, her industries paralyzed and her people everywhere divided into factions arrayed against each other in partizan strife, the last vestige of respectable, responsible authority vanished when, on November eighth, the worst elements of the Pétrograd populace, led by traitors and supported by the soldiers of the garrison and the crews of the war-ships, arrested all the government officials in the capital and proclaimed themselves the rulers of Russia. A pitifully heroic incident of the revolt was the splendid gallantry of the "Woman's Battalion of Death" which fought loyally in defense of the lawful government until overpowered by the shell fire from the fort and ships.

Neither our Government nor that of any of our allies has recognized this insurgent rabble as the government of Russia, nor are they likely to hold intercourse with the usurpers. As the head of the insurgent government immediately after getting control proclaimed a three months truce for the purpose of negotiating a separate peace with Germany, our Government undoubtedly will stop the further shipment of supplies to Russia.

It is expected that the better element of the Russian people will not submit to these tyrants without a determined effort to overthrow them. But that involves civil war which means that Russia is practically out of the world war as she has been during the last four months. If, however, the insurgents remain masters of the situation Russia's policy will be dictated by the Kaiser whose interests these traitors are serving.

Crucifying the Magazines

O serve humanity by being a faithful and fearless purveyor of truth always has been and still is a thankless and often a perilous task. History records that many of the most ardent propagandists of truth have suffered all manner of persecution, including martyrdom, for their zeal. Twentieth century susceptibility, even in Germany, would hardly tolerate burning at the stake and other old-time bloody ways of dealing with persistent exponents of unwelcome facts, but more refined and equally effective modern methods of suppression are in vogue in our own country at the present time.

By their relentless exposure of graft, corrupt politics and neglect or abuse wherever found in the administration of public affairs certain influential magazines have incurred the deadly hatred of those interests and persons that object to having their deeds uncovered and their designs unmasked before the public. To hamper the activities, cut down the circulation and diminish so far as possible the influence of the magazines has been the ill-disguised purpose of certain interests in their repeated efforts to procure legislation hostile to this class of publications.

All such attempts failed until, under pretext of providing war revenue, the present Congress raised the second-class postage rate and graded it on a zone basis. Doubtless most of the members who voted for this measure did so inconsiderately in the hurry, excitement and confusion of the special war session and were innocent of any intent to crucify the magazines. But there were some that knew better and were not displeased with the prospective punishment of the magazines.

The first intimation we ever had of any move to put second-class postage on a zone rate basis was gleaned from a circular letter, dated May 17, 1916, issued by an organization with a high sounding name. The sponsor for this scheme shamelessly urged as one of its chief recommendations the injurious effect that zone rates would have on the magazines. The purport of the appeal was-though not in these precise wordscrucify the magazines.

At the following session of Congress, last December, a bill embodying this proposition was introduced but defeated, greatly to the chagrin of its promoters. Then came the special session at which they succeeded in forcing it through as a part of the war revenue bill. The utter sham of the pretense that it was designed as a war revenue measure appears from the fact that it does not become operative until next July and then only in part, as the rates increase each succeeding July until 1921 when the full maximum will be reached. Furthermore, the prescribed rates are so oppressively high as to be likely to prove prohibitive in the larger zones and result in diminishing rather than increasing the revenue, while the extra labor of classifying, sorting and weighing by zones with a second sorting by mail routes will add materially to the Government's as well as the publisher's expense of handling. It is unjust thus to single out the magazine publishers as a class for double taxation, for besides this they will be taxed the same as others on their incomes and profits, if they have any.

As explained in last month's editorial, the maximum postage rates would wipe out our profits many times over and we shall therefore be obliged to pass this added expense on to our subscribers by raising our subscription price. How to apportion this increase among subscribers is a difficult problem, though it appears to be assumed that the subscription price will have to vary according to zones, as it seems hardly fair to make the nearer subscribers share the greater cost of sending to the most distant ones. But remember that Congress and not the publishers is responsible for this local discrimination against those who dwell in the far rural sections. Decrease of sales is the natural result of higher prices, and it will be regrettable as detrimental to the national welfare if the zone rates of second-class postage curtail the dissemination of knowledge through the restriction of magazine circulation.

That there is no necesity for raising the postage rate on magazines is proved by the recently published report of the Postmaster General which shows that the Government made a net profit of nine million dollars on the business of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1917. The Government should not engage in business for profit, but only for the benefit of the people by serving them at lowest cost.

The Senate at first rejected the zone rate proposition but finally yielded with the understanding that the question would be reopened for further consideration at the present session of Congress. So there is a chance that this menace may be removed before it begins to work mischief. Of course the movement for repeal will be strenuously contested by the interests that secured the adoption of this abomination, but in a matter of this kind members of Congress are likely to be influenced, as they should be, by public opinion expressed in letters and petitions from the people. Therefore it behooves everybody to get after his or her congressman on this matter of common

We print a petition in due form on page 12. If you believe in equal rights and privileges for all under the postal laws; if you are opposed to unjust local discrimination; if you favor making the second-class postage rate, hereafter as heretofore, one and the same, level and uniform throughout the Union, cut out the petition, sign it, get others to sign it, and then mail it to your congress man at Washington where it will find him attending the present session of Congress.

Washington a Dry City

THE law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor in the District of Columbia went into operation on the first day of November and it is hoped that a marked improvement in the moral atmosphere of the national capital will result. Congress is to be commended for having set this good example before the country, and its action may well be regarded as the forerunner of nation-wide prohibition.

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IN @ AROUND The HOME

New Ideas for Home-Made Gifts

OW that the rush and bustle of getting the Christmas packages off to the boys is over, we can turn our thoughts to the other members of the home circle.

Between now and Christmas I know every

woman will be as busy as a bee planning and working, for one of the most satisfying things about this most important of holidays is the

making and giving of pretty and useful gifts to our loved ones.

I hope many of you who have to accomplish considerable with a small outlay will find this month's page of practical value and help.

An Attractive Hatpin Holder

A couple of yards of ribbon and a little originality resulted in this ornamental as well as useful little affair for one's bureau. To be

exact two yards three-inch satin ribbon, three yards of No. 3 ribbon No. 3 ribbon and one small wine glass will

be necessary.
Use enough
of the wide ribbon to cover the glass, join-ing neatly. Overcast top and bottom selvedges of the ribbon rather loosely then draw up closely to fit over glass.

Cut six pieces
of ribbon and
fold in points
and seam. Place these, over-lap-



ing each other HATPIN HOLDER.
around the top
of glass. Cut the remainder of the ribbon in three parts, measuring 12, 15 and 18 Inches respectively. Shirr each selvedge, place one piece of ribbon inside the other and sew to covering of glass. Sew points at base after which finish this point, base of glass and top of each row of ribbon with the narrow ribbon. To shirr this up as shown run diagonally from one selvedge to the other. If necessary fill the glass with sand, covering the top with a piece of net or mustle. muslin.

Marguerite Garters

Any girl who loves dainty personal belongings will surely welcome a

MARGUERITE GARTERS.

ty personal belonge a pair of ribbon
covered garters.
In planning such a
gift as this care
should be used in
choosing the color,
for most of us have a favorite shade and whether it be in the millinery, which is so essential and the key-note to one's dress, or to the alluring waists and ready-to-wear house frock or street costume, the color is sometimes selected without regard to its being be-coming, or to the taste of the wearer.

An ordinary pair of garters, covered with fulled ribbon or silk elastic may be used and made most attractive and

The rosettes are made of ribbon which comes in many colo French knots. colors; the centers are of yellow

By-low Pillow Doll

If every mother could see this dear little pillow doll, I feel sure every baby would have one for bedtime.

Our illustration cannot begin to show the sweetness of the little face which is painted with water colors and then outlined or the daintiness of the plain white dress and lace-

trimmed cap.

The doll, head and body all in one, is simply



War-Time Novelties

work the features of the head, filling in the sides by outlining with gold to represent dolly's curls.

The cap is simply a circular piece of lawn, edged with lace and having a lace beading stitched on, a little ways from the edge, through which is run a ribbon, which ties the is a straight piece, hemmed at the lower edge and the upper edge finished with lace edging, beading and rib-

finished with lace edg-ing, beading and ribbon.

War-time Novelties

shops are showing timely gifts designed especially to appeal to the patriotism of the children.

A few of these ideas we can illustrate here.

Any boy whether he be a scout or not will surely be delighted with a sofa pillow of his very own, made for real use. The design here shown worked on khaki or any tan material, is particularly good. Use shades of brown for the eagle, red, white and blue for the store of the common of the children and the common of the children as a sailor boy doll dressed as one of Uncle Sam's marines, one will need a little navy-blue flannel. Use this for the blouse and long wide bottom pants. Add a white sailor collar will complete the little surely be delighted with a sofa pillow of his very own, made for real use. The design here shown worked on khaki or any tan material, is particularly good. Use shades of brown for the eagle, red, white and blue for the common of the common of the children as a sailor boy doll dressed as one of Uncle Sam's marines, one will need a little navy-blue flannel. Use this for the blouse and long wide bottom pants. Add a white sailor collar will complete the little surely be delighted with a sofa pillow of his uniform for jackie. particularly good. Use shades of brown for the eagle, red, white and blue for the shield, and black for the rib-

bon and letters, Individual towels for boys who are just beginning to take an interest in their personal appearance, are sonal appearance, are also good, especially a generous bath towel. Outline on the end

some appropriate motto such as "A Scout Is Clean" and buttonhole the

> Red Cross Nurse

The new dolls, dressed as nurses, soldiers and sail-ors will surely de-light the heart of any little girl or boy. These cos-tumes which are so picturesque and attractive can as new redressed in these styles.

The nurse should Brush broom holder have a plain dress of blue and white striped gingham with white cuffs and collar, and a generous white

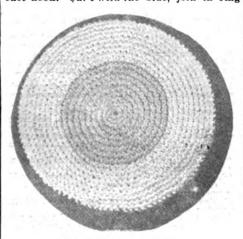
may be omitted, the dress made low neck and a handkerchief substituted instead.

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The head-dress is of white in shape the same as a handkerchief folded once. This fits smoothly about the head the ends falling on either side as shown. Decorate the front with a red cross and one also may be added to a white band, placed about the sleeve just above the elbow.

Patriotic Bean Bag

A simple little gift made up of the national colors is the crocheted bean bag illustrated below. For this use colored silkateen in red, white and blue with a suitable sized steel cro-chet hook. Ch. 4 with the blue, join in ring



Red, white and blue, Just for the little folks, They're patriotic, too.

PATRIOTIC BEAN BAG.

work round and round in single crochet through loops of each stitch, making an extra stitch here and there as necessary to keep the work flat. Make nine rounds of blue, join in white and make nine rounds. Then red and enlarge for three rounds then three more with-out increasing followed by three in which one

should decrease slightly.

Begin with blue again and follow with nine rows of white, fasten off and join to red by overcasting the two edges together, when nearly closed fill with beans, split peas or rice.

Boy Scout Doll

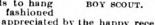
of kahki colored yarn.
These garments will be especially welcome if the Khaki suit does not come off as children al-

edges and hem-stitched ends. A washable hairreceiver requires a
square of white or
colored linen, with
three sides buttonholed in color to suit room scheme, and rolled up like a cornucopia either snapped or hooked inor hooked invisibly together, and a loop to hang
it up. Line with stiff
paper to keep in shape
and to give firmness.
A square or oblong

pincushion top of white linen may be embroidered and have buttonholed edge a crocheted medallion inserted in top and crocheted edge, and laced or tied to a plain bottom section over a be easily copied foundation of color, and even old dolls will almost pass and filled with rice in

rust.
Brush broom holder of two pieces laced to-gether, with front em-broidered in design or RED CROSS NURSE.

RED CROSS NU



Swagger Stick Bag

Our illustration shows one of the very latest ideas for knitting bags. If one has not a swagger stick, a light cane or a handle from a dis-carded umbrella



the top of the bag at the bottom of swagger stick the stick. Draw KNITTING BAG. the thread up closely and secure, then slip over this end a strong rubber

band. Turn the bag up and just above the rubber band, tie a ribbon and a silk cord as tightly as possible. Run cords top of the bag, running the same through a celluloid ring, large enough to slide up and down the stick. These bags besides being attractive are most practical, as they hold a vast amount of work, which can be carried very easily as one can use the stick for a cane in walking.

Pin Tree

This little novelty for the dressing-case can be made of a good-sized cork blackened with a couple of coats of shoe polish and then glue to the end of a blackened meat skewer.

For the base a tiny flower pot painted, decorated with ribbon and filled with bird shot can be used or a cardboard or small tin box completely covered with ribbon may be substituted. Fill the cork with pins with varied colored heads and the

pot with hairpins.

Little Gift Suggestions

A cardcase of fancy ribbon, white linen or material like the gown, with an initial or monogram is a useful choice.

BY-LOW DOLL.

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There is nothing new about these dolls, which this year look so different, but their clothes.

a small cotton filled pillow, which may be made any size desired, about one third as wide as it is long. On the top of the pillow-case is it is long. On the top of the pillow-case is it is long.

There is nothing new about these dolls, which this year look so different, but their clothes.

Any good old-fashioned kind of a doll such as children always have and always will love as long as there are children in the world, can be personal note to the gift.

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PIN TREE. 12-inch squares of sheer line; quarter by fourteen and a half inches will be stitched with a tiny crocheted edge or fine as children always have and always will love as long as there are children in the world, can be personal note to the gift.

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Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson

Candy Man for Christmas Trees

These cute little candy men, which take the place of the usual candy bags, delight the children. Large white peppermints painted with chocolate and



Brother Paper weights which do not slip from the papers are of leather, scraps from the shoemaker, or of ooze leather or old gloves, which can be dyed with

gasolene and oil paint in gay shades, and are filled with shot.

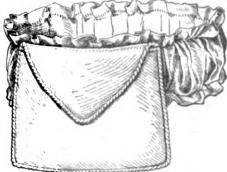
Case for fountain pens should be of two strips of leather, one long enough to fold over and fasten down with snap fastener, or one long strip folded over.

Pattern Bag

A cretonne bag for patterns is appreciated by the woman who makes her own and the chil-dren's clothes. Stitch two rows of pockets on a foundation and a blank card fastened on the outside of each pocket to be used for an index of contents of each pocket, shirt-waists, coats, skirts, one-piece gowns, underwear, blouses, shirts, etc.

Boodle Bag

Lots of girls have a way of tucking a few dollars away, feeling that they are more safe than in their purse. So I feel sure any girl who considers money on her own person safer than in a national bank, will welcome a dainty receptacle especially for this purpose. Make the little gift as daintily as possible by covering a garter with shirred satin ribbon and to this attach the envelope shaped bag. To make this one will need about seven inches of ribbon three inches wide. Fold in three parts turning back the sides of one end to form the flap of the envelope. the envelope.

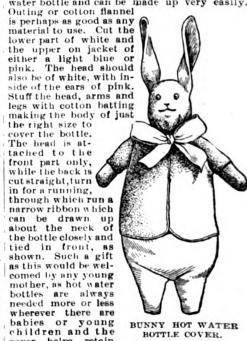


BOODLE BAG.

Seam up the bag neatly and turn inside out, then line with an inner bag of chamois. Finish all edges with a small silk cord. Place a small snap fastener at the point of the flap and one at either end of the inside of the bag. An edge of narrow full lace may be substituted for the cord, if one prefers.

Bunny Hot Water Bottle Cover

This cover is designed for use on a baby's water bottle and can be made up very easily. Outing or cotton flannel



cover helps retain the needed warmth and adds to baby's comfort.

Sewing Box

A very attractive and useful little gift may be made of small pieces of silk or figured cot-ton goods; lined with a plain tone will answer



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CHAPTER I.

THE VILLAGE WARD.

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T was a chill November day, the wind whistled a mournful dirke, the sea echoed its grief in a low, monotonous, sullen roar, and the somber clouds dropped their tears in sympathy, and cast long, pall-like shadows over the whole earth.

Along a low, sandy beach, where the incoming waves almost washed its wheels, there came apace, on this chill November day, an elegant coach, drawn by a noble span of bays.

Evidently the day's journey had been a long and tedious one, for the panting horses were flecked with foam, and now and then lagged as with weariness, while the driver appeared restless and anxious, and the footman was half asleep.

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At length a distant spire was seen rising among the trees so bare and brown, and soon after a little village appeared in view, its neat, white houses seeming like so many white doves brooding upon their nests.

A few minutes more and the imposing coach drew up before an ancient and rather uninviting looking structure, sheltered beneath the bare but protecting arms of a venerable elm tree, of no one could tell how many centuries' growth.

This was the village inn, in a low, rambling building, with its small, old-fashioned windows, its wide, hospitable doors, and its yawning fireplaces, telling that it belonged to a previous age, and had been fashioned according to antiquated modes of architecture.

With a deep-drawn sigh of relief, the footman sprang to the ground as the horses stopped, opened the coach door with a low bow, and a young, fine-looking man of about twenty alighted. He was followed by a stately dame of perhaps forty, who, judging from the points of resemblance between them, must have been his mother.

They were met at the door by a gaping, ill-looking man, who appeared to be the proprietor, and who preceded them into the receiving room, and stirred the dull fire into a more cheerful blaze, and toward which the lady advanced to warm her chilled hands and feet.

The young man lingered a moment to give some directions to the coachman, and then he, too, entered the dismal place.

At the foot of the stairs, in the hall, he descried, what his mother, in her weariness, had passed unnoticed by, a little maid upon her knees, with scrubbing brush, soap and water, hard at work upon the wide, old-fashioned oaken planks which led into the story above.

She had just reached the bottom as the stranger appeared. She arose, leaving her brush upon the floor, and stood with downcast eyes to let him pass, for the last stair came to the very door of the receiving room.

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Scarcely heeding her, and paying very little attention to his steps, the young man's toe suddenly came in contacts with the scrubbing brush with considerable force, and sent it flying with cruel speed against the bare and slender ankle of the girl.

A sudden spring to one side, and a quickly stifled cry of pain, made him turn instantly to see what mischief he had done.

He saw a fair young girl of perhaps thirteen summers, standing in a drooping attitude, a weary, pained look upon a face as delicate and beautiful as any he had ever seen in his life. Her broad, rather low forehead was surrounded by short, clustering, jetty curls, soft and fine as floss, straight, delicately penciled eyebrows, lying above white, drooping lids with long black curling lashes, cheeks smooth and fine as damask, with the dainty tint of a seashell's heart upon them, small ears like tinted pearls, a straight, small nose, and lips not too full, but of a most vivid scarlet.

Her arms, which were bare to the elbow, were of perfect mold, tabering down to the little hands.

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Her arms, which were bare to the elbow, were of perfect mold, tapering down to the little hands, which, although red and soiled from her disagreeable task, were models of symmetry and grace.

Instinctively his eyes dropped to the little bare feet, and he was startled to see upon one, a long, livid mark, where the offending brush had inflicted its cruel wound.

Infinitely surprised at beholding so much beauty in so lowly a place, and conscience-smitten at his own awkwardness, he spoke in gentle tones:

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"Little maiden, I pray your pardon. I was very careless, and you are hurt," and he glanced in compassion at the rapidly swelling foot.

"It is nothing, sir; I do not mind," she returned, patiently, yet he knew she was suffering from the line of pain between her eyebrows.

"I am very sorry," he added, then dropping a golden coin at her feet, he turned to follow the stately dame, his mother, within the receiving room.

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But quicker than he, the injured girl sprang before him, her eyes of blackest hue now raised unflinchingly to his, her fair, soft cheek all ablaze with some inward emotion suddenly stirred.

Her delicate crimson lips curled with something of scorn and wounded feeling, as pointing with one little finger to the shining gold lying upon the floor, she said, coldly, but in clear, rich

Sir, you have dropped something upon the

He looked at her in amaze.

But for her ragged and soiled dress, and her wretched surroundings, she might have been some haughty Lilliputian princess.

He saw that she resented his throwing her the money, and yet he felt he owed her some return for his carelessness.

"But I meant it for you, my poor child, as a sort of apology for my awkwardness," he answered, and a slight smile of amusement curled his handsome lips at her haughty air; it seemed natural to her, and yet in her poverty-stricken garb, so utterly out of place.

"Your kind and gracious words are very pleasant to me, sir," she replied, with a slight quiver of her sweet lips, as though she was unaccustomed to such sounds then she added, firmly: "But your gold I do not want."

More and more surprised, particularly at her correct language and mature bearing, the young man for a moment could do nothing but stare, as one fascinated, into the dusky upraised eyes, while he read there the evidence of a spirit as proud as his very own.

Who was she, this dainty piece of humanity, living in such a miserable place, doing such hard and unfitting labor, and looking more like some neglected little pauper than anything else?

The young man began to experience a feeling of embarrassment creeping over him at the position in which he found himself placed. The child still stood in his path, the little rosy finger still pointing at the shining coin upon the floor.

It was evident that she did not mean to touch it, while his own pride forbade him to stoop to pick it up after having once bestowed it upon her.

"If you do not care for the money," he said, gently, and with a sense of respect stealing over

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"If you do not care for the money," he said, gently, and with a sense of respect stealing over him, "will you not keep it as a little token of remembrance?"

"I do not need a token; I shall never forget you, nor that you have spoken kindly to me, while I live," she answered, with a quiver of passion in her voice, while there was a suspicious trembling of the heavily-fringed lids, a startling tear in the dark eyes, and the shining, proudly-lifted head drooped just a trifle.

Deeply touched by her words, he turned quickly away, and walked to the open door again.

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A steady rain was beginning to fall; the wind was rising, making wild, weird noises as it whistled through the bare brown branches of the huge elm tree, and among the loose clapboards of the shabby house.

There was something grand and mighty in the broad, deep waters, and taking off his hat and tessing back the heavy masses of chestmut hair from his high, white brow, the young stranger stood fascinated by the scene.

Suddenly he was conscious of a light step behind him, and in another instant the child sprang forward, dropped the piece of gold into his hat, then darting swiftly away, fell upon her knees again, and returned vigorously to her task.

Pretending to be still looking out upon the sea, he turned a little to one side and covertly watched her.

Every movement, even about the obnaxious task, was full of a light and airy grace that was as wonderful as it was out of place; and the young man, with rising indignation, felt as if he would like to seize the offending brush and cast it into the depths of the sea, rescue the poor little waif from her misery, and place her in a position befitting her refinement and beauty. The last stair had scarcely attained a state of perfect cleanliness, when a harsh, shrill voice from some remote regions, to the stranger unknown, called out:

"Sibyl! Sibyl! you lazy jade, how much longer you goin' to be 'bout them stairs?"

The child started, cast a quick, mortified glance at the quiet figure in the doorway, colored a vivid, painful crimson, and hastily selzing the pall of dirty water, all too heavy for her slender frame, she quickly vanished from the place.

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"Sibyl—a prophetess; it should rather have been Sara—a princess. I am willing to wager my handsome bays, though, that the child does not belong here. That low-browed villain," with a glance at the innkeeper approaching from without, "was never her father, whoever her mother may be."

with these thoughts passing in his mind, the stranger turned away to avoid the propriétor of the dismal establishment, and sought his mother in the receiving room.

CHAPTER II.

"THE ENCHANTED PRINCESS."

"Mother, did you notice that child scrubbing the stairs as we came in?" he asked, as he approached the stately and very beautiful lady, who had removed her outer garments, and was striving to make herself comfortable by the poor fire in the very comfortless-looking apartment.

"No, Raymond, I did not particularly. I only knew that there was some one there; I was too cold and benumbed to think of anything but getting warm. But what of her?"

"A modern Cinderella—a princess bewitched, and as charming a piece of humanity as ever was born in palace or hall, and doomed by those cruel goddesses, the Parcæ, to poverty and rags!"

"Yes, I do remember now that I saw a ragged, dirty, barefooted little girl scrubbing the stairs. Pray, what glamour has come over your eyes, Pray, what glamour has come over your eyes, Raymond, to turn her into such a vision of love-

Nothing but my own observation," he replied. "Nothing but my own observation," he replied, coloring slightly beneath her words.
"I think I shall have to take a closer look at this enchanting, or rather enchanted, little princess, if she becomes visible again tonight. Did you discover her name?"
"Sibyl. I heard an owl, or some other bird of ill-omen, screech it out from some of the secret

regions of this dismal place; and the poor little thing rushed away as if her very life depended upon instant obedience."

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"This is a dismal place, Ray. Must we stay here all night? Cannot we go on to the next town after the horses are fed?" his mother asked, somewhat anxiously, and looking about the bare apartment.

"I think we must remain here, mother; that is, if they can accommodate us with a decent bed and something to eat. The horses are wearied out, and it is raining hard. If we had not lost our way, and been obliged to travel so many extra miles, we could easily have reached Uncle Royal's tonight. I regret it exceedingly on your account; on my own part, I rather enjoy the adventure in this strange, wild place."

"I like to have you enjoy yourself, Ray, but I must say I wish you could choose your pleasures in a different location, and nearer civilization. Here you have been dragging me about this forlorn country for more than a week, until I feel like a heathen, and look like a gypsy," she said, shaking her finger at him in mock displeasure.

"I had my orders to keep you near the sea, you know: you are getting a beautiful color. I

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"I had my orders to keep you near the sea, you know; you are getting a beautiful color, I own, though not at all gypsyish; and, for a heathen, I like you very well," her son replied, laughing, and giving her a fond look.

"I know what your orders were, Ray, and no one could have been more faithful in obeying them. The sea air has done me good, and I shall go home stronger than I have been for many a long month; but I shall tell your father, next time, that I should like my medicine sugar-coated with a little more of life and civilization."

Again the young man laughed, yet at the same time he looked annoyed.

He knew that they were in a very uncomfortable predicament, and, though he knew that his mother was only jesting, and would really make the best of their situation, yet the barrenness of the place, and the lack of every luxury to which she was daily and hourly accustomed, was a severe trial, and the next day, also, if the storm continued, would seem very long and tedious to her.

"Who knows, mother mine," he said, speaking

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"Who knows, mother mine," he said, speaking lightly, "but what this week, which you say has been so dismal for you, will be the means of bringing my fate to me."

"I am sure I cannot see where it is coming from, unless you break your neck stumbling over more of those huge rocks like those we clambered over yesterday; or perhaps, though, it has come to you already, Ray, in the form of your little 'enchanted princess,' Sybil," she retorted, in a spirit of mischief.

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"Stranger things than that have happened—the latter I mean, not the breaking of my neck," he answered, in the same strain.

"Madam, sir, your supper is ready."

Both lady and gentleman started at the clear, flute-like tones, and turned to see whence they proceeded, and both were surprised at the rude loveliness of the picture which met their eyes. Sibyl, with her fresh young face, her large, lustrous eyes, and clustering curls, stood in the low doorway, near the fireplace.

The ruddy light of the fire flashed and flamed over her, bringing out her wonderful beauty in a way to startle her observers, and at the same time hiding the defects of her shabby dress, her bare feet and legs, by the dusky shadow it made around her.

Her cheeks were crimson, and after one searching glance into each face, her eyes drooped and were hidden by her long, dark lashes, while she stood modestly awaiting their orders.

Her sleeves had been pulled down and were buttoned around the delicate wrists, while Raymond and his mother both noticed that the short clustering curls had been freshly and nicely combed and arranged.

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look of defiance at him, but did not move from her position.
Evidently, the imperative mood was calculated to arouse her antagonism.
Her utter disregard of his command was a new revelation and pleased him, strange to tell, more than prompt obedience would have done. He wondered if she had heard what they were saying. But he was not one to give up a point readily, and advancing nearer to her he said, gently:

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"This lady is my mother, Lady Prescott, and I was just telling her how carelessly I hurt you in the hall a little while ago."

"It was nothing, sir—it does not hurt much now," and the defiant eyes softened and sank again to the floor.

"Will you come and speak to the lady now?" She went instantly and stood before Lady Prescott.

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"Your name is Sibyl, is it not?" she asked,
kindly, and studying the child's delicate features.
"You lady." es, lady

"Yes, lady."
"How old are you?" look of startled pain came into the large,

sad eyes.

"I—don't know, lady—they say thirteen."
The words were jerked out with an effort.
Evidently, it was a tender subject.

"Who are 'they?'"

"Why, he and she."
A smile of amusement curled the lady's lips,

A shille of all described the lady's lips, which Sibyl, quick to see and interpret, hastened to complete her sentence, by adding:
"I mean Jem and Nell Sloan—they keep the place here." place

that their name? Do you go to school?" ontinued, without waiting for an answer to she continued, without waiting for an answher first question.

"No, lady," was the sad, dejected reply.
"Can you read and write?"

"I can read some—I can write a little; a kind lady who is sick, and comes to the seaside every summer, taught me—but she don't know it," with a quick glance over her shoulder in the direction

a quick glance over her shoulder in the direction of the kitchen.

"Blessings on the kind, sick lady!" Raymond breathed to himself.

Instinctively, the little hand crept over the region of her pocket, and a keen glance showed him the ragged edges of a book sticking out.

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She uttered a little, startled cry.

"Oh! I didn't know it showed—please don't tell," she said, pathetically, and flushing a guilty crimson, as if she had been detected in some forbidden act.

"No, I will not tell. What book is it?"

"I only want to learn how to talk as the kind lady does—it is so beautiful, but it is so hard to do; and I don't know all the meaning of what I read here." she said, as she drew forth a soiled and ragged book, and laid it in his extended palm.

A strange feeling of pity and compassion moved him as he opened it, and found it to be an old and nearly worn-out grammar.

"Where did you get this book?" he asked.

"I picked shells for the sick lady last summer—she told me I needed to study grammar—and she gave me a whole shilling. I heard Harry Bend say his mother had one, and," lowering her voice to a whisper, with another stealthy look behind her, "I bought it of her."

"Why are you so secret about it, Sibyl?" asked Lady Prescott, gravely.

The rich color mounted to her brow, and a look of shame passed over her face.

"Because they say it is nonsense, and beat me," she whispered.

"Poor child! Do you thirst so for knowledge,"

"Because they say it is nonsense, and beat me," she whispered.

"Poor child! Do you thirst so for knowledge, and have to steal it?" Raymond demanded, while there was a note of anger in his tones, which made the child start in sudden fear.

Then the proud, defiant spirit broke forth again.

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"It is the only thing I ever—I do not—you have no right to say that I steal! It isn't stealing!" she cried, indignantly, and the little breast heaved, convulsively.

Raymond saw that she misunderstood him, and hastened to set her right.

"Pardon, pardon, little maiden; you do not understand. I meant nothing unkind. Would you like to go to school?"

"To school? Oh, sir!"

The words were almost rapturously uttered,

The words were almost rapturously uttered, but they ended in a sob, deep as it was bitter, as if such a blessing as that she could never hope to

if such a blessing as that she could never hope to enjoy.

"Why does not your mother allow you to go to school, Sibyl, and give you an opportunity to learn?" asked Lady Prescott, feeling deeply moved by what she had heard.

The child started back from her, her eyes ablaze, her head erect, and her little hands clinched.

"My mother!" she cried, passionately, in suppressed tones. "Do you think she is my mother? Do you think my mother would do that, and that?"

Swift as thought, she pushed up her sleeve

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Swift as thought, she pushed up her sleeve to her shoulder, and showed two large, livid marks upon her delicate flesh. Then her self-command forsook her, all her desolateness seemed to rush over her like a torrent, and, with a wild, heart-broken sob, she cried:
"Lady, I—I haven't any mother!"
Lady Prescott's eyes filled with sudden tears. She put out her jeweled hand and drew the girl to her side, and looked into the beautiful, flushed face.

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"Dear child," she said, softly, and to Sibyl the "Dear child," she said, sortly, and to Shyl the words were the sweetest music she had ever heard in her life, "I did not mean to wound you thus. I think I shall have to intercede for you, but we will talk more of this by and by. Did you say that our tea was ready?"

"Yes, lady."

The words were spoken almost with reverence,

CHAPTER III. MY LADY'S BRIBE.

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The son of a physician, he early showed an inclination to become a master of healing, also, and, after completing a thorough collegiate course, he spent several years in the study and practise of medicine, under his father's direction, after which he went to Dunfries, a large city in the south of Scotland, where, by the exercise of his skill and knowledge, he was not long in establishing for himself a magnificent practise.

He early married a lovely girl—the daughter of the vicar in whose benefice he resided—and life began for them in the most promising manner.

Their union was blessed by one child only—a son—Raymond Athelstone Prescott he was called, thus combining the names of his maternal grandfather, the vicar, and his father.

He was reared in the tenderest and most careful manner.

Every advantage was bestowed upon him, and, sssessing a quick, keen intellect, his education, the time of which we are writing, was near-completed.

ly completed.

During the past month he had been traveling, with his mother, whose health had seemed to demand a change, and, Sir Athelstone being unable to leave his important practise, Raymond had been recalled from his studies at Edinburgh to attend her.

They were now on their way back to Dumfries, having made a tour of England and Wales.

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Cut this into small pieces. Cut up three bunches of
celery and six onions of medium size. Stew the meat
in one tablespoon of butter, season with saft, pepper,
one third teaspoon emanation and one quarter teaspoon
ginger. After a few minutes add a little water
When half done, add two tablespoons of molasses to the
meat, adding also the celery and onions which have
been yellowed in butter. Stew all of this till done
and serve with rice.

Subscriber, Wisconsin.





BEAN GEAUS. Two cops of milk, one and one half cups of bran, one half cup whole wheat, one half cup brean flour, one egg, two tablespoons melasses, one teaspoon soda, one half teaspoon salt and one table-spoon butter.



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Swidt Polyto Choquetties.— Mix two cups of cold
masked sweet polatoes with two teaspoons of butter,
one egg, well beaten, soilt and pepper to taste,
Make into small cakes, dip in beaten egg, roll in cracker crumbs and fry.

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into shees. Into a buttered baking dish put a layer
of polatoes, sprinkle with sugar and dot with pieces
of butter. Add another layer of polatoes and sugar
and butter and so on till dish is full. Over this pour
half a cup of milk or enough to slightly moisten and
bake.

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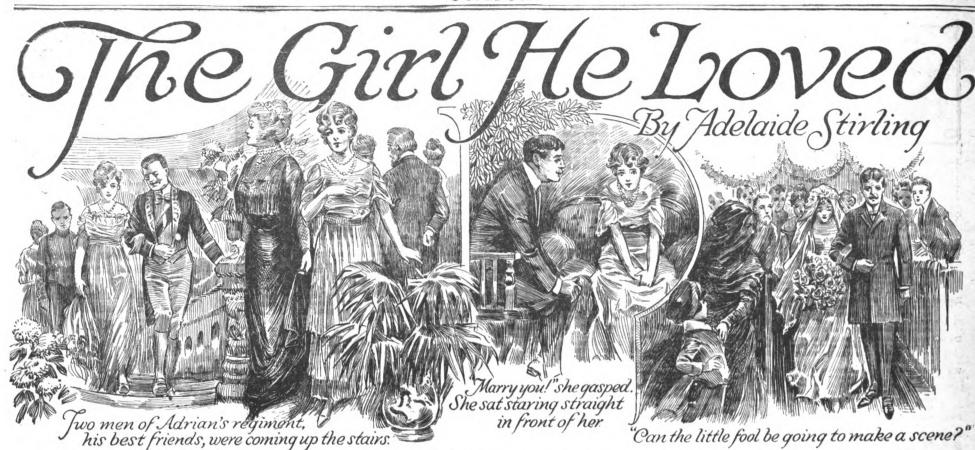
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Lady Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, held near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is unsuspicious of intrigue, but Sir Thomas, only sixteen, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is be. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenal prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, who fails to meet her. Going home she enters the drawing-room, where she finds Lady Annesley and Lord Levallion, the latter telling her of his cousin Adrian Gordon's departure for India. The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion's delight, invites Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home.

CHAPTER IX.

REVENGE-AND A BALLROOM.

HE Duchess of Avonmore was giving a ball, and she prided herself on giving the best balls in London.

The big house was a fairy-land of flowers and lights, the staircase was impassable. Ravenel, standing by her hostess in a white satin gown with a string of the Avonmore pearls round her neck, was beautiful enough to take away a man's breath. The duchess, swelling with pride in blue velvet and diamonds, was enraptured at her looks, for there had been no want of animation in Ravenel ever since that visit to Hester Murray. She was feverishly gay and full of laughter. Not even Sir Thomas knew her spirits came from pride alone.

No wonder Adrian Gordon had jilted her, and no wonder he had wished to keep that mad plan of marriage a secret! He had had excellent reason. It all held together too plausibly for doubt. No one—no one should ever know what a fool Ravenel Annesley had been, to believe in the sweet lies, the passionate promises of a lover like Adrian Gordon. She was glad she had lost his ring; she thanked the fate that had made him repent at the last moment and leave her.

No one seeing her tonight would have dreamed she had a care in the world; yet behind her smile her teeth set suddenly. Two men of Adrian's regiment, his best friends, were coming up the stairs. They should not have to tell him if they wrote that the girl with whom he had amused himself in the country was either sad or sorry for his sake.

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wrote that the girl with whom is and andsed himself in the country was either sad or sorry for his sake.

She looked about her sharply for a weapon, for some man whose outspoken devotion should let these men see how little she cared. And there—at her side—was Levallion.

He bowed to her with his old half-mocking politeness. He was very handsome for all his years, and his evening clothes seemed to take from his age. His keen eyes were full of admiration. Ravenel held out her hand, nearly touching those two men, who knew her by sight from seeing her with Adrian Gordon.

"You!" she cried. "At last! Do you know you have never come near me?"

"I was warned off," calmily. "I am not supposed to be a good playmate for little girls."

"Now, Levallion, do move on!" cried the ducheess over her shoulder. "You can't talk here," for he was calmly blocking the way.

"I told you so," he commented, perfectly unmoved; he took Ravenel's program, where it dangled from her fan, and wrote his name on it four times in succession.

Two hours later the whole room was agog. Levallion, who never spoke to a girl and had not danced for years, was doing both.

And he danced admirably. Even the duchess, who was furious, allowed that. But she was so angry with him that she even snubbed her dear friend, Mrs. Murray, who—looking her innocent best in white—was most uneasy at the sight of Sylva's stepdaughter on such excellent terms with the only man who ought not to hear of "Mrs. Gordon."

"Dear Grace," she said pathetically, "do tell that poor child that she was richt the second of the content of the care of "Mrs. Gordon."

"Mrs. Gordon."

"Dear Grace," she said pathetically, "do tell that poor child that she will have no reputation left if she makes herself conspicuous with the most notorious man in London."

The duchess gave her a stare.

"Tom Annesley's child and my adopted daughter," she remarked calmly, if untruthfully, for she had no idea whatever of adopting Ravenel, "has reputation enough to do anything she pleases." And she turned a stout shoulder on her friend to the joy of the on-lookers.

But, nevertheless, she went post-haste in search of Levallion and his partner, who had mysteriously vanished. And in her own house looked in vain.

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Lord Levallion was no novice. He had found the only dark place in the conservatory, and there

know—Lady Annesiey! Can't 1—isn't there anything I could do to earn my living, and Tommy's?"

"No!" and for once he spoke bluntly. "There is nothing you could do. You are too handsome; women would not have you in their houses!"

She thought of the long, long summer days at the Chase, with thoughts of Adrian wherever she turned, and was frightened—at herself. Here she could live it down, there—a sob rose in her throat. But she said nothing. She sat like a stone, her hand lying as it had fallen from Levallion's coat-sleeve.

Somehow, she had thought this man might help her, friend of Sylvia's though he was.

Levallion glanced at her pale face. There was certainly more than dread of Sylvia there, but it was no concern of his. And without it the girl would never have been here.

"You don't want to go home, and you can't work," he said brutally. "There is one other thing you can do—marry me!"

"Marry you!" she gasped. She sat staring straight in front of her, her hands clenched in the folds of her satin skirt. "No, no, no!" she cried fiercely. "I can't marry any one. You don't know me; you can't want me—you—"

"Are a friend of Sylvia's!" he finished for her quietly. "Listen! I do want to marry you, and I want to know nothing"—emphatically—"about you that I do not know already. Do you understand?"

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stand?"

A terror shook her. Could he know what a fool she had been, what a laughing-stock she had made of herself for a married man? She could not speak.

"As for being a friend of Lady Annesley's, I may tell you that the only reason I do not wish to marry you is that it will please her. But that will not matter. She will go out of your life as she came into it. You need never see her when you marry me."

"But I don't love you," she said, with hard eyes.

eyes.
Levallion smiled.
"I haven't asked you for love," he returned indifferently. "I don't know that I expect it. I am forty-seven years old, and I have no home but grand empty houses, no relations but Adrian Gordon"—if she winced he did not see—"and I want you—and Tommy!"
"Tommy says you are an old beast," said Ravenel, with despairing frankness.
"So I am!" watching her. "But even I have my good points, though I would not reform even if you married me; it would bore me. I think, though, I might leave Adrian a decent

"What!" The duchess could not get out another word to save her life. The people about stopped talking and listened.
"She has promised to marry me," said Levallion, laughing.

If there had been a convenient chair her grace would have dropped into it. Levallion! of all men! And yet, why not? He was richer than any man she knew, he was probably no worse than a great many of them, and he had not always shown his evil side to the duchess, who had a sneaking affection for him under her virtuous disapproval. approval

approval.

"My dear Levallion," she cried, "I wish you joy! But—well, you have surprised me!"

Levallion smiled. His marriage would surprise a good many people—disagreeably—but that affected him not at all.

"Take me away," said a husky voice in his ear. "Oh, take me away!"

The lights, the staring people, the publicity of it all, were like separate daggers in the heart of the girl, who only a month ago had put on her wedding-gown for a bridegroom who never came. came

The duchess patted her shoulder kindly. No wonder she looked pale and shy!
"Give her some champagne, Levallion," she

be and his companion remained long after their four waltzes had crashed out and died languor-life was wise from experience. He had staged says from the house till the girl wondered why he never came. Even now they had been seated for minutooke, the he storped familing her and looked at her.

"When are you going home "he said in collection of the stage of

same."
"I'm not selling anything," wearily, for was she not putting behind her the burden of her humilia-

"Tommy, you'll stick to me, won't you? You won't speak little like this again?"
"Of course, I'll stick to you." He got up and kissed her awkwardly. "So will Mr. Jacobs!" and he tried to laugh, conscious of angry tears in his eyes. For it seemed to him that this was no way to get married, to an old man you hardly knew

no way to get married, to an old man you hardy knew.

"Good old Tommy!" said Ravenel unsteadily. She little knew that he and his dog would be her last chance of salvation in dark days to come; but something in Tommy's honest face had gone near to shaking her purpose, even on the night before her wedding. What she was doing looked suddenly mean and paltry to her, as she knew it would to Tommy, if he guessed it. She looked at the clock, that marked eleven. Twelve hours more, and not even shame or repentance could undo the wreck she had made of Adrian Gordon's fortunes. And all that night she sat by her bed and deliberately let those last hours go by, till, at dawn, she said to herself, with cold lips, that, after all, Adrian Gordon's future was no business of hers.

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Lady Annesley—come up to town on Levallion's money, and almost off her head with the excellent allowance that was to be hers for the future, with escape from Annesley Chase forever—could not believe her eyes when she actually saw her stepdaughter go up the aisle of St. George's on Sir Thomas' arm. "It was that white gown!" She bowed her head devoutly as the service began. "It was an inspiration. And the little fool should go on her knees to thank me. That Gordon man could never have given her a wedding like this!"

He could not, indeed.

Ravenel had never lifted her eyes as she passed up the aisle, whiter than death under her lace yell. Adrian Gordon would have taken her to an empty ceuntry church, where the scent of the May would have swent through the open windows; where her soul, as she knelt beside him, would have mounted the very steps of heaven—and, now—

For the first time she lifted her head, remembering, with agony, that day in May when she

and, now—

For the first time she lifted her head, remembering, with agony, that day in May when she had seen, as in a vision, what her wedding would be with any man but Adrian Gordon,

It was on her; she was in the very center of it. The cold air of the church seemed to strike on her face like a breath from the grave, as in that dreadful prescient moment when the veil seemed lifted from the future. She stood, helpless, just as she had known she would, when Adrian forsook her.

The crowd of smart records in account.

sook her.

The crowd of smart people, in gorgeous gowns and frock coats, whispering indifferently; the bishop, whose words were chaining her to Levallion forever; the organ pealing through the church; the bride with a heart of stone!

No one ever knew how near that quiet bride came to screaming aloud in a nightmare of terror; nor how she had all but turned and run, frantically, from the very altar.

But something struck her dumb and powerless where she stood.

Only Levallion's level voice, as he spoke out (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14.)

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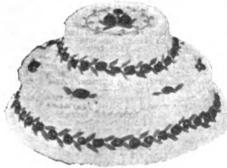
HAT would Christmas be without Christmas candies," is the wail going up all over the land from both children and grown-ups, as we are and grown-ups, as we are daily reminded of the price

and grown-ups, as we are daily reminded of the price and scarcity of sugar.

However, it is not necessary that Christmas be shorn of all its sweets, if we will but exercise some forethought with a little harmless camouflage, in the use of substitutes, making dried fruits and nuts largely take the place of sugar. Camouflage, that new word which has come to us from the French so recently that it has not yet got into our dictionaries, means disguise and more especially in the sense of the imitative disguise used on the theatrical stage. Camouflage has assumed an important role in the present war to deceive the prying eyes of aerial scouts, and scene painters are employed to make cannon resemble natural objects in the landscape while ships are striped with sunset tints, that blend with the sky tones at the horizon and escape detection by prowling submarines.

As war prices and scarcity of certain kinds of food have driven the housewife to the use of substitutes she will do well to resort to camouflage discreetly practised to make the substitute do better service by more closely resembling in looks and taste the article which it imitates.

We can have mock mince pie for the real, Indian pudding with suet and raisins instead of English plum pudding, a simple cake with



CHRISTMAS CAKE.

Christmas decorations instead of the old-time fruit cake, candies made largely from dried fruits and nuts, and we can confine ourselves entirely to the use of native vegetables and fruits, and in this way hold to our old holdiday customs of entertaining and merrymaking, and at the same time placing the cost at the lowest minimum possible by imitating the usual with substitutes. A decrease in our annual Christmas candy consumption of, say, even one tenth isn't much for the "home-fighter," and when multiplied by a hundred million of us, will provide much energy-giving food to our army boys and our needy allies. So in making up the Christmas plans, put into them the sending of as many Christmas boxes as possible to the soldier-boys in one or other of the numerous training camps in this country, fill them with homemade cakes and candies, and whatever else can be spared. Sharing with our country's defenders is of far more importance just now than our own sweet tooth. It is, of course, too late now to send Christmas boxes to our soldiers in France and England. The last ship carrying mail to reach them by Christmas sailed November 15. However, packages can be sent to them by parcel post at any time, but remember that they will be a long time on the road, and therefore do not send perishable food.

This is a year for the daughters of the house who have so faithfully knitted for the army and navy to assume the responsibility of making the

This is a year for the daughters of the house who have so faithfully knitted for the army and navy to assume the responsibility of making the Christmas goodles, still doing their bit by saving all they can. And besides this, any girl who can make home-made Christmas cakes and candles, will find her gifts most popular. Some sentiment written on the card that goes with the basket or box similar to the following will help carry out the idea:

"The shops I've hunted through and through For daintiest gifts to send to you, But could not find a gift more meet Than this of 'Sweets unto the sweet.'"

Christmas Table Centerpiece

The basket used in centerpiece was of Japanese make colored red. In the center is a large pine-



SOUR CREAM FEATHER CAKE.

apple with top cut off smooth, and in its place closed Japanese lantern with Japanese doll's move peel in quarters and cut into long narrow.

head showing in center. Surround pineapple with red apples, oranges and nuts. Tie every-green to each handle.

Christmas Cakes

Christmas Cake.—Cream one cup of butter, slowly add one cup of sugar and cream again. Beat to a light lemon color the yolks of four eggs and then beat in one cup of sugar. Add to creamed butter and sugar. Mix together three and one half cups of flour, one teaspoon of cream of tartar, half a teaspoon of soda half a tea-



CHRISTMAS TABLE CENTERPIECE.

spoon each of ground mace and cinnamon. Add alternately to butter, sugar and eggs, one cup of strong coffee and the flour, and next the beaten whites of four eggs. Have prepared half a cup of stoned and chopped raisins, one cup of washed and dried currants, and quarter of a cup of finely sliced citron all lightly dusted with flour. Add lastly to cake batter, and bake in three sizes of round tins in a moderate oven. Frost the largest cake, and while the frosting is soft, set on top the next smaller size and frost that; then the smallest cake which is then frosted. A pretty decoration is made by stringing bright red cranberries on a tiny wire, imitate leaves, if fresh leaves are unobtainable, by wisps of green tissue paper tied on the wire between cranberries. Each end substituting a leaf.

Snow Cake.—Cream two thirds cup of butter,

paper fied on the wire between cramberries. Each end substituting a leaf.

Snow Cake.—Cream two thirds cup of butter, slowly add two cups of sugar, and cream again. To four cups of flour, add two rounding teaspoons of baking powder and one quarter of a teaspoon of salt. Add alternately to the sugar and butter one cup of milk and the flour. Add one teaspoon of almond extract and beat until very smooth. Beat in the whites of six stiffly beaten eggs and bake in an angel cake tin in moderate oven. Cover with white frosting. Around the sides make vertical lines of red by adding a little beet juice to some of the white frosting. Finish each end of lines with a circle. For the snow lady, dress a doll in white canton flannel and sprinkle with diamond dust. Stand in center of cake and surround with tip ends from evergreen boughs.

Sour Cream Feather Cake.—One half cup molasses, one half teaspoon of mixed spice, one



SNOW LADY CAKE.

half cup of sugar and one cup of sour cream. Beat well together, and then add two and one third cups of sifted flour to which has been added one half teaspoon of soda. Lastly add one half cup of seeded raisins that has been chopped fine. Bake in muffin pans. Frost white and decorate with dice of red jelly or sprigs of holly.

COCOANUT CAKES.—Grate the meat of two cocoanuts, taking care not to grate into the dark outside. Weigh and take an equal amount of sugar. Add one cup of flour, half a teaspoon of vanilla, and the beaten whites of two eggs. Shape into cakes about one third of an inch thick and bake twenty minutes.

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STAR COOKIES.—Cream one half cup of butter, add one cup of sugar and cream again. Add two eggs lightly beaten and one tablespoon of sweet milk. Beat hard and add one and one half cups of flour mixed with one and one half level teaspoons of baking powder, and enough more flour to handle. Roll a little at a time and cut into five-pointed stars. Bake about ten minutes. Make a white frosting, and just before putting onto cookies, stir_in_red_candied_cherries_chopped_fine. These will be appreciated by the soldier-boy.

Christmas Candies

strips. Put in saucepan of cold water and boil twenty minutes, then drain, and repeat this boiling process twice. To each pint of water, add two even tenspoons of salt. After the third boiling and draining, place straws and an equal measure of sugar in clean saucepan with sufficient cold water to cover; let come to boil and cook until syrup hairs from spoon. Drain, roll in granulated sugar and lay "crisscross" on plates.

Prant Britis — One cup of reasted recourse.

Peanut Britle.—One cup of roasted peanuts chopped or broken into small pieces; line a greased pan with them. Put two cups of sugar into a sauce pan, and very slowly heat until it becomes a thin golden brown syrup, stirring constantly. Pour over the peanuts, and when partly cool, mark in squares, and break apart when cold.

cold.

DRIED FRUIT CAKES.—One cup of dates from which the outer skins have been removed, one cup of cleaned figs and half a cup of walnut meats run through a grinder. Moisten with a little lemon juice and add a little of the grated rind. Very thoroughly mix together, press into a cake tin, and cut into squares. A little while before serving, roll in powdered sugar.

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STUFFED DATES.—Clean, slit down the side with a sharp knife and remove stone. Make a filling from equal parts of peanuts (or other kind of nuts) and seeded raisins put through the grinder. To half a cup of ground fruit and nuts, add one tablespoon of heavy sweet cream and powdered sugar sufficient to handle. Work into rolls to fit dates. When filled, roll dates in powdered sugar if desired.

STUFFED PRINES—Select soft large propose.

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STUFFED PRUNES.—Select soft, large prunes. Wash, slit open the side and remove stone, and in its place put a large sweet almond.

Canded Popcorn.—Put into a perfectly clean iron spider one tablespoon of butter, three tablespoons of water and one teacup of sugar. Boil until it hairs from the spoon. Have ready three quarts of freshly popped corn, put into candy and stir briskly until candy is evenly distributed over corn. Remove from fire and keep stirring until partly cooled and each kernel is crystallized with sugar. Nuts may be prepared in the same way.

MOLASSES CANDY.—Three cups of brown sugar. one cup of molasses, one half teaspoon of cream of tartar, one cup of water, and butter size of a walnut. Boll until a little in cold water becomes brittle. Pour onto buttered plates, and when cool enough to handle, pull until light colored and cut into sticks or squares.

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Chocolate Caramels.—One cup of molasses, half a cup of sugar, half a cup of milk, one quarter of a pound of chocolate cut fine and one tablespoon of butter. Put all together, letting it slowly warm on the back of stove, stirring frequently, then remove to hot cover and boil hard stirring constantly. When a little hardens in water it is done. Pour into buttered tin, and when cool mark in squares.

Turkish Paste.—Soak two envelopes of gelatine in two thirds cup of cold water ten minutes. Put together two cups of sugar and two thirds cup of cold water and when it boils add the soaked gelatine. Boil gently twenty minutes, then add the grated rind of one orange, and one quarter of a cup of orange juice and one quarter of a cup of lemon julce. Wet tin and pour in mixture to a depth of little less than one inch, when firmly set, immerse tin in warm water a few seconds, then turn out and cut into squares and roll in powdered sugar to which has been added a little corn-starch.

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To L. T., I want to say that seventeen years ago I married just such a man and for sixteen years endured. Today I am an old woman, though young in years. My Lealth is broken past all help, I am a nervous wreck, my three older children are away from me and I am lonely for them. I am now in another home and my present husband is kind and loving but I feel that I am not much of a wife because of my poor health.

It is a woman's duty to God to keep herself at her best, mentally, physically and spiritually and she cannot do that under such circumstances. She will grow out of date and broken down under his iron rules and then be cast off for some one who has been able to keep herself fresh and young.

With best wishes to all and many thanks for all the good things I have found in the Corner, I am, Mas, R. S. Shite.

MORROE, OREGON

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS : We have taken this magazine for years and all en-loy it. Mother wrote a letter to the Sisters' Corner a few years ago and gained much useful information

a few years ago and gained much useful hillorination thereby.

I am a junior in high school and for the past two years I have walked two and one half miles to school. My one and only brother is in the army, in the Medical Corps branch, doing clerical work. He thinks Uncle Sam takes good care of his soldiers.

I am a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Alpine, Oregon. It has always been my desire to be a missionary and work in India. I would like to know more about the educational requirements and what country has the most need of this work.

With best wishes to all, I remain, your sister,

Miss Milder I. Barker.

Middred. The pastor of your church is the person to consult about missionary work. Your desire is truly laudable and praiseworthy, but are you sure you are in dead earnest about it? I don't want to discourage you or say anything against the work and its self-sacrificing workers, but there comes a time in the average girl's life when she wants to be a missionary. It seems to be a certain phase of development that we can't help any more than we can help teething or playing with dolls. I felt the same way about it, years and years ago, only I wanted to go to China instead of India, and all because a woman missionary at our little home church spoke so thrillingly of her adventures there. Needless to say I didn't go and I don't know as I regret it so much now for I have found that there is opportunity for missionary work wherever we are and you will realize the same thing, Mildred, as the years go by. I don't mean to say that I've grasped every opportunity but if we do the best we can I'm sure it won't be overlooked when the final reckoning comes.—Ed.

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

I want to say just a word about letters. I receive many from friends. Some are brief, but tender, helpful and sympathetic, while others are long and loving. Some I lay down with a sigh. Almost invariably they say, "Your letter was so interesting, you told us so much, etc.," and then they go on and tell me of various happenings in and around their own home, all of which is duly interesting, but they totally ignore all I have said, all my comments, news questions or requests. I might as well have never written, for all the satisfaction I gain from their reply, and I am left to wonder if I have overstepped courtesy in the questions, if my comments were uncalled for and they wished to remind me of it or whether it is thoughtlessness or ignorance on their part. Not one of them would treat me so if we were engaged in actual conversation. Every remark then would receive due appreciation and consideration. Is it an art to be learned? A really good letter is like a cup of cold water to the thirsty, encouragement in trouble and a labor of love never forgotten. It is like the sunshine sending a glimmer of golden light down among the shadowy pines, making glad the dark places with its brightness.

Best wishes to the Comport family.

brightness.

Best wishes to the Comfort family,

MRS. LULA M. PEARSON.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
Especially Mrs. R. C. Edwards, in regard to your little Camille crying all the time. I had a similar case with my own little girl. When she was five years old she cried all the time. I don't think I ever sow her face straight two hours at a time. She was



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like that for a year and a half and I did not know what to do. My own nerves were about worn out. Finally I started her in at school and then she cried with headaches so I found out the trouble was with her eyes. She needed glasses and that had made her cry until her nerves were all gone to pieces. She is eight years old and still wears glasses. This year she got a double promotion in school so that she is in the fourth grade now.

Love to all the sisters and Mrs. Wilkinson,

COMFORT Reader.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMPORT SISTERS:

I am coming to you for advice as to how to break
my little boy of some bad habits he has taken up.
He is a dear child and everyone seems to love him but
I am sure if he persists in his rude ways no one will
love him much longer. He is four years old and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8.)



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has been spoiled as so many little fellows are but I plead "Not Guilty," for his father and grandfather are the ones to blame. He is getting very saucy. When I scold or whip him he threatens to knock me down or take a stick to me and will stand off and shake his fists at me, just as though he would like to hit me if he dared. I was raised by one of the kindest and best of mothers but she never allowed me to threaten or hit at her, for which I am thankful and now it hurts to think that I cannot get my little darling to obey me as I obeyed my mother. He is very hard to control and is getting so he doesn't care what he does when they are around. I have talked to both of them and begged them to help me make him mind instead of hindering me. My father never interfered with my mother when she whipped or scolded me.

A WORRIED MOTHER. PRESTON, MINN.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

Some time ago I read a letter in Comfort how a wife should make home a comfortable place for her husband, not to annoy him with the fuss and din of house cleaning and washing, etc., and to be careful of his wants and comforts. That is true and I agree with it and similar advice in Comfort and other papers, but I have ever failed to see one word on the husband's side of the question. You say he appreciates the comfort and quiet of a well-kept and orderly home and no doubt he does but most always without a word of praise. The average husband accepts as his due the comforts of an orderly home that oftentimes his wife has worked hard to maintain, especially when they are not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods. True, the husband has trials to meet, but does not his wife share with him his failures as well as his successes, and I never could see why a husband should be treated any more like a guest than a wife should. They should be treated as one and the same. A true wife and mother that looks well to the ways of her household and rears a family of children that are a credit to her, has no easy task and not only is it hard manual labor, but it is endless and tedious. A woman's work is never done and if her husband would only give her a few words of praise how it would encourage her. Of course there are exceptions and some men are more thoughtful than others but I am speaking from experience no, not as yet.

With best wishes for Comfort and all,

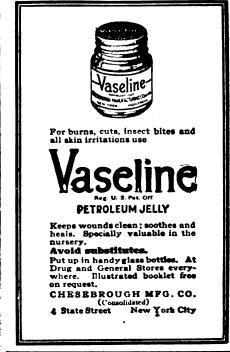
Mrs. Peterson. The following poem, sent in by

WHAT WE SHARE

By Mildred Van Inwegen

The Principle of the control of the

(See front cover illustration)



their presents. Not a doll, not a drum! Just endless pairs of shoes, and dozens upon dozens of hair brushes, and for a "treat," as the matron announced, a suit of underwear, apiece, and brand new, think of it!—which was the gift of a Ladies' Aid society. Underwear! Gracia could have wept from sheer rage. Why hadn't they sent, if it must be something useful, bright colored hair ribbons and neck ties? And why must it be something useful? Couldn't they for once overstep the rule?

Gracia longed to rise up and shout: "Oh, you are cheats to bring this kind of a Christmas at all. It's a miserable sham!"

One little chap was more courageous than she, for as he was handed his share in the tree's offering, he piped up, disgustedly: "Aw, you ain't no Santy. You're a fake."

And from a little girl came a heart-breaking sob and: "Minnie, you sez he'd bring dolls,"

This was more than Gracia could stand, Rising, she escaped to the corridor and paced up and down and told herself with tears in her eyes it was wrong—all wrong.

"Poor child!" she exclaimed. "It wouldn't take fifty cents to satisfy your longing."

Hardly had the thought left her, than another took its place—a wild, daring thought, so darious that it sent little shivers of delight up and little orphans fell upon their treasures, and with tears raining







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that divine Providence which seeks to order our lives for good, if we would only let it, and which gathers us to its breast as a mother gathers her child to her bosom when life's fitful fever is over and past.

Now this article is a plea for genuine Americanism. Why can't we get the spirit of Christmas into our narrow, puny souls, and make us a nation? Don't fool yourselves into believing we have a nation here in the same sense that Germany, France and Britain have a nation. We could have had the same devotion to country here that we find in France, Prussia or Britain, but, as you know, you cannot make a pudding that is worth while unless you are careful as to what ingredients go into it.

Here we have a melting pot that was to fus all the races, and blend them into one perfect whole. On the way we performed that task depended not only the future of this nation, but its very existence, and this task on which hinged not only our destiny, but the destiny of all mankind, we have with tragic and criminal indifference utterly ignored. There were a few men with vision who foresaw the danger of neglecting the melting pot and flooding our land with millions of immigrants and making no effort to absorb or assimilate them, but no one heeded them. All our energies were concentrated on developing our resources, bridging streams, felling forests, irrigating deserts, tunneling mountains, linking up our coasts with bands of steel. Into these prodigious tasks we put our whole strength and energy, trusting like gamblers to luck to take care of those finer problems which cannot be solved with axe or hammer, silver or gold. We wanted labor and we did not care from whence it came, as long as it was cheap and plentiful. That labor, dumped on our shores, was allowed to shift for itself, and each race instead of tuning into the melting pot and becoming assimilated, formed into groups and colonies, just as hard masses form in a badly constructed padding. Each group perpetuated its language, customs and habits, refusing to assimilate, stitutions, and our free and easy way of doing things, with contempt and abhorrence. The old country way of doing things.

system of government and the gentus of our institutions, and our free and easy way of doing things alone appeal to them. They doing things alone appeal to them. They would rather have the state hand them a bone than be given the opportunity to go out and of their own initiative, bring home a porterhouse steak.

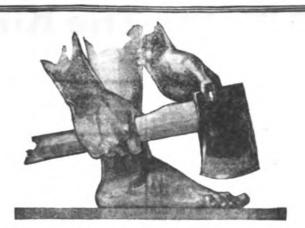
Some people and some nations prefer to be sheep rather than men. There is a certain advantage in a fat pasture, a snug sheepfold and a good shepherd. But the Anglo-Saxon and the Celt long ago broke away from the sheepfold idea. They knew the shepherd only protected them so that he might fleece them of their wool, and only fed them so he could convert them into mutton, otherwise cannon fodder, when necessity demanded it. There is good however, in every system, good in every individual, and every race that comes here, could and should contribute of its best to our national character, genius and welfare. The greatest wrong however that has been done to the immigrant, a wrong that has robbed him of his Americanism, is to allow him to settle in colonies, where he hears nothing but his own language spoken, preached and taught, reads nothing but foreign language papers and grows up a man without a country. Here is the crime of crimes, and it is the German-American who has been wronged more than all others in this regard. There are in this country today over 450 German language papers and grows up a man without a country. Here is the crime of crimes, and it is the German-American who has been wronged more than all others in this regard. There are in this country today over 450 German language papers openly hoast that it is their determination to Germanize America, in other words to put the Kaiser in the great, by any hencing in the product of the country, our other when you not not work for foreign interests against the land that gives you all, shame or you all, shame or you all, shame! The men that sent La Follette, Stone, Gromna, etc. to the cause them country and seek you all, shame or you all, shame! The men

CIDDLE down close for this is our last talk for 1917. This is the month of talk for 1917. This is the month of christmas. How 1 love that name; what blessed memories it conjures up, mother, budge the properties of the control of th

tinued to run their poison shops wide open. Not until President Wilson issued a personal order closing these saloons, was any effort made to obey the law. Rum and rebellion, beer and license always go hand in hand.

Imazine for one moment what would happen if some four hundred American editors were suddenly to open up American newspapers in Germany and start to damn everything German dynamite German munition plants, wreek German vessels, and attempt to inflame the German mind against its government and plot to put President Wilson in the palace of Potsdam, and throw the Kaiser out. Now what do you think the German-American papers of this country would say to a performance of that kind? Of course all the American editors in Germany would be instantly shot and their property confiscated, and that is the medicine that should be given to the rascally editors of German language papers in the United States who know that they cannot exist except as they make their readers friends of Germany, and enemies of America.

Now let me appeal to you one and all. The Christmas message I want to bring home to you is this: Why not all of you, no matter what your race, cut out all your other "isms," and fight and work for Americanism. There is not anything in God's world that Germany would do for its people that Uncle Sam would not do a thousand times over and a thousand times better. Now let's be sensible and reasonable. You Germans, Austrians, Irishmen, Englishmen, Poles, Slavs, Russians, Swedes, Danes and Norweigians have sought this country for good and sufficient reasons. Not one of you owned an inch of soil in your Fatherlands so why rave about them? You came here to better yourselves and if this country did not give you advantages you could not get at home, you would not be here ten minutes. America is good enough for you to un your automobiles over, its food is good enough for you to eat; its cicars are good enough for you to not your to eat; its local specific the work for home of your half the work for home of your and t



Like Taking an Axe To a Corn

Some methods of removing corns suggest an axe. They are harsh. They attack live tissue as well as the corn. And soreness often follows.

Some are mussy. Some require frequent applications. All were uncertain, all unscientific, until Blue-jay

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My picture book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter, is Maria her Ma? Is there an Aunt Charlie? Is the big boy in the picture book my only baby? I have had a little leaflet specially printed answering all these questions fully, and those who are interested will find the same in every copy of the four Uncle Charlie Books sent out this season. from wearing a Prussian uniform and becoming Prussian slaves, and I am using every ounce of my ebbing strength in a desperate effort to keep you informed on every issue involved in this great conflict, so that you may be true to your country and world democracy in this supreme bour of national danger. When a man's house is on fire he does not have to be bribed to send for the fire engine. When the flames of war are extinguished and our homes and democracy are made safe, I'll resume the discussion of radical politics, but not before. Reforms can wait, Germany won't. And let me remind those who defame me and send libelous and scurrilous matter (CONTINUED ON PAGE 12.)

Now for the letters.

WAGONER, OKLA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
May I ask how much you got to change your politics?
Your reader,
JOSEPH H. COUETNEY.

country, which will be the rock the Gibraitar of democracy around which all the nations of the fement of mankind for all time.

This is my last message for this year, a year the hardest and most trying year of my life and probably of your lives too, and the nost momentous year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations, or year in the history of this and all nations of the protect your literests and lots. The protect your interests and to tell the truth and to warn you when danger was migh. Time will prove that all I have written regarding the war fail and correct, and those who malign and criticipe me, will in the coming years be forced, protection of the protection of the

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Sibyl's Influence

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Early on the morning of that chill November day mentioned in the first chapter, they had left the large town of Pull for the smaller one of Scarborough, where they had relatives residing, and whom they were to visit before their return to Dumpfice.

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But, having been misinformed regarding their route, they lost their way, and having to retrace many miles night overtook them, and their horses gave out just as they reached the miserable inn in the little fi ing villar e on Flamborough Head, where they were obliged to stop for another day. It is doubtful whether the fastidious Raymond Prescott and his high-bred lady mother were ever entertained in so primitive a fashion before as on this dismal night at the rude fisherman's inn. The little, black-eyed maiden waited upon them quietly and handily, anticipating and supplying their wants in a manner belonging to an older and more experienced person.

Very lovely and womanly she appeared to both Lady Prescott and her son, who watched her closely without appearing to do so, and who were more and more surprised at the native grace and refinement which she displayed—all the more noticeable from her very rude surroundings.

"She is of too fine a mold to be in this place. I wonder how it happened?" the young man observed, under his breath, to his mother.

"You are right, Raymond, and it is a mystery which I cannot understand. I am deeply interested in her."

"She is very lovely—do you not think so?"

"Yes. And how she thirsts for knowledge!"

"Poor child!" Raymond said, compassionately; then added, with a chuckle of amusement:

"There is plenty of spirit, however, bottled up in her dainty body."

"That is so. How her magnificent eyes blazed when she faced you so indignantly."

Raymond was very thoughtful during the meal. Not a movement of the strange, fair child escaped him.

He saw how her eyes lingered upon his mother, and then wandered to his own face, with a look that were alwest reverential. as though she

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He saw how her eyes lingered upon his mother, and then wandered to his own face, with a look that was almost reverential, as though she thought they were creatures of a higher order than she had ever beheld before.

He noticed, too, that she paid strict and earnest attention to their way of speaking, and several times corrected her own language in imitation of theirs.

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After supper, Raymond ordered lights to be brought into the receiving room, and, drawing from his pocket a copy of "Tennyson's Poems," he sat down to read to his mother, hoping to make the dull evening pass quickly and pleasantly

make the dull evening pass quickly and pleasantly to her.

He chose that beautiful and touching story of "Elaine, the Lily Maid of Astolat," and her sad and fatal love for Lancelot.

He read finely, and as if his whole soul was stirred with the melancholy tale.

A passionate sob interrupted him when he reached one portion of the story, startling both the reader and his listener.

Turning quickly to see whence it proceeded, Raymond's keen eye descried a slight form crouching behind one end of the old-fashioned, high-backed settee.

He arose, and crossed the room to the spot; but, before he had scarcely reached it, a girlish form arose, and stood, tremblingly, before him.

It was Sibyl, as he had expected.

"I could not help it, sir," she said, humbly, and with a decrecating air.

"Could not help what?" he asked, curiously, yet kindly.

"Crying—it was so sad!" and another sup-

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"Crying—it was so sad!" and another suppressed sob heaved the little chest.

"How came you here? I did not hear you come in." come in."
"I heard you reading out there," indicating the room beyond, "and I did not think, but coming nearer and nearer—it was so beautiful—I got

The Kingdom of Our Birthright

In running this series we are not advocating belief in astrology or faith in the pretended talismanic charm of birth-stones, although these beliefs have persisted from remote antiquity and have not a few devotees even in this present age of reason. Yet as myths and superstitions that have dominated through the ages they possess historic interest and educational value. This series closes with Miss December.—EDITOR.



MISS DECEMBER.

into the room before I knew it; then I—was afraid, and—hid down there."

"Would you like to listen to the rest of it?" he asked.

He took her gently by the hand, and led her finished the sad story, casting, every now and

Turquoise the December Birth-Stone

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The idea that birthstones possess a certain indefinable, but none the less genuine significance appears particularly marked in regard to the turquoise, the December birth-stone. The exquisite blue of the stone has ever been emblematic of the celestial regions, and of the celestial virtues, and in Christian art the virgin, saints and angels are often robed in blue. December being the month when rich and noor alike prepare to celebrate the event of the "King's" birthday, and sing carols of "Peace on Earth," it cannot be denied that the ones whose natal stone is the turquoise will be impressed with the idea, that the Christmas season possesses something infinitely necessary to their well-being, which cannot be called "imaginary."

The occult power of the turquoise is supposed to help toward the skillful handling of affairs and in bringing things to a successful issue; hence, this gem is the symbol of prosperity.

There is an odd, yet interesting Hindu legend which records that it is very lucky to have a turquoise close at hand at the time of the new moon, for whoever, after first looking at the moon on the first day after new moon, should cast his eyes upon a turquoise, for then he would be destined to enjoy immeasurable wealth. Hindu women from the early centuries have believed in the potency of the turquoise, as seen in the following lines:

they are born poor. They love luxury and are depressed if it becomes necessary to curtail expenses. They possess pride tinged with arroganice; are independent and will labor without stint so long as their efforts are productive of the desired result.

The second type has all the same love of wealth and are determined in its acquisition. They are natural organizers and realize that success depends on self. But if, however, they fail in their efforts to reach a high level, they become discontented, and the real incentive of work is gone, and they live without ambition, yet will never lose a certain haughty mien, and be inclined to

then, a quick glance at the quiet little figure sitting in the glow of the firelight.

Never before had he had such an appreciative listener—every word was swallowed with the greatest eagerness, and Raymond Prescott recognized in the negiected child a soul capable of rising to the grandest heights, and of attaining great cultivation.

As he closed the book and turned with a smile to ask her how she liked it, a harsh voice rang out:

"Sibyl! Sibyl!"

The girl started to her feet, cast a grateful yet appealing glance into the young man's face: then, with a shudder and look of fear, darted from the

A moment later he heard a stream of angry, abusive words heaped upon her, followed by a blow and a cry of pain.

He started, angrily, to his feet, but, at a motion from his mother, resumed his seat, exclaiming: ing:
"Infamous!"

The next morning the storm raged wilder than on the night previous, and Raymond Prescott's face face seemed longer by half a length when he arose and looked from his window upon the turbulent sea. now lashed to fury, and the rain falling in torrents upon the dreary earth.

Lady Prescott looked pale and wan when she met him in the room below, but she strove to be cheerful, and not let him see how disappointed she was at the dreary prospect of spending the day in that miserable place.

Later in the day she came to him, saying:

"Ray, I have been having a long talk with your 'enchanted princess.'"

"Well, what do you make of her?" he asked.

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"Well, what do you make of her?" he asked. "I find her a dear little thing, her heart brimming over with gratitude for every kind word given her. What say you to trying to better her condition for her?"

"Just what I had been cogitating myself, mother mine; but how can it be accomplished?" "That remains to be seen. I have discovered that she does not belong in any way to these people, and, by questioning and gently drawing her out, that she has a faint remembrance of her mother, and also of some one else, whom she used to call 'Nansie,' or 'Nannie,' She does not like to say much about her life here, though I imagine it has been a sad enough one. The only bright spot in it seems to have been the kindness of the sick lady who comes here in the summer."

"Does the dame here know nothing of her history?" asked Raymond.

"Sibyl says she has begged her many a time to tell her how she came here, but the woman only gets angry and cuffs her for her inquisitiveness."

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"I have thought of that; but what could we do with her, even supposing her mistress here could be prevailed upon to give her to us?"

"Educate her; she seems eager for knowledge. Let us try the experiment, and see what it will amount to. I have no doubt that the people here would gladly give her up for a small sum of money, and it would a mercy be to the poor, abused child. Even if she should never amount to anything very brilliant, we could, at least, put her in a way to make a coinfortable living," the young man said, really interested in the project.

"That is so. Ray, I have half a mind to try

father say?

"He will say, as he always does, mother mine,
'that his Annie shall do just whatever her own
kind heart dictates,'" Raymond replied, with
a fond glance into the beautiful face opposite

Lady Prescott flushed slightly, and a smile, half proud, half tender, curled her lips at this re-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 15.)

Crumbs of Comfort

Nature never pretends. Children sweeten labors.

A light heart lives long.

Talkers are no good doers.

Friendship requires action. Life is the soul's nursery. Prevention is the best of bridles.

Time is the chrysalis of eternity.

Prayer is a self-preached sermon. Unquiet meals make ill digestions.

Ignorance of wealth is true riches.

Liberty is the daylight of the soul.

He that sips many arts, drinks none.

The good are Heaven's peculiar care.

Great wants are born of great wealth.

Where pity dwells is the peace of God.

They can conquer who believe they can.

A sunny temper gilds the darkest hour.

Human knowledge is the parent of doubt.

They that know no evil will suspect none.

Joys are our wings; sorrows are our spurs.

others

perseverance

A suspicious parent makes an artful child.

Wise kings have generally wise councillors. When passions glow, the heart is heated steel. The tongue can be the ambassador of the heart.

Pride that dines on vanity may sup on contempt.

Love's reign is eternal, and his throne the heart.

The man with an empty purse may sing before a robber.

In the world a man lives in his own age; in solitude, in all

The great secret of life is never to be in the way of

He that would have bread from wheat must wait the

True friendship has not a heart of milk that turns in wo nights.

Great works are performed, not by strength, but by

A cask will long retain the flavor of that with which it was first filled.

To bring a child up to the dearest common sense is the cheapest course.

Enjoy your present pleasures so as not to injure those that are to follow,

If all the world played holiday, to sport would be as edious as to work.

Many people live on the reputation of the reputation hey might have made.

When young, we trust ourselves too much; when old, we trust others too little.

Nature has concealed at the bottom of our minds talents and abilities of which we are not aware.

Occupation was one of the pleasures of the Garden of Eden, and we cannot be happy without it.

A miser may grow rich by seeming to be poor; an extravagant man poor by seeming to be rich.

The three most difficult things are—to keep a secret, to forget an injury, and to make good use of leisure.

If we hope for what we are not likely to possess, we act and think in vain, and make life a dream and shadow.

If you would relish food, labor for it before you eat it: if you would sleep soundly, take a clear conscience to bed

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JANUARY COMFORT

our bright New Year Number, will give its readers the right start on the new year. If they wish to keep themselves attuned to the spirit of the times, now in a state of such marvelous and rapid transition, they should take care not to miss a single one of the next twelve issues. We are preparing to make the February and March numbers exceptionally interest-ing and useful. We mention here a few of the

Special Features for January

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indoors for early blooming in the garden.

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An interesting, instructive and timely article picturing and describing how to start your plants

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Our Mistletoe Girl

ERRY CHRISTMAS, everybody! And are you all looking so pretty that mistletoe near at hand is very, very dangerous? I hope so! But if you aren't, let me give you just a few words of advice.

December is a cold and blustery month. Wet snows beat into our faces, and chill winds congeal our blood, not yet accustomed to winter cold, and our lips chap and our ears turn blue and our noses red, alas!

This is the one combination of red, white and blue which none of us love, so let's see how to get rid of it.

Let me whisper a secret, girls. You can't look pretty in winter if you don't feel warm! Really! The moment you are chilled, your face grows plached, and your lips lose their color, and you have unbecoming gooseflesh on your arms—and



OUR MISTLETOE GIRL.

you're not pretty any longer! So your first alm must be to keep warm. Your ankles and your hands have a great deal to do with the warmth of your body. They are easily chilled, and as the blood creeps back to the heart from these extremities, it chills all the body.

It is all right to wear low shoes in winter, in the house, if it is a steamheated or furnace-heated house, so that every room and hall is warm, but if it is stove-heated, so that you go from a warm room to an icy hall or a cool bedroom, then stick to high shoes.

You may even wear low shoes outdoors (if the soles are not too thin, and there is no snow to wade through), provided you wear spats, or gaiters snugly buttoned about ankle and leg, keeping you as warm as toast.

Carry a muff, or wear fleece-lined mittens slipped over your gloves when you are going a-calling or to a party. You can slip off your mittens as you reach the door of your destination, and enter in all the glory of your best gloves.

Before going outdoors in winter, rub cold cream well into the face, wipe off any excess with a pad of cotton and powder lightly. Rub the lips thoroughly in the same manner (no powder of course). If you take this precaution, you won't have chapped and roughened lips to sigh over. But be sure to wipe cream off eyebrows and brush every bit of powder out with your eyebrow brush. If, in spite of warmly dressing the body, your lips get blue and your face pinches, your circulation isn't as it should be. Exercise for five minutes before going outdoors, in addition to ten or fifteen minutes' boudoir exercises daily, either night or morning or both. Here's a good exercise.

To Speed Up the Circulation

Stand with heels together, toes out, head erect, arms at sides. Now rise slowly on the balls of the feet, keeping the body, from hips up, perfectly erect. Thow arms back as far as possible. Bend knees and sink to squatting position, at the same time swinging arms down and forward, to maintain balance. The heels must not be allowed to touch the floor, while doing this, nor must the upper half of the body bend. Repeat ten or fifteen times.

When you take your daily body bath (whether it is in the tub, or a sponge bath), rub the body vigorously with a rough towel. In taking a sponge bath, only uncover a small portion of body at a time,—as one arm, or the lower leg, or a foot, etc. Sponge quickly, dry, then rub vigorously, recover, and proceed to the next portion. In this way, there is no danger of chilling.

A red nose usually means imperfect circulation, although it may be the result of indigestion. If it appears in winter only, however, you may know it is the circulation that is at fault. So, exercise as I have suggested, keeping the body warm (but not too heavily clad when in warm rooms), and look after the elimination.

the body warm (but not too heavily clad when in warm rooms), and look after the elimination. In the meantime, you may bind on the nose each night a pad of cotton, wet with the following, and then covered with a dry cloth.

That Red, Red Nose

Rosewater, three ounces; glycerine, two ounces; muriate of ammonia, one dram; tannic acid, one half dram.

acid, one half dram.
You can have your druggist put up a smaller quantity, if desired. The muriatic acid should be dissolved in the glycerine and the water then

Answers to Questions

S. M. L.—At eighteen years of age, being five feet eight inches tall, you should weigh about one hundred and forty-eight pounds. It may be that one hundred and thirty pounds is enough for you, as this depends somewhat on the size of your frame. Your waist measure should be about thirty inches, bust forty and hips forty for that height; but age cuts some figure, and at eighteen you should not be as fully developed as to bust as if you were twenty-eight. I imagine you are not far off in measurements, though you could stand quite a little larger waist. I am sorry that I am not permitted to express an opinion about any proprietary remedies. Probably all that you mention are perfectly good ones. A brunette with fair skin should use a firsh-tinted powder—with dark skin, a pink powder. You should not be using many cosmetics, for your skin should be healthy and natural and much better looking without artificial aids than with them. A good cold cream occasionally will do no harm, and a light dust of powder when it is needed, but be careful not to powder heavily or use it when your skin is perfectly fresh and attractive without it.

Jennle,—If the hair on face, neck and arms is very leth—like downs—I should not were about it. If you

will carefully examine the girls you know, you will see that almost all of them have some hair on face or arms. You have probably not paid much attention it, because it is not at all a serious matter, and when you realize this, you will take your own hair less seriously. See answer to "Ruby" for treatment you can use. This will bleach the hair while killing the roots.

Irene—For the small moles, you can touch them with salicylic acid moistened with glycerine binding this on for half an hour. The acid cats away the little spot. Take the treatment three consecutive days, unless the face is sore. You must always be careful in treating moles, for you are apt to develop more serious troubles. Better try just one mole to begin with.

serious troubles. Better try just one mole to begin with.

Allej.—If you are only thirteen, do not worry about the shape of your legs. They will shape themselves as you get a little older, and nothing that you can do will hurry them. Forget about them, for they are not important. Also, let your skin alone, except to protect it, when you go outdoors, with a large hat or sunbonnet. Keep it thoroughly clean—see what I say to "Blue Byes" about scrubbing the face, but don't do any of the other things I recommend to her. Keep your bowels open. Stay outdoors as much as you can, and do active things so that every part of your body is exercised. You don't weigh nearly enough, so should drink lots of milk, eat plenty of bread and butter, and potatoes, and rice, and fruit, and vegetables and eggs. Don't eat between meals, though it might be all right for you to have a glass of milk between meals. Your knuckles look large because you do not weigh enough; but as you build yourself up in weight, your fingers will fatten as well as the rest of you, and that trouble will be taken care of. What you want to do is to eat well, sleep well (with windows open), exercise a lot, stay outdoors all you can, and drink lots of water. Keep warm in winter, especially your ankles and your hands, and take a body bath every day except when you are not feeling well. You can stand on a folded bath towel and give yourself a perfectly good sponge bath with a rough washeloth, if you haven't a bathtub.

D. D.—I do not think your pimples would leave a

D. D.—I do not think your pimples would leave a scar if you did not squeeze them or touch them. How about this? See my answer to "Dollie," and "Irene." If your neck is too fleshy, you probably are too fleshy elsewhere, also. Try some of the exercises printed in Comfort from month to month, for reducing. In the meantime, use this one for your fleshy neck:

For a Too Fat Neck

Drop head limply on chest. Now roll it toward the left, then drop it backward and roll it toward the right, drop forward and roll toward left. Continue for ten or more times.

M. E. B.—The peroxide and ammonia treatment consists of dampening the hairy spots one day with ammonia, the next with peroxide. That is all there is to it. You may use the ordinary household ammonia. If it irritates the skin, follow directions to "Ruby." It must be continued for a considerable time.

A Reader.—You say your hands are always red. Are your clothes tight anywhere—at armhole, wrist, elbow, neck, waist, or feet, or do you wear round garters instead of the side garters? If the latter, change your garters at once, and if the former, loosen up your clothing. In a recent number I gave a very good whitening lotion for the hands—use that and you will find your hands improved.

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Disappointed.—Your letter was received June 13th, yet you wanted an answer in July Comport! Why, my dear, the July Comport was being mailed at that time, the August Comport was being printed, the September Comport was in the typesetting rooms, the October Comport was being prepared for the printer! My girls keep forgetting how long a big magazine must work ahead. Vigorous massage will reduce your fleshy face somewhat, but I imagine you do not exercise enough and that your circulation is not sufficiently active. Get plenty of exercise daily, both boudoir exercises and outdoor exercise. Be careful not to overeat or to eat too sweet or heavy foods. Massage is your only local remedy—you must depend upon the general measures outlined for other help.

Pansy.—After you have washed your face in hot water at night, you should immediately rinse it in warm water several times, then in tepid water, then in cool water, and finally in cold water. After this, you may apply any face cream you are going to use, but it is wise to close the pores in this way before putting it on. In the morning, wash in tepid water, rinse in tepid, and finally in cold.

Edna.—You and "Dollie" have much the same trouble, have you not? Read what I said to her—also what I said to "Alley." Your bowels are one important way of getting rid of impurities in the blood. When they do not move freely and naturally at least once a



DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR EYEBROW BRUSH AFTER

day, then the impurities try to get out some other way, and pimples result. Be careful to eat easily digestible food, lots of fruit (surely you get oranges where you live, and there is nothing better) and vegetables. Don't eat fried foods. You are at an age when pimples are usual, and you will probably get rid of them before long.

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P. S. M.—No, don't use cocoa-butter on the face; it will grow hair. If you want to make the checks full, you will have to begin at the stomach, for it is only by nourishing the body and adding flesh that you can bring about this result. Why don't you try the milk diet? Don't press on the end of the nose to keep it from turning up, or you will get an ugly shape. Turned-up noses are considered quite attractable and I should think yours might be. I would let it alone. As to shoulder braces, they might help you temporarily, and it would do no harm to try them. But you should exercise daily ten or fifteen minutes, night and morning, trying to overcome the round shoulders. I gave a fine exercise last month for this—the one for developing the lungs. Make a practise of throwing the chest up and out and letting the shoulders hang. Don't throw them back squarely, and don't be disappointed if your shoulder blades still stick out after quite a little exercise. It will take time to overcome this, but I believe you will succeed if you keep at it. Do everything possible to build-up, your strength and health, for as you do this you will have more energy and your muscles will do their work better and better. A good exercise for you would be to place hands on hips, thumbs back and fingers forward, heels together, and throw the body back from the waist as far as possible without bending the knees. Of course you must do this in loose clothing and without a corset. Practise ten or fifteen times at one time, and do this daily.

Mrs. B. L. H.—No, I would not use the Portugal Bust Food on the neck as well as the bust. Exercise

cream occasionally will do no harm, and a light dust of powder when it is needed, but be careful not to powder heavily or use it when your skin is perfectly fresh and attractive without it.

Jennie.—If the hair on face, neck and arms is very light—like down—I should not worry about it. If you light—like down—I should not worry about it. If you light—like down—I should not worry about it. If you light—like down—I should not worry about it. If you light—like down—I should not worry about it. If you light—like down—I should not worry about it. If you light—like down—I should not use the Portugal needles. This band and semi-circular leaves of flannel are attached to the end as shown.

To side corresponding with one numbered 3, and a full pocket, drawn in with an elastic.

At the end of bottom No. 2 add cardboard

with arms pressed closely against sides, then, keeping chin lifted, turn the head so that the eyes look back over the left shoulder, then over the right, and repeat rapidly for ten or fifteen times, keeping the neck muscles stiff while doing it. Gentle massage will also help the neck Remember that vigorous massage reduces and gentle massage develops.

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B. D.—I am sorry I cannot write to you personally, but it is a rule of this department that all letters be answered in our columns. You say your men friends do not seem to care much about you, and you won der why. Perhaps you do not make yourself enter taining enough. What do you talk about remember a man likes to talk about the things which interest him. You say you weigh too much, but you are resily only about four or five pounds heavier than you should be. If you think you would look better with a little less flesh, why not try to reduce? Cut out potatoes and rice and sweet things for a while, and make your meals of green vegetables, and meat and fruits and eggs. Exercise a little every day. As to the oily hair, we must overcome that. Are you sure you get the soap out thoroughly when you wash it? It needs eight or nine rinsings, for if the soap stays on the scalp or hair, it clogs up the little oil cells, irritates them, and they pour out more and more oil all the time. Dry your hair in the sun when you wash it, tossing it about in the air. Don't rub soap on the hair, but use it in the form of jelly, as I have urged so many times. Keep the bowels open, and take a good body bath daily—all this will stimulate your circulation and help your scalp and hair as well as the rest of the body. Each night, put the flat of your fingers against the scalp, after taking down the hair, and without lifting the fingers move the scalp back and forth, but press them firmly and move just the skin Ge all over your head in this way. If the skin is tight, your hair cannot be healthy until it is lossened and kept loosened. If you will give this treatment to your scalp and hair as well as the rest of the body. Each night, ponditions will improve, I know.

Dollie.—Stop 'mashing' the blackheads and fertening pimples on your face. Let them alone, no matter how they look. Wash the face very gently a ni

For Your Pimples

Rose water, four ounces; glycerine, one dram; tinc-ire of camphor, one dram; precipitate of sulphur. ture of cone dram.

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Your druggist can put this up for you. You may apply this to your pimples several times a day. Do not rub soap on the face, and, except at night, do not even use soapy water. In the morning, use warm water, followed by cold, and do the same during the day. Be very careful to take a good body bath daily and rub the skin well, and you must be especially careful about your bowels, and about drinking eight to ten glasses of water a day—a glass on getting up, before dressing; another after dressing, two or three during the morning; two or three during afternoon; and one an hour before retiring. Cut out sweets for the time being, fat meats and gravies. Do not try to "whiten" your face or do anything with it until you get rid of your pimples. You will probably find, by that time, that it has whitened out. Leave the moles alone. If they are not large fleshy ones, they are not disfiguring. If the latter, you can get rid of them, but you should not touch anything on your face till you get rid of your pimples, for your blood is not in good enough condition. One can cause a cancer by tampering with a mole, sometimes.

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Ruby.—If your pores are large from using hot water, stop using hot water, except at night, when it is needed to thoroughly cleanse all soil from the face. Even then, follow by rinsing in warm water, several times, tepid water and then cold water. The cold water will close the pores. In the daytime, never use hot water. Cold water will of course, contract the pores. Be careful to keep them thoroug'ly clean, however, or you will have blackheads. Attention at night will take care of this. As to the fuzz growing on your face, dampen one day with ammonia and the next with peroxide. This is a harmless treatment, but slow. Don't worry about the fuzz. If your skin is irritated with the peroxide after using for a time, stop for a couple of days and rub in a little pure cold cream. Your hair splits because it is not healthy. It needs more nourishment, and it must get this from a healthy body. Build up your general health, eating sensibly and enough, drinking water, exercising, sleeping with your windows open, and keeping your bowels in good condition. At night massage your scalp with the flat of your fingers, going over entire scalp and moving the skin on the skull.

Miss Blanche M.— If you cannot get the two articles you mention from your druggist, ask him to

Miss Blanche M.- If you cannot get the two articles you mention from your druggist, ask him to order them for you, as he can when be puts in his next order for drugs.

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Blue Eyes.—See answer to "Ruby" and "Dollie."
If your blackheads are not sore, scrub the face with a complexion brush and hot soapy water. You will notice I told "Dollie" not to do this with her festering pimples. A good thing, probably, for you to do, after the face is thoroughly cleansed at night, as above directed, is to massage in a little boric powder and finally rub a little cold cream over this. In the morning wash with tepid water. After doing this for six days, steam the face the seventh night over a basin of bolling water. To do this, use a Turkish towel thrown over the head to keep the steam in and bend over the bowl of hot water. After the steaming, rinse in hot water and coat face with a blackhead paste, letting it remain on for ten minutes. Do not use boric powder this night.

Blackhead Paste

Into three cups of water shave a cake of Castile soap and add a teaspoonful of powdered borax. Boil until it is somewhat reduced in amount, then set it off to cool, when it should jelly. It is this jelly which is

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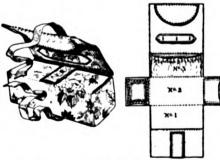
In and Around the Home

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ners squarely. Cut four pieces of cardboard two and one half by six inches, slip one into the bottom of bag and run a row of machine stitching just beyond it. Follow this with the other three cardboards, each shoved up closely the stitching and followed by a row of

stitching.

Next make two bands, one by four inches,



A SEWING BOX WITH DIAGRAM FOR MAKING.

place one of these crosswise in the center of the side, this will reach from the first line of the side, this will reach from the first line of stitching on the inside to the same point on the outside. Simply catch the ends of this band securely as it is designed to slip over small scissors, stiletto, paper of needles, etc. On the second band work three buttonholed bars, under which slip bodkins and large needles. This band and semi-circular leaves of fiannel are attached to the end as shown.

To side corresponding with one numbered 3.



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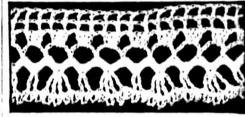
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covered squares fitting one with a pocket for holding thimble and the other with a tiny cushion. Form into a box by sewing sides No. 1 and No. 3 to the ends, attach a ribbon to the outside, fold up and tie together.

Rickrack Braid Edging

A few yards of such an edging as is here shown will be a gift which will be appreciated by any woman who loves dainty things and especially by one who cannot do such work or lacks time for it. By using the braid in working out a pattern considerable time is saved and this is a consideration at this particular season. This edging will fit a circular edge as well as a straight one.

Insert hook in first point and ch. 10 for the first treble and picot, 1 tr. c., picot, 3 times in same piace, * 1 tr. c., picot, 1 tr. c., picot in next



EDGING IN RICKRACK BRAID AND CROCHET.

point, 4 tr. c. and picot after each treble in next point, repeat from * to length desired.

Catch in point, * ch. 8, s. c. 1 in next point; repeat from * to length of lace.
2nd row.—4 d. c. over each ch. 8 with ch. 2 between.

Detween.

3rd and 4th rows.—Spaces to end of row.
This will make effective edging for the popular
Teddy bear suits, for all undergarments or
children's clothing.

Made in a Jiffy Boudoir Cap

This jaunty little affair can be very quickly fashioned by the girl who loves dainty things but lacks either the time or ability to undertake a piece of work which requires both. This creation can be developed of one half yard of Persian lawn or flowered muslin. Take a straight piece about fifteen inches wide, fit it plain across the front of the head, round off the corners just below the ears and gather across the back. Cut the front edge in large scallops and bind with a narrow satin ribbon, make three rosettes by gathering up some two-inch three rosettes by gathering up some two-inch lace, catch these to the front of the cap and under them run a two-inch satin ribbon which crosses the back and is tied in a full bow on the side.

A scarf of dotted net with a design woven around the dot (for center of flower) with colored silks is very effective. White dotted net with blue or pink daisies woven through the mesh for the young lady and black net with gilt interwoven for the elderly one is satisfactory. The edges may be bound with ribbon.

A tag holder has foundation about six inches high by three wide, with a pocket on the bottom front, three inches high by three the bottom front, three inches high by three wide, into which tags are slipped. This may be of heavy, white board, stencilled, or covered with embroidered slip, or one of silk or burlap decorated with gilt paint.



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Comfort's League of Cousins

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through the mails, that Uncle Sam has Federal prisons—and they are not health resorts by the way—for this particular kind of human vermin. There are only two classes of people in the United States today—Americans and traitors. My advice to you, Joe, is to hustle up and be an American as soon as possible, for it's going to be mighty dangerous from now on to be anything else.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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With the Canadian Expeditionary Force
On active Service, CAMP BORDEN, ONT.
DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUNTS:
I am a soldier with the Overseas Expeditionary
Forces of Canada. Camp Borden is a large camp and
had 45,000 soldiers stationed here last year. It is large
er this year than last as we have American soldiers
with us now A soldier's life is a pleasant life, though
there are hard times ahead of us when we get to the
front. I have two brothers serving in the U. S., one
in the army and one in the navy, and mother (God
bless her) has given me to the Canadian Army. What
more can be expected of a mother. And yet there are
many so-called Americans who accuse their nation of
treachery for calling its boys to its defense, and the
defense of those things that mean to a real man,
more than life itself. I have enlisted beneath the
British Union Jack because I know England fights for
a just cause, and I'm ready to give the last drop
of my blood to help drive Kaiserism and all its dirty,
murderous work, from a suffering world, and I pray
God to help me bear whatever comes, even though it
be death. Life is as sweet to me as to anyone else,
but I do not want to live in any country or any land
or any world that is willing to submit to the tyranny
of a gang of uniformed brutes; and so if my life can
help win justice, righteousness and peace for humanity I will give it without a murmur, and in giving my
life I will be giving less than many have to, give or
have given. I hope that the true light has come to all
COMPORT readers, and that they realize the awful peril
that confronts them and all humanity, and I hope
that they too will not complain if in behalf of the
great cause, they have to sacrifice both life and
fortune. Now I must say* good by, maybe forever
and always. May heaven be merciful and bless our
cause and help you one and all in this great hour
of trial. As the saying goos, good by, maybe forever
and always. May heaven be merciful and bless our
cause and help you one and all in this great hour

a world of justice and freedom.

PTE. LESTER DAVIDSON, No. 3,030,343. G. Company, 1st. Central Ontario Rgt., Camp Borden, Out. Can.

Lester, I thank you with all my heart, that you an American boy have with fine courage and high resolution, without faltering or paltering, hastened to do your duty to your God and your country. Great Britain did not ask a single man in all her colonies to come to her aid, and she could not had she wished, for those colonies are absolutely free, bound to her solely by ties of sentiment and tradition. But from the ends of the earth they came, those brawny colonials, for they knew the cause of their motherland, who too was our motherland, was righteous and just. They knew too, if Prussia was victorious, the English-speaking nations, including the United States (which practically represent ninety per cent of all that there is in the way of democracy and popular government on the face of the earth) would go down into the dust, and a merciless, godless, bloodthirsty, military oligarchy, would rule the earth with fire and sword. Thousands of American boys have gone to Canada of their own free will crossed the seas and have died in the trenches fighting with Britain and France, that liberty, freedom and popular government might not perish from the earth. And now the Davidson family has given two sons to fight under the Stars and Stripes and one under the Union Jack. That is as it should be and must be. If liberty and freedom are to live in this distracted world, the English-speaking peoples and the forward looking nations of Europe and South America must forget the antagonisms of the past (and they are forgotten except by an ignominious and contemptible few who fatten on hate as a buzzard fattens on fiith) and stand together in this war upon war which shall make democracy forever safe for mankind. I see a day not so far distant when Canada and the United States, having wiped out old scores for which there never was any real cause, will work together harmoniously for the common and inspir

NORWALK, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I send you the first verse of my song "Kisser Bill," and ask advice and help. The rhime is classy and the sentiment fine. Wouldn't it pay us both for me to get the four verses copywrighted and you to go in with me and go halves and get a tune to fit. Every soldeir would want one and the band would play the tune. Now that's a grate idea. The other three verses are even better.

A War Song

Old Kisser Bill of Germany has got it in his head That he is big cheif of the world and here is what he said.

I am grate Kisser Bill, almust come to my will I am the lord of Ditchland all other countries are nil.

From a patriot,

EDWIN C. JACOBS.

From a patriot,

Ed. I suppose "old Kisser Bill" means Kaiser Bill, and you inform us that "Old Kisser Bill has got it in his head." After a while Ed, we are going to see that he gets it in the neck as well as his head. I hope Kisser Bill will be caged up so he won't have the opportunity of kissing any of our American girls. The Hohenzollern tribe is tainted. The Kaiser's father died of an affection of the throat and it is said that the Kaiser blames his father for the blood taint that gave him a shriveled arm. Old Kisser Bill is the modern Mahomet, destroying all who do not accept his murderous brand of Kultur. Ed, I think every "soldeir" as you call it, would want one of your war songs, but whether it would be wise to let them have them is another matter. If they all had a fit after reading the first verse (and of course such a thing might happen), and if the band forgot to play the tune and only just played the words, we'd have a very sick army and Kisser Bill would win the war. You are right in saying that old Kisser Bill is the Lord of Ditchland. Most of his once proud soldiers are now hiding in ditches. Kisser Bill is the Lord of Ditchland. Most of his once proud soldiers are now hiding in ditches. Kisser Bill didn't think that that wonderful Prussian Guard of his, which has been cut to pieces and reformed more than a score of times, would, instead of marching triumphantly through the streets of Paris, have to hide thirty feet under the ground for fear of having the stuffing knocked out of it by Britain's "contemptible little army," which makes Kisser Bill's troops run to cover every time it starts out Huin hunting. You may be a little shy on poetry and spelling, Ed, but your patriotism is so fine, that Billy the Goat is going to take you to Berlin in an airship and is going to take you to Berlin in an airship and is going to tower you down on a rope and let you sing just one verse of your rhymes right in Kisser Bill's ear. If that don't settle Kisser Bill nothing will.

WHIRLWIND, W. VA.

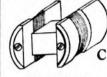
DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I live on a farm. I have a cat and four kittens and one fox terrier cow and hog. We live in a four

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Magneto Ignition



end of the shaft which is hollowed out for the purpose and terminates on a flat steel button. In direct contact with the utton is a collector brush which is nothing more or less than a small piece of carbon with a flat end. Some man uf acturers, however, use a collector brush made of copper fauze rolled. As the name would indicate the collector brush rubbing against the flat steel button picks up the current generated in the armature winding and sends it through a cable to the induction coil or other parts. In order to produce a current of sufficient pressure a current interrupter or breaker is necessary. However, to steer clear of confusion the function performed by this part will be treated on at another time.

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suppose "grammer" is the way they spell grammar in Whirlwind, W. Va. What "physilogy" is I can't tell unless Billy the Goat will give me a little assistance. Billy says it is the science which permits you with a little study to properly locate your pie tank, otherwise your teeth, your sails, otherwise your stomach, your facial china, otherwise your teeth, your sails, otherwise your buste, otherwise your nose, and so on. When I went to school we used to call that physiology. Anyway we won't find fault with Lula, she is very young and she is doing her best and if she continues to do her best (if the German language press hasn't in the meantime succeeded in handling the country over to the Kaiser) in a few years she may be president of the United States. The whole trouble with the world today is that about one in a hundred tries to do his or her best. The majority of people are spending all their energies in trying to do their worst and that's why most of them have fox terrier cows and pains in their "physilogy" and never amount to very much at any time.

League Shut-in and Mercy Work

League Shut in and Mercy Work for December

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

Written references from postmaster and physician must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Appeals unaccompanied by written references will be destroyed.

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L. B. Tinsley, 1645 Washington Ave., Huntington, W. Va. Paralyzed and utterly helpless. Send Santa Claus to his bedside. Very sad case, Isaac Price, Lenoir, R. R. 2, Box 79, N. C. Invalid for forty-five years, depends on charity for support. Well recommended. Remember this afficted brother in your Christmas giving. Elmer Dahlgren, 323 N. 58th Ave., Duluth, Minn. Both legs amputated. Azed mother his only support. Very sad and worthy case. Give him a Christmas call. Mrs. A. C. Hottinger, Thornville, R. R. 5. Ohio. Helpless invalid for twenty years, Very poor and needy. Send her some cheer, Lafayette Swanson, Boomer, R. R. 2, N. C. Paralyzed from waist down, result of being thrown from wagon by runaway team twelve vears ago. Don't forget him. Mrs. E. B. Welch, Corydon, R. R. I., Iowa. Eighty years of age. Sick and needy. Send her a dime shower. James Wortham, Letona, Ark. Invalid, Send him some cheer, George Weston, Allexan, R. R. 2, Mich. Forty-two years old, blind and crippled. Very sad case. Send him cheery letters, and any financial aid you can spare. Alma V. Smith, Benen Vista, Md. Shut-in. Would appreciate cheery letters, Mrs. L. Hollis-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 19.)

Cut this out and paste it to the top of a sheet of writing paper.

Read our editorial (on page 2) headed "Crucifying the Magazines." Then, if you favor a

Circulate the petition among your friends and neighbors and get them to sign, women as well Finally, mail the signed petition to your congressman at House of Representatives, Washing-

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though I tried hard.

Now I think this
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Hampshire, from which place I enlisted in the
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I cannot feel but that I owe you this testimony
for I had never expected to be cured. However.

for I had never expected to be cured. However, thanks be to God I found a cure through the valuable appliance you made for me.

Your friend Holly Hill, Fla.

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"Was Sure He Would Be a Cripple"

Mr C E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.

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the one who was cured by your Appliance. He had been rup-tured quite a while before we wrote you, and I was sure that he would be a cripple the rest of his life. However, some helping hand showed me an ad.

perfect health through the wearing of a Brooks Appliance for just three months. The doctor advised an operation, which I

would not consent to. Your advice was to put an Air Cushion Appliance on him, and I must say that it is worth ten times what it cost.

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I wish you could have seen him before we used the Appliance and now, when he is fully as sound as anyone could be.

I cannot thank you too much for what you have done for my boy.

Yours respectfully,

OLIVER HANSON.



The above is C. E. Brooks, inventor of the Appliance, who cured himself and who is now giving others the benefit of his experience.

If ruptured, write him today, at Marshall, Mich.

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Dear Mr. Brooks: I am sending you a small picture of my son, who is now five years old. We ordered your Ap-pliance for him when he

was only two months old, and yet want to say in about three months all

about three months an signs of rupture were gone, and he is some boy today.

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T. A. McLAIN.



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Mr. Wm. McAdams, of Kansas, Ill. is a vete-ran of Co. "H" 59, Regt. Ill. Vol. of which he was

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> Yours truly. Wm. McAdams, Sr., Kansas, Ill.

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Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.

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Dear Sir:—Perhaps it will interest you to know that I have been ruptured six years and have always had trouble with it till I got your Appliance. It is very easy to wear, fits neat and snug, and is not in the way at any time, day or night. In fact, at times I did not know I had it on; it just adapted itself to the shape of the body and seemed to be a part of the body, as it clung to the spot, no matter what position I was in.

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nate who suffer from rup-ture if all could procure the Brooks Rupture Ap-pliance and wear it. They would certainly never

My rupture is now all healed up and nothing ever did it but your Appliance. Whenever the opportunity presents itself I will say a good word for your Appliance, and also the honorable way in which you deal with ruptured people. It is a pleasure to recommend a good thing among your friends or strangers. I am,

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By Ella Gordon

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HERE is no more enjoyable arrangement for Christmas giving or one that all may share so equally in, as the gathering of family and friends before a Christmas tree laden with mysterious packages and home-made decorations. The reason for chiefly using the fir tree on this occasion is probably due to the fact that the fir is classed among the world's sacred trees. Let us not forget to teach the lesson that thirty-three years after the blessed Christ child's birth came the tree on the hill of Golgotha, where he poured out His life blood, a free gift to all. So from the tree at Calvary we learn what we all experience at this season, that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

Center on making your decorations practically without expense, thus saving the money for a few more gifts. Strings of bright red cramberries are exceedingly decorative, and by using white thread for the strings, and a fine needle, the cramberries will not be injured, but can be rinsed and used for cooking purposes, after doing duty on the tree. Make cramberry strings into yard lengths and use as garlands from limb to limb. Dot the tree here and there with snowballs made from cotton. Usually there is a little spare cotton in the house, and it should be picked and made very light, then formed into balls. Run a white thread through each, the the two ends into a loop and hang to tree. Cotton can be taken from a pillow and returned after use on the tree. Popcorn strings are always gala in appearance, and furnish the small hands with happy employment. With soft cloths, polish bright red apples, the strong thread to the stems and hang onto the tree. Distribute the always ald in appearance, and furnish the small hands with happy employment. With soft cloths, polish bright red apples, the strong thread to the stems and hang onto the tree. Distribute the always gala in appearance, and furnish the small hands with happy employment. With soft cloths, polish bright red apples, the strong thread of content and content of the content of the content of

The Girl He Loved

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before all the world, in words that stopped the very blood in her: "I, Adrian, take thee, Rave-

very blood in her: "I. Adrian, take thee, Ravenel—"
The bride heard no other word of the service. She clutched Levallion's hand like a vise that she might not fall; a gray mist swam before her eyes. She muttered after the bishop something that meant nothing, but was all of a piece with this awful travesty of marriage that was binding her to an Adrian Gordon she had never loved. Saddening, the crash of the wedding-march came on her dazed ears; the gray mist lifted, cleared. She was walking by Levallion's side to the vestry, to sign, for the last time, the name she had grown to hate.

Rayenel Annesley was dead now, and decently

she had grown to hate.

Ravenel Annesley was dead now, and decently buried under a pile of wedding presents and a bridal wreath. It was the Countess of Levallion who lifted her veil with a hand that was perfectly steady, despite the burden of its new ring; the Countess of Levallion who bent forward that the duchess might kiss her on both cheeks. If she was a little drawn about the mouth, no one saw it but the bridegroom; and he in a curious, cynical way, was sorry for her.

Curiously, too, he had meant every word he had said at the altar. To his life's end, Adrian Gordon, Lord Levallion, meant to love and cherish his wife.

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He was proud of her very listlessness as he led her down the aisle; prouder still of her absolute immobility when something happened that tried even his nerve.

In the porch, blocking the very way of the bridal procession—and to this day Lady Levallion could not tell you the names of her six bridesmaids!—was a woman.

Exquisitely slim and small, she stood waiting, a little boy clinging to her hand. Her dress was black, a lace veil, with a heavy border, hid her mouth, but not her eyes. As she moved, silently, gracefully, to give room to the happy couple, Lord Levallion met those eyes full on his.

"Hester!" almost he said it aloud. "And in black. Can the little fool be going to make a scene?" And for an infinitesimal moment he held his breath. Ravenel, as she passed Mrs. Murray, drew away her skirts. She had obstinately refused to let her be asked to the wedding, and wondered that she should care to stand on the church steps with the curious crowd. But that was all. She never noticed the look the duchess' friend gave the bridegroom. For just one instant her eyes had held his; the next she and her boy

What to Send Our Soldiers

By Frances L. Garside

HE recent official announcement that the first contingent of American troops has begun active service in the front line trenches with the general knowledge that we have many more regiments in training in France and England and their numbers are continually increasing as fast as the transports can carry them over, makes the question of what can be done for the health and comfort of the soldier boy at the front a matter of anxious solicitude in hundreds of thousands of homes.

The chief interes in every heart, every home, and welfare of the boy at the front. In this sentiment, every sister shares, and this year many a sighed-for pink silk kimono or beruffled party gown will be forgotten in the greater joy of sending something nice will not be a flimsy, pretty gewgaw, if the woman who sends it is thinking of the needs of the boy in Khaki. It will be something useful, and all the shops are showing gifts suitable for American soldiers on duty that give counters and show cases a grimmer, more practical, look than that which characterized them only a short year ago.

Articles bought at the shops are wrapped and mailed as easily as any other parcel post package. A package from home will be equally welcome at any time to the soldier boy on foreign service, and the following suggestions are applicable as well to one time as to another.

If you are sending your solder books, recall what his taste has always been. The unfortunate of the state in reading, what books, though he may like them, are not as popular with the soldiers as other literature, according to the booksellers. Those returning say that poetry is best liked by the soldiers, and a book of poems is passed from one group to another.

A harmonica is welcomed, and many have written for them. Dreary camps are made merry with a mouth organ. And there is always need of emergency cases tiny enough to tuck in the corner of a knapsack and containing sitheient lint, gauze, tape and other material to dress minor wounds. Writing material is another suggestion. He needs to

had disappeared in the crowd. Lord Levallion was absolutely sick with relief, as he followed his wife into the carriage; and yet he was not sure that it was relief, for it felt uncommonly

his wife find the sure that it was relief, for it felt uncommonly like apprehension.

"Hester," he thought, "to dare to come here with the boy! It's enough to make all sorts of scandal." (That only a secrecy like the grave had been able to keep down!) "What can she mean?" He wondered, sharply, if Ravenel had noticed.

tain candles made of rolled paper soaked in hot paraffin. These have been made by American women and children by the thousands, and will burn long enough for the soldier to cook a small burn long enough for the soldier to cook a small meal

meal.

Do not send pink silk pajamas. Do not waste time on embroidery, when knitting counts for greater service.

The parcel post rate is twelve cents a pound, and the regular parcel post rules remain in force. Since November 1, when the new War Tax affecting postage went into effect, letters now call for three-cent stamps and post-cards for two-cent postage, except that soldiers' mail from the other side is hereafter received free. Soldiers, sending letters home are expected to put in the upper right-hand corner their own names, branch of service, outfit, etc.

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Tobacco should be sent separate from other articles, according to officials, since it is not properly admitted to France free of duty, but may be sent to American Expeditionary soldiers by special courtesy of the Minister of War. Such packages should be marked as "tobacco intended for an American soldier," with his address plainly written, also that of the sender.

Present regulations require that every package destined for a U. S. soldier in over-seas service shall be so packed and wrapped as to admit of easy inspection, and no parcel will be sent abroad that does not have the postmaster's certificate that it contains no prohibited articles.

Each package should be plainly addressed, giving the full name of the person for whom it is intended and designate the branch of the service (as Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry or Engineers, etc.) and the number of the regiment and letter of the company to which he belongs, stating also whether private or officer, and in the latter case giving his rank, and should conclude with the words "American Expeditionary Forces."

The name and full address of the sender must be written in the upper left-hand corner. For instance, a package from Mrs. Frank Jones, R. R. 2, Box S, Augusta, Maine, to her son James M., a private in Company F, 103rd Regiment Infantry, should be addressed thus:

From Mrs. Frank Jones, R. R. 2, Box 8, Augusta, Maine.

James M. Jones, Private, Co. F, 103rd Inf., American Expeditionary Forces.

Be careful about the address, for already thousands of pieces of mail matter for soldiers have piled up in Washington because improperly or insufficiently addressed; and probably these will never reach their destination.

Do not send perishable articles as they will be weeks on the way.

There will always be a demand for reading. Any periodicals which would otherwise go to waste should be mailed to the soldiers at the front. The Government requests this and the Post-office Department has arranged to provide an easy and inexpensive means of getting the magazines to the soldiers. Postmaster General Burleson has ordered that a one-cent postage stamp shall carry to the soldiers any magazine, regardless of size and weight, which prints on its front cover the following:

NOTICE TO READER.—When you finish reading this copy of (name of the magazine) place a U. S. one-cent postage stamp on this notice, hand same to any U. S. postal employee, and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers or sailors at the front. No wrapper, no address.

S. Burleson, Postmaster General.

Note.—Beginning with the present issue this notice will appear on the front cover of Comfort in order that any Comfort subscriber, if so inclined, may contribute his or her copy, after reading it, for the benefit of the boys at the front.

The Government will see to the distribution, and as neither address nor wrapper is permitted, apparently this special, low postage rate does not apply to magazines addressed to any individual soldier. However, it is suggested that it would be well to tie up the magazine with a string to a prevent injury in transit, taking care to fold it so that the notice and stamp will be outside.—

pearance and her angry eyes determinedly out of his mind. Before he brought his wife home to Levallion Castle, three months later, he had absolutely forgotten both.

made him proud of her. And by this time Lord Levallion was used to that curious, pathetic look she had about the eyes.

"You are a lazy wretch!" she said, looking up. "You've not opened one letter or one paper out of all that heap."

"You're very truthful," he said lazily. "How many women do you suppose would call me an old wretch to my face?"

The greatest charm he had found in her was that, let him be as cynically outspoken as he liked, she never cared; so that her answer surprised him.

"I wasn't truthful; it was a silly joke. I think, if you want to know, that you're a thousand times too good for me." Lord Levallion walked around the table, his handsome, worn face curiously soft.

around the table, his handsome, worn race currously soft:

"To tell a man he is too good for you is a fatal mistake," he remarked gravely. "It makes him presoune on you—like this!" kissing her slim hand: "I shall make a note that, to keep you work that it shall make a note that, to keep you work that it shall make a note that, to keep you work that it shall make a note that, to keep you work that you have the way. Have that you once a week. By the way, Have that you once a week. By the way, Have that you once a week ard you you have the way it is that you have that you you have the you have that you you have the you have that you you have the you have that you you have had a work that all rings!" with a vicious glance at her slim, bare hands. "You're changing the subject, Levallion. I was saying I was an odious wretch to marry you. I had no right to do it, just to get away from Sylvia!" It was the first time she had ever uttered the self-reproach that grew on her each day, with each fresh proof that Levallion's love was real. That other thought of revenge on Adrian Gordon that had been so quick in her once, was dead enough now, if repentance could kill it. Not for Adrian's sake, but for the petty meanness of it. She hated herself for having made Levallion a tool for her own ends, a corvenient escape from Sylvia and a surface that you might engage a father confessor, if it would ease your mind." His lordship returned to his place and lowered his eyes to his plate. For it seemed to him that his indifferent wife was beginning to care, which meant heaven opening before his incredulous middle-aged eyes. "I assure you, I'm quite satisfied with the result of your motives, however low they were, my dear child. You don't propose I should read all these, do you?" with a nod at his pile of letters.

"Every one. It's your own fault there are somany. You should have let your letters be forwarded while you were away. Now you must turn them over, and begin at the oldest."

For, kind as he was, his very goodness freted her, ju

She nodded silently, and, to Levallion's surprise, all the shocked, strained look was gone from her face.
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"Yes. Will you come, or stay here?"

"Oh, stay here!" said Lady Levallion, with a shudder breaking through that queer calmness born of conviction that Adrian Gordon was dead. When Levallion was gone, she noted dully that he had only read that one letter of all that waited for him, and wondered if he would be so concerned about Adrian if he knew all about him. And then, with a curious feeling of returning to consciousness, she realized with a rush that she was glad—glad!—that Adrian was dead. She need no longer reproach herself that she had stolen his inheritance, and never shrink with shame at the remembrance of how she had sold herself, body and soul, to be even with him.

"He's dead!" she said to herself, with an inexpressible peace. "Dead and happy, and some day I shall be like him. Not for a long time, for I'm young and tough, but every day will bring it a little closer. But if only he and I were lying in the same grave now, I would not care how long God put off the Judgment Day." And there was no grief in her face as she thought it; only the deadly longing that saps a woman's soul more than tears.

The strange, uncanny peace was still on her as she sat that afternoon on the lawn under the vellowing trees. She had forgiven Adrian everything she had against him, as she had no fear that he would not forgive her sin when she should stand beside him in her very flesh on the day of doom; for there would be no space wide enough to keep her from him when the earth gave up its motley crowd of men and women, of whom none would creep more gladly to the side of the love they had forgiven than she.

She looked up, clear-eyed, from the book she was not reading—and saw Adrian Gordon standing in front of her. Adrian, whose bones were whitening in the Afghan hills!

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Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10.) minder of her noble husband's indulgence and

confidence.
She went directly and sought Mistress Sloan and found her to be a rough-looking woman, with coarse, dark hair and features, and a disagreeably independent air.
"Who is this child whom you have with you?"
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"Her name is Sibyl, mum, as I thought ye knew before," was the laconic reply, accompanied by a suspicious glance.

"I know; but who is she? She does not belong to you, does she?"

"She don't belong to no else that I know on, mum," she said, with a sullen leer; and, folding her arms akimbo, she faced her ladyship, and assumed an attitude of defiance.

"What I meant," Lady Prescott returned, gently, "was that she is not your own, or in any way connected with you by birth?"

"Ye don't think she looks like me, then?" and the woman, grinning from ear to ear, exposed to view a mouthful of repulsive teeth.

"Not at all," responded Lady Prescott, truthfully, and trying to conceal her disgust.

"No, ye be right there; she is nothing to me, and right glad Nell Sloan is, too, that she is not mother to such a lazy lout as she be."

"Lazy!" said Lady Prescott, in surprise.

"Yes, mum; poring over senseless trash half the day, and dreamin' away t'other."

"She does not assist you much, then?" her ladyship asked, beginning to feel somewhat encouraged as to her project.

"Don't earn her salt, mum; nor hasn't since that gal took crazy and ran away, leavin' her on my hands."

"What gir?"

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"What girl?"
"Eh—oh! I didn't mind what I was a-tellin' ye. But Sibyl is a lazy thing, as I told ye before," said the woman, somewhat confused. Apparently, she had carelessly disclosed something which she had not intended to reveal.

Lady Prescott tried to draw her out further on the subject of the "crazy girl," but could gain no information.

The woman appeared startled and angry at having said so much, and gave short and sullen replies to all her questions; and, finally dropping that matter, Lady Prescott came to the point at once.

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ing blank and perplexed.

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"Yes. I am interested in the child, because she seems so eager to gain an education, and I would like to give her an opportunity to study. You say 'she does not earn her salt,' therefore you would, doubtless, be glad to be relieved of the burden of her support."

"P'raps! What game be ye up to, anyhow?" demanded the virago, suspiciously.

"I am 'up to' no 'game,' as you term it," Lady Prescott, replied with dignity. "I simply would like to see the child in a way to get the education which she so earnestly desires, and, if you will give her to me, I promise to do well by her, and that she shall always be kindly dealt with."

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"What's possessed ye to take such a sudden interest in the gal, I wonder—any idea who she belongs to?" she asked, curiously.
"Oh, no; I have not the slightest suspicion as to her parentage; but I like the child's appearance, and want to do her good. Now, I am willing to make you a handsome present if you will accede to my wishes," the lady said, as a last resort, suggesting a bribe.
"Oho! And how much will ye give for the jade?" demanded the woman, greedily.
"I do not wish you to understand for a moment that I propose to buy the child of you," Lady Prescott returned, haughtily, and heartily disgusted with the heartless creature; "but I will give you twenty pounds if you will allow me to take her home with me."
"Whereabouts may yer home be? If her own folks should ever be making inquiries for her, I might want to tell them where she'd gone," the woman said, cunningly.

Lady Prescott saw the force of this, and gave the rname and address.
"Twenty pounds, twenty pounds," muttered the creature, reflectively.
Then, with a cunning leer, she continued:
"Ye may think that ought to sound pretty big to the likes of me, but ye look as if ye were able to make it twenty more, if ye had a mind to."

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Her ladyship's patience was nearly exhausted, but, for Sibyl's sake, she controlled herself, and said:

"Well, if you will let her go with me, and tell me all that you know about her, I will increase the sum to thirty pounds. More than that I will not do," said Lady Prescott, decidedly.

"I guess you can have her," was the prompt reply, while a greedy light made her eyes glare most repulsively.

Then she added, speaking with some reserve:

"An", as for what I know about her, it ain't much. A gal came here one dark night ten years ago, with a little black, homely thing in her arms. She the gal had a bad bruise and cut on her head over the right car, and seemed to be out of her head. Jem that's my husband, mum—had heard that there had been a railroad smashup the day before, somewhere near Scarborough, and we supposed she had got hurt there, and wandered away to this place.

"She couldn't, or wouldn't tell her name, but the child called her 'Kannie' part of the time, and sometimes 'Nansie.' For many a week after she had gone, the child would cry, and say:

"But she the gal -grew sick and weak, and finally took to her bed, where she lay for a fortnight. But one mornin' I went into her room and found her gone, leavin' her puny brat on my hands to be taken care on. I have never seen her since, and that's all there is about it."

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something, and perhaps of importance, had been
withheld, for the woman's manner was restless,
and there was an anxious look upon her coarse
face.

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"Is this everything that you know concerning Sibyl?" she asked, with a searching look.
"That's all, mum," was the glum reply: but the dogged expression upon her face led her companion to doubt the truthfulness more and more. "Were there no names or initials marked upon her clothing, or no little trinkets by which she could have been recognized by her parents?"
"No, mum."

*How was she dressed when the girl brought here?"

"She was dressed fine enough, and the woman too, for that matter, in laces and broideries, and

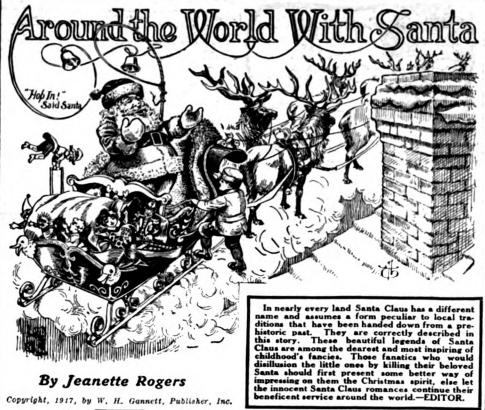
"Did you save any of her clothing?"
"Did you save any of her clothing?"
"Not I," the woman replied, with a short, hoarse laugh. "She wore them till they hung in rags before I could afford the time to make her any more, and then—I burnt them up."
Lady Prescott sighed, from disappointment. She was almost sure that the heartless being before her knew much more than she had revealed, but was keeping it to herself for some purpose of her own, although she was evidently glad to be rid of the child.

Yet she was thankful to have gained even

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zen'---"
"Why, I thought your leaders were 'Vixen'

"Now, now! You must not interrupt," laughed.
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Santa, and he shook like a jelly pudding as he laughed. "What I was about to say was that I can take you along with me, but I will

I can take you along with me, but I will have to disguise you as various sorts of people to do it."

Oh, I don't mind that, only take me," I

urged.
"You see," continued Santa, "I am not always a white-beards ed, warmly clad round dumpling of a man, sometimes I am a slant-eyed sailor and again I am a camel driver and again even an old woman, and—" urged.

SANTA IN ARABIA.

man, and——"
"Oh, please! Don't tell me now, let me go with you and be surprised. I just love surprises," I



SANTA IN JAPAN.

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the country, over the great plains and above the Rocky Mountains I soon saw Mountains I soon saw Then we kept right on over California and to the West.

"Why we have left our country!" I gasped, "aren't we to have any Christmas this year?"

"Ho, ho!" This time Santa laughed uproarously, "My dear," he said, "we are going into the West to Japan. Never fear, we will make the rounds in time."

"What is that?" I asked, pointing downward

"What is that?" I asked, pointing downward to some large islands.
"Sandwich Islands. Giddap Viven!" and Santa shook a rein.
"Why, they are real land, I—I thought they were sandwiches." I gasped in surprise. By that time we were

nearing Japan.
"Look out for your-self!" shouted "Look out for yourself!" shouted Santa,
I looked about to
see what it was and
the reindeers were
gone, I turned to
Santa, but he had
gone too, and a
strange man was in
his place, a little fat,
dark man with a long
goatee and a tiny
mustache that hung

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dark man with a long goatee and a tiny mustache that hung SANTA IN TURKEY. away down. He had slant eyes and was dressed in a something that looked like my mamma's kimono. He had a hat that looked like a wooden chopping bowl and his shoes were made of bits of wood.

Then I saw that we were not in a sleigh at all, but in a wonderful little ship, with great bamboo





mud pies.
Silently and swiftly the
Christmas camel loped over
the desert from camp to
camp among the resting caravans and from vil lage to village and I went along with him with-out the least effort while Santa's robes waved and fluttered.

and fluttered.

As we entered Turkey the camel changed to a beautiful horse. Santa was astride with a red fez on his head and I sat! I had holding the pack while the horse galloped throu hat he in. At all the missions we hurried through the Ottoman empire, leaving boxes of sweet, sticky candies the little Turkish and Armenian children love so dearly. There were dolls for the girls and little toy coffee pots in which they could make the thick coffee just as their mothers make it, while the boys were given books and decorated belts and toy soldiers.

From there we went into Russia. All of a sudden Santa had gone. But an old woman stood beside me. She was bent with the burden of a great basket on her shoulders, but her smile was cheerful.

cheerful.

"What—?" I started to ask. Then came that same jolly laugh and I knew it was Santa.

"I am Babouschka," he said, "and every Christmas, according to the customs of the Greek church, I go about among the Russian children with a great basket on my back and leave pres-

ents for them. These are placed beside the resat round air tight stoves or the fireplaces while they sleep. There were little red boots and sleds for the boys, bends and spangled head dresses and dolls for the wirls, and all sorts of sweet this se, and little cakes of tea leaves with which the children brew tea for their parties, for the little Russlan children drink tea much as their elders do although it is not such strong tea and there is no vedka in it. We passed over great plains of snow and out over a cold sea and all of a sudden I heard a familiar sound—the jingle of sleich hells.

Babouschka, who had me by the hand as we flew, was back again a Santa Claus the real Santa Claus and we were sitting in the sleigh and the reindeers were prainting through the nir. I looked about and saw the cottages and that hed roofs and great hedges and then at the toys in

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"We are in England!" I exclaimed joyously.

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"For once you are right," laughed Santa, and in a flash he was all over the island, dashing down chimneys with his presents and out again. Across the English channel we went. Still we kept the sleigh and reindeers but Santa had a peculiar expression.

"This is France, isn't it?" I asked.

"Out, out, ma chere!" he said.

"And you are Santa Claus just the same?" I insisted, for I knew just about enough French to know he had said, "Yes, my dear," to my first question.

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"Non, non! Bonhome Noel!" exclaimed Santa.

"Bon — ," I paused, bewildered.

"In France," said Santa, suddenly speaking English, but with an accent, "there is no 'Santa Claus,' but 'Good Man Christmas,' Good Man Christmas is the same as Santa and he goes about in a sleigh and leaves just about the same sort of presents that he leaves in America and England and Germany."

After France came Germany. Here Santa was stouter than ever and kept saying "Ja!" and he told me he was "Saint Nicholas" in Germany and knew it was the Christ Child who sent him.

"Donnerwetter! These storks' nests," complained Santa, as he had to lift up the storks' nests on many chimneys to get down.

In Norway Santa became tall, with flowing mustache and long yellow hair. He wore a steel hat with wings on it and told me he was "Juul."
"We do not pronounce the 'J." he explained, "and so it is spoken as 'Yuul' and from that the English get the name of Yule' After Christianity came the simple people still clung to the old myths about the god Juul built fires in his honor, and the little children high in the mountains and deep in the forests know that on each Christmas the brave old god Juul is sent as a messenger of joy with presents for them. Skils, snow-shoes, sleds, dolls, knives for the boys and many other presents he left. Sheaves of wheat were fastened to the ridgepoles of the houses for Christmas feasts for the birds.

Then through Iceland and Lapland and among the Indians and Eskimos around and above the Hudson Bay region Santa traveled with his reindeer, but a boat made of skin was used instead of a sleigh and knives and spears, dolls made from bits of colored wood, strips of fat meat, beads and needles and real thread were among some of the toys and useful things Santa left at the mission settlements.

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Around and around we were whirled. In Holland Santa was "Kris Kringle," in Switzerland he was "Samiklaus," which sounds a lot like "Santa Claus," and he traveled about in a great high sleigh covered with goat skins. In Heligoland he traveled in the same sort of a sleigh and was "Sonner Klas," which is another name almost like Santa Claus, and I think we get the name "Santa Claus" from "Sonner Klas." I asked Santa but just then we were far over the sea and all of a sudden Santa swooped down on board a number of ships. This time he had a fish tall and a crown and green sea weeds about him and he poured gifts from a shell. He told me that many sailors at sea declare that, being so far from land, Neptune takes pity on them and plays Santa, "but," added Santa, "they are mistaken. No one takes my place, I am many things but always the same, I am the Spirit of Christmas."

We passed hurriedly through Italy. The church bells were ringing for early mass but we did not pause.

"Do you slight the Italian children?" I seked

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"Do you slight the Italian children?" I asked.

"Oh. no, they have no use for me, my dear, they go out and exchange gifts with each other and are quite as happy," he repiled, but he sighed, and I knew he felt bad that any children anywhere should miss the thrills and joy of anticipating a visit from Santa.

In Mexico we left "Pinta" at the homes of the children. These are earthern jugs, dressed up as dolls or birds or animals, with tissue paper and tinsel and silks, completely hiding the jugs or large-mouthed jars.

On Christmas Day, so Santa told me, these pintas are suspended by a cord, the children are blindfolded and then they strike at the pinta with sticks until it is broken when a great heap of candies fall and every one makes a happy rush and scrambles for the sweets. The jugs always contain Christmas candies.

In Spain, as we left presents, we observed the "Naciemiento," which is a little seene made of twigs and clay, representing the ruined stable and the Holy Mother inside with the Christ Child in the manger.

Back again to China we hurried and suddenly a great duck with a sack in his bill flow over the "Do you slight the Italian children?" I asked,

one yenow robe and sandals laced up to my knees very snug to keep the sand out and I had a stick in my hand.

There were great packs on the camel's back full of the queerest sort of things.

"This," said Santa, "is Dehma Desert in Arabia. Here every year the Christmas Camel comes with his pack. All the children at the great missions here could never understand about a Santa Claus living in the snow country, or about sleighs or reindeer, but they know all about camels, so I always come with a camel and leave presents at their tents."

There were toy camels and one the Holy Mother inside with the Christ Child in the manger.

Back again to China we hurried and suddenly a great duck with a sack in his bill flew over the land. It was Santa and at the missions the little children insist that it is a duck that brings them presents because the duck means "Plenty" and "Comfort" to the Chinese. Of course only and "Com

There were toy camels and toy tents and little musical instruments and fruits dried in sugar and small rugs for the girls to play on. There were also queer shaped dishes, for the little Arabian girls make sand cakes, much as little American girls make sund cakes, much as little American girls make much pies.

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or.
I tried to thank him for the wonderful trip. I tried to thank him for the wonderful trip, but I couldn't think of anything nice to say.

"I think all the customs are wonderful and pretty, and queer, but of course our own custom of Santa Claus in his reindeer sleigh draving about through the starry skies and going down chimneys is the very best custom of all." I told him. but I

chimneys is the very sorthing my cheek, "to each him.
"Well," said Santa, patting my cheek, "to each child whether he is in China or Arabia or Norway or wherever he is, his own Christmas custom seems best."
"Cood by dear, dear old Santa" I said.

way or wherever he is, his own Christmas custom seems best."

"Good by dear, dear old Santa." I said,

"Jingle jingle jingle." came the answer.

I looked and Santa was already a tiny speck in
the sky, driving his reindeers hurriedly to his
home in the frozen North. I shouted, "Good by,
Santa dear," over and over, as londly as I could
until someone shook me and I saw my mamma
right beside my bed.

"Come, come dear," she said, "wake up and
go to sleep again. You are having a nightmare,"
I tried to tell her it wasn't a nightmare, but
a perfectly lovely trip, but she only laughed and
made me lie down again and go back to sleep.



This is not a selected case—neither is the result unusual. In correcting this deformity no plaster paris or general anaesthesia was used.



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In order that each cousin may be answered in this column, no cousin must ask more than three questions in one Month.

NOTHER Christmas is with us and while we are reaching out the glad hand of welcome to 1918, for the peace we hope it will bring, let's not forget poor, old 1917, even though "its mark is on each brow, its shadow in each heart," for it wasn't such a bad little old year after all and it did the best it could. If we've made good use of our time through the summer and fall months and done our bit in the way of knitting and caring for the comfort of our soldier and sailor boys, our own Christmas needn't be so sad for we can rest secure in the knowledge that we've done our best to make their Christmas as happy as circumstances permit and, better than that, we are going to keep right on making all the other days as happy as we can, aren't we? And now for the letters and I'll do the best I can for I want everyone to have just what I'm wishing—Merry Christmas to all.

The first letter this month is from High School

Just what I'm wishing—Merry Christmas to all.

The first letter this month is from High School Girl, W. Va., who wants very much to be attractive but who is very irritable and impatient with her parents and thinks her ill nature is beginning to show itself in her face. I never could agree with the person who said, "Beauty is only skin deep," for real beauty must shine from within, and every unkind and mean thought shows in our faces. Your father and mother are the last people in the world you should be impatient with and the next time you feel that way just get right out of the house and walk and walk and walk, until you feel that two smilling eyes and a turned-up-at-the-corners mouth will greet you when you look in your mirror and then keep them that way. Imagine yourself the sort of person you wish to be and live up to that ideal. Take plenty of exercise, think of cheerful, happy things—and there are a lot—and never let a day pass without doing a kindness for some one. Think of others first and what you can give them, not of yourself and what they can give you. Better consult an oculist for eye-strain might have something to do with those objectionable wrinkles and impatience. Anyway, you've got the right idea so there's hope for you. So many people know they are disagreeable and don't care. (2) Can't you knit something nice and warm and wooly for your sailor friend? That would please him I know.

Worried, Collbran, Ala.—If he is the right sort of young man and loves you it is only natural that he

write a brave little letter and listen little one, when you mean "know" don't write it "no."

Ruby and Diamond, Leonard, Texas.—Two jewels who "want to no if it will be proper to axcept a pair of silk hoeses from a young gentleman friend." That's just the way it was written. I suppose your young gentleman friend is conserving the supply of silk hoeses by giving only one pair to both of you but whatever in the world are you going to do if you but whatever in the world are you going to do if you but want to wear them at the same time? If it were gloves you could manage very nicely by putting the ungloved hands in your respective pockets but you can't very well do that with your lower extremities unless you are professional acrobats. Are you? Didn't you know that gentlemen never gave nor ladies never accepted wearing apparel of any kind? Is there any difference between silk hoeses and ordinary silk hose? Candy, flowers and books are appropriate presents and he might give you a book—a spelling book.

Missy, Carthage, N. Y.—Of course it is all right for you to correspond with two soldier friends—and as many more as you wish—since your mother knows about it and you read their letters to her. Haven't I said that our boys need all the encouragement the home folks can give them. Don't write silly letters though. (2) I see no harm in letting the young man you mention take you to places of amsement, if he is all you say he is and your mother doesn't object. Always stick to your rule of permitting no familiarities and then you'll be safe enough with almost any man.

Dimples, Patterson, N. J.—My, what a serious child it is for sixteen! Engaged to a sixteen-year-old boy

Dimples, Patterson, N. J.—My, what a serious child it is for sixteen! Engaged to a sixteen year-old boy but with the understanding that it isn't binding if either has a change of mind. That shows good judg-ment only it would be better judgment not to be en-gaged at all—not for four or five years at least. Cul-

Babe, Smithland, Jowa.—If the young man is convinced that his past life was not what it should have been and is honestly trying to do better and make himself worthy of you and your love, it seems that you might be generous and forgive and forget his wrong doings, provided they were not such that your health or the health of future generations would be affected. Eighteen is rather young to get married unless you are of an especially mature type.

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less you are of an especially mature type.

P. S. E., Hays, Kans.—Discipline must be extremely lax in your office if your manager will permit men to annoy you with their attentions and waste your time. Why not give this card a prominent place on your desk: "What, you here again! Another half hour gone to thunder." Then if they don't take the hint, tell them pleasantly and politely that as much as you enjoy their conversation you cannot spare time from your work to talk to them—or listen to them.

your work to talk to them—or listen to them.

Worried Cousin, Johnstown, Pa.—If the young man wants to hear from you he will write first. Don't chase after him. It might be permissible to send him a dainty little Christmas card, but don't for a minute think of sending your photograph.

Brown Eyes, Rocky Point, N. C.—Of course the sixteeen-year-old boy who alternately loves and neglects you is the only boy on earth you love—that's a silly habit fifteen has, but you will get over it, Brace up and show a little spirit and when he tries to tell you that you "are the only girl in the world," snub him good and hard and then forget about boys and love affairs till you are older.

N. Anticch, Tenn.—If your sweetheart can be won.

N. Antioch, Tenn.—If your sweetheart can be won from you so easily, my advice is to let the other girl have him and laugh up your sleeve when some other girl wins him from her. (2) Goodness me, child, how do you suppose I know when you are going to

get married, or whether you ever will. I'm not a for-tune teller. Never, I should say, unless you show more ELLEN'S ANTISEPTIC SHAMPOO

L. B., Obion, Tenn.—Never mind if you are twenty and the boys don't pay much attention to you. Just be your own sweet, modest self and by and by some real man will awake to the fact that you are worth a dozen girls who try to attract men by loud manners and dress.

Mary and Carrie, Washington.—What silly twins! A bold, bad city man proposed to Carrie and just as soon as she went home the mean thing proposed to Mary and they both love him and ask me what to do. Why, forget him, of course, or you could draw lots for him and take a chance, a very slim chance, on lying bannly eyer after. living happily ever after.

There, your questions are answered but because I was, and am, so imbued with that good-will-to-men feeling I just couldn't seem to scold as much as some of you deserved to be scolded; but you are all such dears, though somewhat silly dears, that I want you to be happy—and make others happy.

By, by, till next year, Cousin Marion.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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one dozen small safety pins and one small bottle of olive oil. My baby slept in a big rocking chair, but I think a bed is much nicer.

I will describe myself and go. I am twenty-two years old, five feet, two inches tall, brown hair and eyes, dark complexion and weigh one hundred and eight pounds.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.

DEAR SISTERS AND MRS. WILKINSON:

I want to thank the sisters for the toys and other things that they sent to my little blind girl. There were so many letters I was unable to answer them but I thank all who remembered her. She enjoyed everything so much. So many wanted to know her birthday. It was the 27th of last August and she was four years old. She is to be operated on soon and I hope her sight will be restored. If any of the sisters care to send her cards she would appreciate it very much, but I feel you have already done a lot for her and I again thank you. Her name is Katle Jennings and her address is Gage, Okla.

Very truly yours, Mrs. L. P. JENNINGS.

who said, "Heauty is only akin deep," for real Seauty must shine from within, and every unkind and mean the first from within, and every unkind and mean are the last to our faces. Sour father and mother after the last to our faces and walk are the last to our faces. Sour father and mother are the last in our faces. Sour father and mother are the last in our faces. Sour father and mother are the last in our faces. Sour father and mother are a furned-up-a-the-corners mosth will use of the father and the keep them that way. Imagine yourself the sort of person you wish to think of cheerful, happy things—and there are a fortant never let a day pass without doing a kindness for some one. Think of others first and what you give you. Better consult an oculist for eye-strain might have something to do with those objectionable within the sound in patience. Anyway, you've got the know they are disagreeable and don't care. (2) Cantrou knits on the friend? That would please him I know. You was to friend? That would please him I know. You was for friend? That would please him I know. You was not good, and then I see that they young man and loves you it is only hatural tath is should want to marry you but if you don't want to get married because you' don't see sarring as you was a friend and you must. The pass he would be willing to wait a little longer for you if you explained how you what those married lady friends of your say. These doe, in the manager sort of people make me tired. Just excuss they've made a miserable failure of their want a little longer for your other boy friends. He will be cause levyle and an and you are you good hasn't. Of course he is too young to what they made any your other that marriage is a fifty-fifty proposition and you must. The expect happiness to be handed to you on have some good, sound common sense even if your eightest proposition and you must. The proposition and you must. The proposition and you must. The proposition was you will not to the fair co-eds he mustn't object if you let some

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Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Sisters:

Some of the sisters will remember me as I wrote to this corner about four years ago. I was then in Wichita, Kans., but am in Oregon now and think the climate is wonderful.

In regard to the letter from the sister who is afraid to become a mother, I can't understand anyone feeling that way. The thrills one feels while preparing for the little stranger. It makes me feel that I am worth while, now that I have brought my two "men" into this world. They are five and two years old and both very mischlevous and do such funny little things. I am a widow and work hard to support them and get along very well, considering. I would like to have a position in the country where I could take my boys but no opportunity has presented itself yet.

I hope some of my old chums may see this and write to me for I get blue and discouraged sometimes, but thoughts of my boys always help me.

Portland always responds to calls for help. We got more than twice what was asked of Portland for the Red Cross. The 4th of July was devoted to the 3rd Oregon Infantry, to the boys' comfort and enjoyment. We will lose them soon as they expect to go to France but we can look forward to their return with honors. Oregon is proud of her soldiers and sailors. The Oregon National Guard is one of the best in the United States.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Sisters:

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS : DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I am a young mother, twenty-two years old, and I hope some of the dear sisters will give me advice.

I have a dear little boy one and a half years old and I cannot let him sleep by himself because he walks in his sleep two or three times during the night. I can put him back to bed without waking him. I hope someone will tell me how I can cure him.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Orpha Stelling.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

Mis. G. W. B. E., it is true that you lost all when you lost love.

I married when not quite twenty, a poor boy. We raised our bables and how happy we were. May be we didn't seem very loving and he never told me he loved me, but his 'Poor little mother, are you tired?' after a most tedious day with the housework and bables, was to me as words of gold. We were jolly good chums and, Mrs. Pete, my husband was like yours, a regular stay.at-home. I seldom went any place in the twelve years we lived together, then the White Plague came and he went away and I was left, free to go where I pleased. I never let people know how I miss him. I go out and make my children as happy as I can, but life is empty and something, my best self, is gone. Now I have time to study my neighbors' husbands. Mr. 'Jones' takes his wife every place, they live in fine style, and he lavishes attention on others when his wife is not present. Just look around you, wives, and you will decide that your husband is as good as most. Remember that perfect marriages are mostly at the end of the rainbow. Life is what we make it.

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Sibyl's Influence

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the little knowledge she had, and to have secured her permission to take Sibyl away with her when she should go.

As she turned to go back to Raymond to report her success to him, the woman leered at her, in a manner frightful to behold, and muttered, under her breath:

"I'll take the thirty pounds, my lady, and you may take the brat, and welcome; but I'll keep my own secrets, and I think ye'll be hearin' from me again one of these fine days."

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Grinding Roughage

III. owner of a large dairy herd told the writer the other day that this winter he was trying a new plan of cow teeding as the feeds he ordinarily used had become too dear to be profitably fed. "I have put in an alfalfa hay grinder," he said, "and am grinding both alfalfa and clover and am using this ground stuff, well wetted with New Orleans molasses and water, along with green corn silage and oilmeal as the sole feed for my cows."

He was greatly surprised and interested when we remarked: "Why not utilize your bright out straw in the same way? Mix one third of it with the clover or alfalfa. In Great Britain out straw and Swede turnips (purple top) are the chief winter feed of young, growing cattle, and are used largely for dairy cows. And by the way, I should as soon feed the hay and straw cut in half sinch lengths, or even a bit longer, as have it ground fine."

Then our friend told us that the "grinder" does not really powder the hay, but cuts it up fine and the cut stuff passes into great revolving perforated drums which sift out the "fine cut" roughage and pass back that which is too coarse to be cut finer. Not every farmer can afford to

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Second growth or threshed clover hay very often is wasted, as it is not found so palatable as first crop hay for stock feeding, but it may be cut fine, mixed with other hay and straw, wetted with molasses water and so fed at a profit besides being well relished by cattle.

Where such feed is used and silage not available the meal fed as part ration to dairy cows may be sprinkled on top of the cut roughage and so help to induce cleaner eating of the entire combination. We also believe in feeding some uncut roughage to give the necessary bulk for distension of the paunch. Very nne feed may go largely to the third and fourth (true digestive) stomach lessening the necessity of cud chewing which should proceed normally, if the cow is to thrive. An all-concentrated ration is unnatural and certain in time to derange the digestive organs. Less of the expensive meals are necessary, however, where finely cut or ground alfalta and clover are fed in addition to long hay and fodder.

What About Horses?

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Almost daily the editor of this department of Comfort is asked for advice about horse breeding and this is not to be wondered at considering the depressed state of the horse market.

"Do you think it will pay to breed our mares next spring? Should we go on feeding our draft colts or let them go for what we can get? Should we sell horses and buy a tractor? What sort of horse will it pay best to breed?" These are some of the questions and here are a few of the things we say in reply:

We conscientiously believe that big, sound, well-graded, individually excellent and efficient draft mares should be bred in spring to pure bred sires that are equally excellent in every respect. There is now a profitable demand in the great cities for heavy draft horses for short haul work, and it will pay to raise such horses, if the farmer has plenty of first-class pasture in addition to other feed. We are as positive that not a single scrub, nondescript, little, insignificant, unsound, or inefficient mare should be bred, and it is as certain that every scrub and lightweight grade scrub stallion should be permanently retired from service.

We believe that army demands will quickly exhaust existing supplies of horses adapted for all branches of the service, and if the war is to continue for several years— and God grant that it may not! some men in favorable locations may find it profitable to breed horses with the specific purpose of selling them for army use. We scarcely think, however, that the wholesale production of the lighter classes of horses for such service will prove profitable in the long run, whereas there is little likelihood of a loss of money from the production of draft horses serviceable allke for army and "civilian" purposes. The breeding of big, sound mules should continue to prove profitable and we have not heard general complaints of a depressed market for such animals.

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On no account should draft colts be sold now at a sacrifice. Develop them as economically as possible, but do not stunt them by inadequate feeding. There seems good prospects of a profitable market next spring.

As to the buying of a tractor, that may be done by the "well fixed" farmer who has level land in large areas, and who does not have to go in debt for the purchase price, but he will need horses, too, and so all of the teams should not be sold. The tractor will do profitable work where the turns are not many and short, and the land not rough, but they cannot work in all kinds of weather and on all sorts of fields and farms, and some horses always will be used in addition to tractors. to tractors.

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In saying this we have in mind the moderate priced tractor that can also be used for silo filling, grain grinding, wood sawing, and other useful work. As to the huge, tremendously expensive tractor that burns great quantities of expensive fuel, needs an expert to run it, is difficult and expensive to keep in working order, and all too soon sent to the junk pile, report has it that heavy draft horses are taking its place again and that many a man has ruined himself by experimenting with such expensive and short-lived machinery.

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The sound, efficient draft horse is not yet "a thing of the past" and the fact that work mares live long and produce offspring to take their place will always make them doubly popular to the average farmer.

Horns as an Indication of Age

Answering a question on this subject it may be stated that a consideration of the development of the horns is a useful aid in determining the age of an animal, but should not wholly be de-

Undersized Seeds

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This year more than ever before it is important that every seed put into the ground develop a strong healthy plant. With the war taking a million men from the farms we certainly cannot cultivate more acres. Every acre that is planted must do its best. This it can't do unless it is planted with practically perfect seeds. Small, shrunken, undeveloped or undersized seeds will not do. Such seeds must not be planted.

Why Undersized Seeds are Poor Seeds.—There are three reasons why undersized seeds will not do. In the first place, such seeds are not fully developed and hence will probably be low in vitality for this reason. They will sprout slowly and send up weak, sickly plants easily injured by bad weather or other unfavorable conditions. In the second place, "like produces like," and small seeds will have a tendency to produce other small seeds. In the third place, small and large seeds suixed will produce uneven seeding some will be too crowded, others too far apart. An uneven stand cannot produce a maximum crop.

GRADING SEEDS.—Before next spring's planting begins all seeds should be carefully graded by running through a fanning mill or seed grader. The small and weak seeds will be thus sorted out and can be used for feed. The plump, heavy ones will be carefully saved for seed. Don't put off grading your seed until it is time to sow in the spring and then find that you are so busy that you haven't time. Seed grading should be done during the winter when work is not so plentiful.

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Another large source of loss which prevents each acre from doing its best are plant diseases. Many of these can be controlled if taken in time. If proper precautions are taken to stir and thoroughly dry the seed after treatment and thus prevent sprouting and molding all this seed treatment can be done in the winter.

Treatment for Ergot in Rye

Rye is afflicted with a kind of smut known as ergot which is very poisonous when fed to stock. This disease affects the seeds and is carried over from year to year in this way. Smutted rye kernels become very light, much lighter than the rest, so that it is very easy to float them if the right liquid is found. This is accomplished by using a brine solution made of 25 pounds of coarse sait and 12 gallons of water. As soon as all the salt is dissolved the seed is dropped into the brine. The smutty kernels float and are skinmed off. The heavy kernels sink. The salt water is poured off into another vessel and the seed rinsed to remove the salt and dried before seeding. Care must be taken to get the solution the right strength. If good kernels float, the solution is too strong-add more water a little at a time. If smutty kernels sink, add more salt to make the brine heavier.

Treating Oats for Smut

There are three principal ways of treating oats for smut, but all these use "formaldehyde" and all are called the "formaldehyde treatment."

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The immersion process consists in completely submerging the oats in a solution made of one plut of formaldehyde and forty gallons of water. The oats are placed in a loose sack (gunny sack) and dipped into the solution and left there for 10 minutes to allow time for all to become thoroughly soaked. The sack is drained and the crits are then spread out on a floor to dry. If they are then spread out on a floor to dry. If they are then spread out on a floor to dry. If they are not to be sown immediately they should be showleded over daily until thoroughly dry.

The sprinkling pracess uses the same solution as that given above but instead the oats are piled up in a pile on the barn floor and the solution is sprinkled over them with a sprinkling can, while the oats are shoveled over very much the same as concrete is mixed. The pile is then covered with blankets and left for a few hours, when the blankets are removed and the oats sown or shoveled over until dry.

The spray method. For this purpose a hand spray such as is used for spraying plants is used. A small one holding a pint of liquid is large enough. The formaldehyde is placed without dilution directly into the chamber of the sprayer. This is sprayed onto the grain while it is being shoveled over. This soon evaporates so the pile is covered with blankets as soon as the solution is sprayed on, and left for five or ten minutes. While this is not advised for oats it has the advantage of needing little drying because so little liquid is used.

Of the three methods mentioned, the first is the best to use for oats.

Curing Barley Stripe

Barley stripe is a disease that attacks the leaves of barley about the time it is heading out and causes the leaves to turn a striped yellow, then dry up and die. This disease has done much injury to barley in all barley regions during the past season. The remedy is simple. Use the same treatment as for smut in outs, only keep the barley in the solution for tuco hours instead of ten minutes as for oats. If either sprinkling method or spray method is used keep pile covered for twenty four hours. For the treatment of stripe in barley the spray method is preferred.

Barley Smut

Like oats, barley is badly damaged by smut. Fortunately barley smut is killed by exactly the same method as used for barley stripe so the one treatment is sufficient for both diseases.

It should be remembered that barley needs soaking for two hours or covering for twenty-four while oats soak only five or ten minutes or are covered only two hours. In all other particulars the treatment is identical.

Onion Smut

This disease does immense damage wherever onions are grown for some time. However, it is not carried over on the seed but in the soil; hence seed treatment is of no avail.

This disease is now controlled by attaching a device to the onion seed drill which drops a drop of formaldehyde with every seed and on it. This sterilizes the ground and kills the smut germs in the soil that hes near the seed. The young plant gets a good start before it is large enough to come close to the spores in the soil and it is then able to resist their attacks.

A Word Arout Formaldehyde.—Formaldehyde is one of the best germ destroyers and is of as great value to the farmer in fighting plant disease as it is to the physician for fighting diseases that attack mankind.

Selecting Dairy Heifers

What is the value of marks when selecting a heifer to raise for a dairy cow? Many stockmen will tell you that marks have no value. Just because a heifer is black and white and has striking Holstein marks is no sign that she will make a good milker and that your chances are just as good to take the red heifers as the black and white ones, or those having the fawn of the Jersey or the light red of the Guernsey. In other words color only indicates breed and does not indicate dairy value.

This statement is true, but breed itself does

indicate dairy value. While one should not place too much dependence upon marks he is entirely safe in selecting from two heifers the one having the best marks.

Marks More Than Color

Coton only suggests breed but there are many other marks which the good judge considers besides color

Size. Of two animals select the one having the best size, all else being equal. Size in a dairy calf does not mean height but bigness a big middle to hold the feed, deep sides, a strong chest and roomy body. When selecting by marks study size carefully. Does the animal look as though she would be able to eat large quantities of feed and convert it into milk?

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2115—A Splendid "Cover All" Style. This apron may serve very well as a house dress. The pattern is nice for chambray, gingham, linen, drill, percale, alpaca, jean or sateen.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require five and three quarters yards of 36-inch material.

2159—Dress for Misses and Small Women. Linen, gingham, silk, crepe, serge, Jersey cloth, foulard and gabardine are nice for this style.

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2232—A Simple One-piece Dress, with sleeve in either of two lengths. Seersucker, linen, gingham, percale, serge, corduroy, satin, messaline, rep and poplin are good for this model.

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2236—Girls' Blouse Dress, with two styles of sleeve. This will be a very attractive model for a school dress in serge, galatea, linen, rep, checked or plaid suiting.

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2237—A Popular Model. In these days of domestic science, canning and preserving, a dress of this style will be very acceptable and desirable. In blue gingham, striped seersucker, chambray or linen it makes an ideal house dress.

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2240—A Simple Dress for school or general wear. Plaid gingham, striped seersucker, galatea, gabardine and serge, kinen, corduroy, rep or voile, are nice for this model.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size six requires two and three eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2243—A New Skirt Model with or without yoke. This is a good style for sports materials, for serge, gabardine, satin, velvet and corduroy. Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 24 requires three and five eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2244—A Smart Shirt-waist. This model is nice for flammel, crepe, linen, madras, satin or silk; also for batiste and dimity.

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2249—A Simple Coat and Cap for the little one. Serge, cheviot, gabardine, velvet, plush, silk, linen, corduroy, pique and all cloakings suitable for children, are nice for this style. The cap may be of self material, or of embroidery, lawn, faille or fur. The pattern includes coat and cap. Cut in four sizes: one, two, three and four years. Size two requires two yards of 36-inch material, for the coat, and five eighths yard for the cap.

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2250—Set of Underwear for Boys. This model is good for jean, drill, madras, mesh, cambric, flannel and flannelette.

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Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 requires four and one quarter yards of 36-inch material.

2264—House Coat for Men. This model has fronts and collar cut in one. It is suitable for serge, cheviot, double-faced mixtures, broadcloth, drill and alpaca.

Cut in seven sizes; 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches breast measure. Size 38 requires three

and one eighth yards of 36-inch material.

2266—A Smart Sports Waist. This style will be nice for flannel, satin, crepe, wool mixtures, linen, lawn and batiste. Deep pockets trim the fronts.

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2281—A Neat House Dress, Linen, drill, khaki, percale, lawn, dimity, cashmere and flannelette may be employed, but the wash fabrics are most satisfactory for service and laundering.

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Mrs. M. S., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man leaving a surviving widow and chivan and leaving no will, his widow would received that the children in equal shares. We think that this would include any and all property have received from a former deceased wife and we think that the children of both marriages would be withink that the children of both marriages would be childred in the same manner and to the same do your sister and husband conveyed this property of them as teamts by the entirety, as your letter to me indicates, we think that upon the death of one, the whole property stood in the name and belonged to your sister and husband conveyed this property of them as teamts by the entirety, as your letter to me indicates, we think that upon the death of one, the whole property would go to the survivor. We think that in case this property stood in the name and belonged to your sister and husband conveyed this property of the same conveyed the property of the same with the surviving widow and the same with a state of the larged to your sister and husband conveyed this property of the same that that in case this property stood in the name and belonged to your sister and husband conveyed that you would be entitled to keep all the potatoes are dead, though the property would be entitled to keep all the potatoes you raised by you in payment of your rent, we think that you would be entitled to keep all the potatoes you raised.

Mrs. C. E. B., Virginia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of an married man, leaving no will and leaving a surviving widow would be entitled to feets, at some of the payment of obets, absolutely, and dower of a one third interest for life in his real estate, the balance going in equal shares to the children, regardless of whether the payment of debts, absolutely, and dower of a one third in the payment of the property will be the payment of the payment of the property of the payment of the

E. W., California.—We think that, if the separation greement between the husband and wife you mention ver became effective, it should, upon their reconciliation, be cancelled and annulled in case they now desire preinstate their property rights as they were before heir separation. to reinstate their their separation.

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Mrs. O. T. B., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that one half of the property acquired during marriage, except by gift, devise or descent is the property of the wife, and neither the husband nor wife can dispose of more than a one half interest in such property by will; except that the husband can give all his property to his wife by will, and can disinherit children if he so elects; that, in the absence of a will a surviving widow is entitled to receive, one third of the personal property and a one third interest for life in the real estate, from the husband's separate property, provided the husband leaves a surviving widow and children or descendants; that, in the absence of a will, the husband's children by two marriages would receive equal shares from his estate, but that his stepchildren would receive no portion of his estate.

C. S., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state, we are

C. S., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that, in the absence of a will, you would be entitled to receive your aunt's estate or a portion of the same provided she has no nearer heirs at law or next of kin, we do not think her stepchildren have any intestacy rights in her estate.

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CHAPTER XII. THE ICY BARRIER.

Ravenel Levailion, who had once been Ravenel Annesley, got up with weak and shaky legs and stared at the brown shadow of a man who stood between her and the sun. For man it was, and no spirit. When ghosts arise from the dead they are not ushered to their dearest by an obsequious butler, while two footmen with the teathings bring up the rear. Dreadful, inappropriate laughter that meant more than any tears shook the Countess of Levallion as she stood up in her white serge and Mechlin lace.

"Captain Gordon!" the butler repeated a little reproachfully, for this was not the way to receive his lordship's cousin.

"I—I see him!" was all she could find to say; all the greeting she had for the man to whose side she had meant to creep on the resurrection day.

"Ravene!" he whispered, and if her face were white, his was gray; all the wild, incredulous joy that had shone there at the first sight of her dead as ashes. "For God's sake, how do you come here?"

But he knew. With a swift and dreadful certainty he remembered the butler had said Lady

he's coming."

"Naturally," with ugly quiet.

He never looked up, and he could not feel her eyes on his face, half-wild with the joy of seeing him and the horror of knowing—face to face with him—what he was. Oh! if she could have gone back to the May that was gone forever, how she would have cried out at the dreadful change in his face. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the—

"Why is your arm in a sling?" she cried, with scorn of herself that she could not be glad of his pain.

"Shot," with an inward curse that might have made the man who did it turn in his grave, since it was that shattered arm that had brought him here.

"Sit down," said Lady Levallion, and she said it so tonelessly that in astonishment he obeyed her. "You are not fit to stand," "Why should you care?"

"Why should you care?"
"I don't," she returned calmly, and for an instant did not think it was a lie.
The callousness of his manner had hardened her heart; her forgiveness that had been so real vanished. She felt old, old and weary, where she sat in her Worth dress. If she had dared she would have cried out that to be Nell Annesley again in her Sunday frock, thinking the man she loved was true, she would give the soul out of her body. She gripped herself hard, and spoke to him as to any one of those friends of Levallion's who were here today and gone tomorrow—since she could not call him "contemptible" to his face.

face.

"May I give you some tea?" Her voice stung like a whip. Almost he had had it on his tongue to say, "Why did you do it—who taught you your woman's game?"

But as he glanced at her across Levallion's old silver and Crown Derby he had his answer. A secret marriage and a two-penny emerald ring were well changed for all this.

"I must be going," he said. But as he rose a twinge caught him, and he sat back stiffly.

"You were foolish to come," she said, with a coldness that hid a mad, shame 'il longing to ease his bodily pain, for any other he could not have, since he had done everything by his own free will.

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would have done it. Who told you, about the V. C., I mean?"

"Levallion" was on her lips, when she saw the gold wire of his ring catch the sunlight. The shame of a woman who has loved a man who illts her caught her at her heart.

"My husband," she said quietly.

And this time it was Adrian Gordon who quivered where he sat.

"I must go!" he said, cursing himself for a fool that he should be here talking to the girl who had seemed to him the very flower of the earth, and was only a woman who loved rank and money. "I must get back to town."

Back to his lonely rooms, where the tint of her cheek and the curve of her eyelash, the bow of her young mouth, would rise before him line by line and make him revite the fate that had let him find her out.

Back to loneliness, to pain that racked him,

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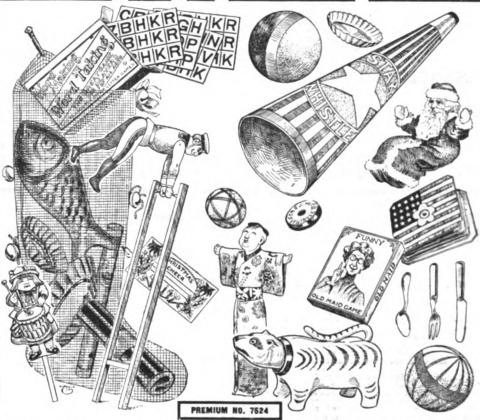
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Mrs. W. A. H., New Plymouth, Ida.—As we have

fesses to specialize on the study of mental phenomena.

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Mrs. J. McC., Fraser, N. Y.—A post-office clerk should not read post-cards any further than is necessary to properly understand the addresses that they bear. But it is an old story that in small offices, where time is plenty, the reading of post-cards furnishes interest and amusement not only to a clerk, but to the postmaster—and it has been whispered—to the postmistress, too. The only remedy is to use an envelope, and by the extra cent insure the privacy of any communication which you care about particularly.

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would be subject to tax.

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Mas. W. H. CLARK, Quimby, Mich. BLOOD PURIFER. There is nothing better for a spring and fall medicine than sassafras tea. Make a tea of the sassafras bark and drink from one half to one cupful three times a day. Do this for a week or ten days.

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Mrs. Virgie Hollis, Trevat, Texas.

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before it is laundered.

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to the ant town early in the morning before the ants go to work. Keep this away from the fire as it is highly inflammable.

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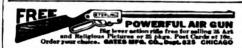
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How to Trap the Mink, Weasel and Muskrat

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Weasel and Muskrat

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HE mink is one of the hardest of all small fur-bearing animals to take in steef traps. It has a keen sense of smell and is very suspicious, so I advise the beginner to contine his efforts to traps placed in water.

The weasel (ermine) has not as keen animal instinct. It may be trapped by the beginner, provided he uses an attractive lure and knows how to conceal his sets fairly well.

Under old bridges—especially if the sides are made of rock—are good places to make sets at the bottom, in two or three inches of make sets that the bottom, in two or three inches of water. Whenever possible, I should advise the fastening to be made where it is deep, for in this case the animal will dive when caught, tangle the chain, and drown.

If two streams come together at a sharp angle, tunnel from one to the other so that the water will flow through the excavation. Place a trap at each entrance. This tunnel will furnish an ideal place for trapping the mink as long as the water does not freeze, for every fur bearer passing will attempt to enter in search of food, and wise that all mud, etc. from the concealed, of portly concealed, with weeds or grass, giving the place a natural appearance. Dash water over the sets after completed.

Flowing tiles are good places to take the mink. If there are no tracks about, place the trap with the spring near the drain. If there are signs, reverse the trap, Should the tile be stopped up, dig it out.

Along the edges of the water, dig shallow pockets. In the back part, place a small plece of muskrat flesh. Guard this with one or more traps. Remember, if water is dashed over places where sets are made, all human odor will be desired. He was a subject of the mink. In the back part, place a small plece of muskrat flesh. Guard this with one or more traps. If one can arrange this set and drape it with leaves or grass to give it a natural appearance, it will prove more effective.

In very small, shallow creeks make a dam with sma

extremely cold.

The first thing one should do in trapping the weasel, is to find its hunting grounds. Almost (CONTINUED ON PAGE 23.)

The Modern Farmer

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Lidder a good dairy cow. The heifer should be wide between the thighs, giving room for a big udder, which even well placed teats. Milk veins should be easily traced and end in large wells.

Constitution.—The animal should show marks that indicate a strong constitution. A broad nose, a full bright eye, a strong jaw, a smooth coat of soft, pliable hair and skin are the marks that indicate health and vigor, or a strong constitution.

To sum up: In selecting by marks:

1. Get a color that shows one of the good dairy breeds.

2. Select a good-sized animal.

Select a good-sized animal. Be sure that the heifer has milk producing

capacity Do not neglect marks that indicate a strong

capacity.

4. Do not neglect marks that indicate a strong constitution.

Select Heifers with a Good History.—The other class of dairymen who pay little attention to marks are the ones who pay much attention to dairy history. However, these are the higher class dairymen who already have well marked animals that they are improving by breeding. These men want to know about the milk records of the sires and dams of the heifers they raise; hence they test their cows and keep records of their performances. Then they raise only the heifers of the best cows.

What is the Advanced register—Only this: Cows that make high butter and milk records are entitled to registration in a book called the Advanced Register. Those that cannot meet the advanced register standards of course are not entitled to be recorded therein. Good breeders always study these records very carefully when buying breeding stock. When buying either a bull or heifer they always try to get one who has a large number of near relatives in the advanced register.

register.
Two Good Rules.—There are then two good rules to follow in selecting heifers for a dairy

1. Always select well marked heifers.
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2. If their history is known select those from heavy producing families.

The first rule can always be used by all dairymen, the second can only be used by the best dairymen and by those who are slowly building up a herd by use of pure bred bulls or by buying a few choice heifers, or both combined.

Economical Manuring of Land

There is an erroneous idea prevalent among tillers of the land that farmyard manure to give the best results should be "piled on thick." In tobacco raising districts the one tobacco field gets all of the manure each year and the rest of the farm starves for lack of fertility. This is true also of the cabbage growing districts, in a measure, and to a like extent in all districts where any one crop is made a specialty.

The time has come to give every acre of the farm its due share of manure and so it is advised

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that a manure spreader be used and all of the manure thereby thinly applied each year to as large an area as possible. It is impossible to get a thin, even distribution of manure when spread by fork out of the wagon, or from heaps dumped at regular spaces over the field surface. Much manure is wasted by too thick application and the loss from allowing manure to (leach) and waste in heaps on the land is a most serious matter in the aggregate.

trous.

Sow clover with every grain, hay and pasture crop in every district where it will grow, and elsewhere grow other legumes abundantly.

The Questions and Answers constitute one of the most valuable features of this department and we urge our farmer subscribers to read all of them carefully each month, as you will find that they contain much useful information and advice on practical problems that are troubling you as well as those who have asked the questions. Cut them out and paste them into a scrapbook for future reference. This will save you the trouble of writing us and will avoid delay in getting your-answer when you need advice on these same matters. We are glad to receive inquiries from our subscribers and to advise them on all matters pertaining to farming.

Questions and Answers

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and the loss from allowing manure to (leach) and waste in heaps on the land is a most serious matter in the aggregate.

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Every farmer should maintain live stock to consume feed for handy and profitable marketing and to furnish manure to conserve and increase fertility and as sufficient manure cannot be made on the average farm clover or other legumes should be grown as widely and as often as possible.

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Indicestion.—My horse, fourteen years old, had been pastured on airalfa. As I was going to work him, L gave him a feed of barley and he wouldn't eat it. I turned him out again and he wouldn't eat, but would follow the other horses and stand as though asleep. I gave him a quart of oil; his bowels were loose for four or five days, then I gave him a dose of Castor oil. In the meantime I gave two doses of niter. He eats now, but does not seem to be doing as well as he should. What was the cause of the trouble? E. E. A.—Have a veterinarian put the old horse's teeth in order and then do not feed alfaifs may. Prefer timothy or clover hay, along with outs and bran. Barley should be rolled before feeding and made but a small part of the ration, unless a horse has been accustomed to this feed from weaning time. It was a mistake to give the Castor oil as the linseed oil aiready had acted.

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EYE TROUBLE.—I have a helfer two years old. She gives milk and appears healthy. One of her eyes runs water and she can't hold it open. She runs out and I feed bran shorts and peanut hay. P. A. S. A.—'Pink eye'' (contagious ophthalmia) spreads from cow to cow until all are affected. If but one helfer is affected the trouble no doubt is caused by a foreign body lodged under the cyclid or to an injury. Have the eye examined and any foreign body removed, If none is found cover the eye with a soft cloth to be kept wet with a solution of half a dram each of sulphate of zinc and fluid extract of beliadonna and ten drops of carbolic acid in a quart of cold soft water.

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Weak Rahmuts.—My rabbits vary in ages from three to five weeks old. They seem to be paralyzed in their front feet and die within two or three hours after they are paralyzed. I give them plenty of water and dry alfalfa hay. Some of the rabbits are weaned and some are not. The pens are dry and clean.

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A.—Dry alfalfa is unsuitable feed. Give green stuff, roots, oats and wet tea leaves. Allow the rabbits a big yard for exercise. Keep the buck out of the pens.

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SPAVIN.—I have a mare, fourteen years old that has a spavin on her left hind leg. Some say it is blood spavin and that there is no cure for it. If true I do not wish to keep her, but will have her killed as I do not want to see her suffer. Will you advise me through COMPORT.

A.—There is no such condition as "blood spavin."
That term sometimes erroneously is applied to "bog" spavin, a distension of the capsular ligament of the hock joint with synovia. Do not have the mare destroyed. Better take her to the hospital of a graduate veterinarian and arrange to have the spavin operated upon and the mare boarded until lameness subsides. We suspect that a bone spavin is causing the lameness.

COUGH.—My Jersey cow, six years old, is in fine

suspect that a bone spavin is causing the lameness. COUGH.—My Jersey cow, six years old, is in fine condition, eats well, but has a cough, and no discharge from the nose. I feed cottonseed meal, bran, oil cake meal and alfalfa hay. I had one of the best veterinarians in Los Angeles test her and she stood the test. She gives about five quarta a day of very rich milk. My little son lives on the milk. Mgls, A. A. A. A.—A.—The tuberculin test is reliable. A cow only fails to react to the test when free from the disease

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any kind of a meat bait will prove effective. A concealed trap, with the head of a rabbit for lure, placed under an upturned sod should be effective.

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The muskrat is able to adapt itself to "encroaching civilization" and does not seem to mind whether human habitation is near or not, so long as food can be obtained. Generally speaking, the muskrat is found all over American

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The muskrat is the only one of the smaller animals that eats vegetables exclusively. The best baits—of the natural kind—are apples, corn, parsnips, potatoes, carrots or in fact almost any vegetable that the muskrats could not get easily for themselves. If the animals have an abundance of corn near them use apples. The idea is to offer them something that they cannot easily get in nearby fields.

Most muskrats are taken early in the season, notwithstanding the fact that they get their best pelts late in winter and spring. The reason for this is obvious when one considers that during the fact that they get their best pelts late in winter and spring. The reason for this is obvious when one considers that during the fact that they get their best pelts late in winter and spring. The reason for this is obvious when one considers that during the fact that they get their best pelts late in winter and spring.

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Most pelt hunters prefer the Number One trap for taking this fur bearer. This will be found very effective, especially if the fastening may be made in deep water so the animals will drown the country.

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The ensiest way to catch the muskrat is to arrange traps at the foot of slides—usually not too close together—in about three inches of water. I mention this depth for the reason that traps placed in shallower water invariably catch the fur bearers by the short and weak front legs, rather than by the longer and stronger hind ones, Employ no bait of any kind, If the water is too deep, build a foundation of mud, stones or other material; if too shallow, scoop out an excavation.

In shallow water, build small mounds, the tops of which are just above the surface. Scoop out excavations and conceal with water soaked leaves or grass, traps. The excavations ought to be deep enough so that when the traps are in position they will be covered with water. It is not necessary to employ a lure. Muskrats traveling up or down the stream will climb the mounds and may get caught.

Often runways may be found leading from one shallow pond to another. These are water trails, probably a foot or so wide and a few inches deep.

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Another good plan is to place small pieces of bait on a small, inclined stick. The parsnip is very good because of its pungent odor. Under the decoys set one or more traps.

I have taken the skins in the following manner: First, I arrange a pumpkin in shallow water, build a sort of a fence around the pumpkin with sticks, leaving three or four openings guarded with traps.

In shallow water, incline a board at a sharp angle, one end firmly wedged in the mud and the other a few inches above the surface of the water. This board ought to be about six inches wide, supported at one end with two stakes holding it firmly. Arrange two nails at a suitable depth below the water to catch and hold the trap securely. On the board, above the water, place the bait. A muskrat in climbing the board will get caught.

or so thoroughly saturated with the germs of the disease and their roisons that tuberculin can have no effect. As your cow is in good condition and has not reacted to the test we should consider her free from tuberculosis. It would be well, however, to have her tested at intervals of six months for fear the disease was not sufficiently advanced to cause a reaction at the first test. Cough may be due to any one of a large number of causes. Possibly the veterinarian who makes the examination can determine the exact cause in this case, but we cannot do so without seeing the cow. Wet all dusty feed and keep the stable clean and perfectly ventilated.

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WEAK STIPLES.—My pony, four years old, had the distemper last March and during the time almost lost the use of his hind legs, just dragged his feet. Now, after being still a few moments he will drag his feet a few steps and jerk them up as though he had string halt; they pop when he raises them. After a little time he travels as well as ever. G. G. F. A.—The muscles and ligaments of the stiffe joints, at the flanks, are weak and allow the patella (kneecap) to slip out of place and back again with a snapping sound. This may subside, if you feed generously and once or twice daily rub the joints and around them with a liniment composed of half an ounce each of aqua ammonia and turpentine and four ounces of druggists' soap liniment shaken up with eleven ounces of water.

WEBUS — Will you tell me what to do few worms in

Worms.—Will you tell me what to do for worms in horses, also how to know if they are present without seeing them?

A.—If worms are present a fur of scally substance usually may be found about the anus and the infected horse commonly is thin, hidebound and has a strong coat of hair and a ravenous appetite. Mix together equal quantities of powdered copperas, salt and sulphur by weight, and of this mix one tablespoonful in the feed night and morning for a week, then stop for ten days and then give the powder for another week. Omit copperas for a pregnant mare and increase salt and sulphur.

RED WATER.—My cow came fresh last spring with her third caif; shortly after blood passed with the urine, becoming worse through the summer and fall. Now her urine is nearly all blood and she is poor and weak. What is the trouble and is there a cure?

H. E. J.

A.—This disease known technically as hematuria, and commonly as "red water" usually is caused by acrid plants in wild pasture or some micro-organism derived from wild grasses or surface water and when confirmed may prove incurable. Keep the cow off pasture and provide her with well water and perfectly sound feed. Do not feed small hay. Mix flaxseed meal with

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the feed and add one teaspoonful each of powdered cop-peras and aldm. If she is pregnant omit copperas and increase the alum.

WORMS.—Will you tell me if dried sulphate of iron, sulphur and salt would be good to give a horse for worms and in what proportion? G. T. B. A.—As prescribed here over and over again give for the destruction of worms in horses a mixture of equal quantities by weight of salt, sulphur and dried sulphate of iron (copperas). Dose for an adult horse one table-spoonful night and morning in the feed for one week, then skip ten days and repeat. Omit iron for a pregnant mare and increase salt and sulphur.

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Defirated Appetite.—My horse eats dirt. I give her hay, oats, corn and sometimes fodder. For the last month or two she has been running on green grass an hour or two cach day.

A.—If possible allow the mare free access to poplar ('popple') boughs and trunks as the bark is a good corrective in such cases as you describe. If you cannot do this mix in cach feed a tablespoonful of a mixture of three parts of powdered wood charcoal and part of bicarbonate of soda. Have the teeth attended to by a veterinarian and if worms are seen in the droppings give worm medicine, often prescribed here, instead of charcoal and soda.

SWELLING.—I have a few Belgian hares and two of the does have a soft and furfy swelling under the throat. Can you tell me what the cause of the swelling is? I feed the rabbits mostly clover, grass and carrots. The rabbits seem to be in good health otherwise.

otherwise.

A.—Enlargement of the thyroid gland may be present, or a dropsical swelling due to a deblitating disease such as tuberculosis, or there may be a sac containing a grub. An examination would be necessary to determine the exact nature of the condition present, If you think it worth while have a veterinarian make the examination.

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Whak Stiples.—I have a young mare with her first colt. At times she can hardly walk. The trouble is in her hind legs.

A.—Weakness of the muscles and ligaments of the stifle joints at the flanks allows the patella (knee cap) of each joint to slip out of place now and then. The cap may, in many cases, be heard to snap back into place. Once daily rub a stimulating liniment upon the joints and around them. If this does not suffice you should have a trained veterinarian blister the joints, one at a time at intervals of two or three weeks. The mare may outgrow the weakness.

WEAK STIFLE.—I have a three-year-old colt that is stifled. When he gallops he is a little awkward with his hind legs. When he steps there is a snap in the stifle joint. It is swollen below the stifle joint.

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A.—When a horse is "stified" the patella (knee cap) of the joint is out of place (dislocated) and the leg thrusts stiffly backward. In the case in question there is weakness of the stific and infection of the navel at birth would be a possible cause. Rub in ten per cent iodine petrogen or vasogen daily or use a proprietary absorbent which you can buy at a drug-store.

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In order to meet the demand for information made by COMFORT subscribers on the kindred subjects of Etiquette and Personal Appearance, this column will be devoted to them, and all questions will be answered, but no inquirer shall ask more than two questions each month. We would suggest to readers so cut this column out and paste it in a scrap book. Address letters to Etiquette Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Two Cousins, Montana.—A lady, if she wishes to, takes a gentleman's arm when it is offered. (2) We would not consider either you or your cousin too large. (3) Do not expend too much money on your wardrobe, even if you are going to a city high school this winter. Two school frocks, several extra waists—perhaps some plain flannel ones; one simple evening gown, and a street and traveling costume should be all that you need.

A Lady, Eaton, Ind.—If you wish to offer refreshments to the gentleman who calls to see you Sunday evenings, a good time to do so would be about a half hour before he generally leaves—or the time you wish him to leave. (2) It is neither necessary nor proper to offer any lunch to a young man who sees you home from an affair on Sunday night, or any other night of the week.

night of the week.

Bothered, Oneonta, Ala.—Just go your own way and do not worry seriously about a young man that you have known for seven years, and whom you did not hear from until two years after you stopped correspondence with him. You might not hear from him for four years the next time. Give him a chance to prove the earnestness of these second attentions of his by paying little heed to him and treating him with indifference. This may be hard, if you really care for him, but try it and see what happen.

Warried, Watarag Ealls, N. C.—Illow do you know

him, but try it and see what happen."

Worried, Watauga Falls, N. C.—Ifow do you know the young man you love has ceased to care for you because he has enlisted in the mary and will be leaving town in a few days? Would you want him not to go? And how do you think Uncle Sam would get on if every young man that loved a girl stayed behind to tell her so? He will have time to t ink of you when he gets away, and will probably come home all the happier to meet you—even if you did once "quit talking."

Belle, Plummer, Minn.—If it were not a serious thing when a girl falls in love with a young man the first time she meets him, and feels that she "can never love anybody else." we would say that you had written a six-page letter without much reason. Certainly this young man does not seem to show any signs of having fallen in love with you. You say one "has to go half ways anyway," but it is a difficult job if there is three quarters or seven eighths of the distance to travel. If the young man lives within five miles of your home and you expect to meet him at this dance—he with another girl, perhaps,—we t-ink that you and your sister might manage to suggest to him that you would be glad to see something of him at your home occasionally. But be careful; the average young man is a wary and sby creature, and does not like to be stalked in public. Why not give a dance at your own house and see that he is there.

Your Friend, Omemee, N. Dak.—In the case of in-

Your Friend, Omemee, N. Dak.—In the case of introductions you do not mention first the person vou are with, as you suggest, but you always introduce a gentleman to a lady—mentioning the lady's name first; and it is considered best to introduce a younger person to an older, in which case the latter is addressed first. In the case of a person of superior rank or distinction, the same rule holds. It is not necessary to shake hands when introduced, but it is kind and courteous to do so. It is optional with the lady if she chooses to offer her hand. (2) You do not write badly, and, what is more important, your spelling is correct.

Anxious, Maneva, III.—As it is a Carterville custom for young ladies to wear on their "ring fingers" gold band rings that have been given them by young men, we are very sure that no one will call you improper if you wear one too. (2) It is not at all bad form for two sisters to go buggy riding with a young mant and proper thing to do—but the buggy ought to have a wide seat, and the Carterville roads be good ones.

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Bright Eyes, Spring Hope, N. C.—You write that you are nineteen and have been "going together" for two years with the boy of twenty that you are engaged to. Our advice is that you wait two more years before you marry. You will be sure of yourselves and each other, and more ready to meet the difficult situations that sometimes arise in married life. (2) Yes, engaged couples may sit together on a porch—with a light in the parlor, as you specify—and they may kiss, too, but not too much.

Blue Eyes, Merrill, Iowa.—We do not think you are too young at eighteen to be receiving attention from a young man who lives neighbor to your home. You state your parents and his, also, have no objections. But we would not think of marriage, unless for some special reason, for a couple of years yet. (2) It is best not to give gifts to a young man to whom you are not engaged, but if you wish you might present him on his birthday with something simple and inexpensive that you had made with your own hands,—a cravat, or an initialed handkerchief, perhaps.

June Girl, Holden, Mo.—The phrase "How are you."

June Girl, Holden, Mo.—The phrase "How are you," is a conventional one and does not always need to be answered as a question. If the inquiry was made to someone who had been ill it would be a different matter, and also in the case of friends meeting after a prolonged interval.

a prolonged interval.

Irish Rose, Griggs, Okla.—If you are writing a story you should most certainly use ink, or better yet have it typewritten as is done with practically all literary work nowadays. Those who pass judgment in editorial offices have neither the time nor the inclination to decipher strange handwriting. The usual size paper used is eight and one half by eleven inches, and a good quality can be purchased for about a dollar a ream. Write only on one side of the sheet.

Lonely One Mayberry Va.—If a young man asks.

Lonely One, Mayberry, Va.—If a young man asks permission to call on you at your home, and you wish him to do so, you can tell him that you will be very glad to see him when he comes. If you wish to refuse you can make some simple excuse, or else let him see in some manner that his attentions are unwelcome.

R. C. A. J., Roanoke, Va.—You may, if you wish, call up on the phone and say good by to a young man who is leaving your vicinity and cannot get to your home to see you before he leaves. But it would be better that he called you up. (2) You may be

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sure that if a young man who is away from you really cares for you, that he will write. If he does not, convention would be against your writing to "remind

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C. B. W., Kellum, N. C.—Either of the two forms you mention would be entirely proper ways of asking a young lady if you might take her home from church.

Patriotic, South Carolina.—Everyone loves a soldier nowadays, and we do not think there is any harm in your receiving and answering letters from two or three "nice soldier boys who write interesting stories," of camp life. You write an intelligent letter, and we think that you are wise enough to remember that you are but seventeen and that it is best to keep your correspondence entirely on a friendly plane. Neither would we frequent too much the junction near your house where the trains full of troops stop for a short time.

Hoosier, Petersburg, Ind.—It is certainly not good manners for a girl to powder her nose in public. (2) A girl may visit at the home of her flance's (not flance's as you have it) parents after she has become engaged.

come engaged.

Sunbeams, Greenville, Ohio.—We cannot tell you whether the young man that has paid attention to you for a year loves you or not. You should be the best judge of that and of what your answer should be if he asks you to marry him. We think that you should take into account your parents' feeling toward him, but we think that they should have a more valid objection to the young man than that he talks too much.

Heartbroken, Agatha, Ida.—You say you love this man who is ten years and two days older than you, but you do not say whether he loves you or not. Ten years would not be too much difference in ages for marriage. We cannot tell you how to make yourself more attractive to your men friends, beyond saying that you should be happy and natural in your manner and not let the man know that you think more of him that he does of you.

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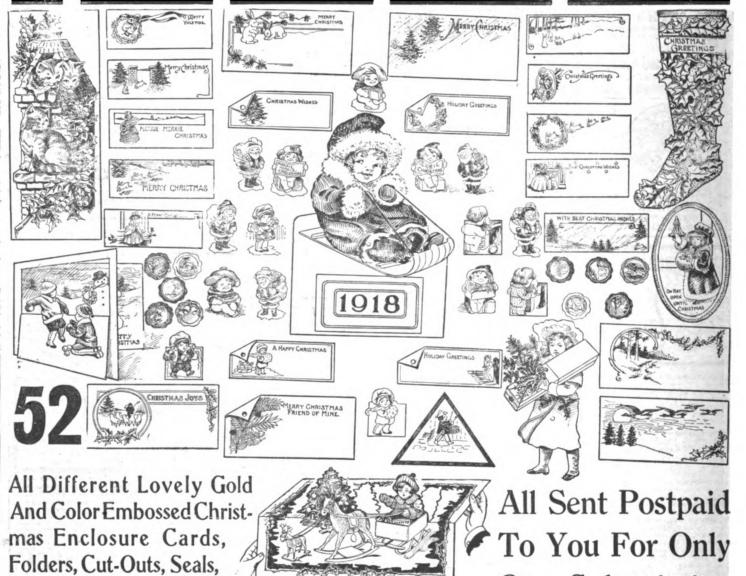
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Children's Happy Hour

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HIS is to be a very busy month for Letty for, you know, school opens in a few days and she is going to start. Her mamma has been teaching her the "a, b, c's" and Letty knows them pretty well, but my goodness, there are learn also. Every pupil has to study hard or else be known as a "dunce," Our little friend has longed to go to school ever since she was a wee baby, but now that the first day is near, she is getting frightened and fust wishes it was over. You can't blame her either for even grown folks hate to do new things, but all will be well if she minds the teacher's rule.

Did I tell you of the splendid time she had visiting at her Aunt Beck's? No? That's strange. You see, her aunt lives in a big city, where street cars run right by the door, and Letty visited there all summer. The first night everything was so noisy and the bed felt so funny that she couldn't sleep a wink. It seemed as though morning would never come but at last daylight did appear and she quietly arose and dressed herself. Not another soul was stirring in the house so she just sat down and looked out the window. One glance nearly caused her to fall over in a faint, for right there in her aunt's front yard, was a great big elephant. Letty wanted to severable the role and strange to see the running front yard, was a great big elephant. Letty wanted to severable the couldn't sleep a wink. It seemed as though morning would never come but at last daylight did appear and she quietly arose and dressed herself. Not another soul was stirring in the house so she just sat down and looked out the window. One glance nearly caused her to fall over in a faint, for right there in her aunt's front yard, was a great big elephant. Letty wanted to scream but she couldn't. Her lips moved but no voice would come. The window was up a little bit and, when she hastily reached over to close it, her hand struck a vase of flowers and it felt clattering to the ground, right near the awful beast's head. Hor



Cut-Out Doll Directions

Paste the whole picture on smooth cardboard and color them with crayons, chalk or water and rub with hands from the center towards the edges to press out all wrinkles. Use boiled flour paste. When neatly pasted put it in a big book for at least one day or night to dry. Next cut out each figure, hat and suit with scissors right angles.

to the fever that would make him drain his water-jug before the morning, but each and all of them better than seeing, as he did now, how she would not meet his eyes. But the last person who should know he cared was Levallion's wife.

"You will tell Levallion"—after all, he was not as callous, or, perhaps, as brave, as she; he could not say "your husband"—"that I had no idea I should not find him here. Perhaps he will look me up in town."

"Is that all?" she said stupidly, seeing only how very ill he looked as he stood before her.

"All!" surprised. "Yes, I wanted to thank him; it was through him I got to the front."

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The Girl He Loved

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"Do you know," she said with sudden, vicious cruelty, "that you have never congratulated me on my marriage?" and then could have died of shame, for he was answering her as a man does who is born, not made, a gentleman.

"It out the Loved (Continued) and the weight that was too heavy for his wife's strong young arms and laid his cousin on the grass.

"The returned hero is not out of the grave-yard yet!" he remarked. "Let him lie, Ravenel, and ring for the servants."

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This Is "Johnnie"



The Family Doctor

So many inquiries are received from COMFORT subscribers concerning the health of the family that this column will be devoted to unswering them. The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be addressed to physicians, not to us.

Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta,

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A. B., Falmouth, Ky.—You are suffering from some form of indigestion with the formation of gas. The gas reacts on the heart by pressure and you have the shortness of breath complained of. You must go back to first principles and eat sparingly and often. Strained out-meal, which has been cooked for hours, whole wheat biscuit thinned with skimmed milk, green vegetables, fruits of the orange type, and most of the cereals in which has been mixed ordinary bran, about a tablespoonful to the helping, should help your stomach to digest and also limit the formation of gas. If possible you should eat sparingly five or six times a day instead of three times a day. Of course pastry of any kind, candies and all sweets should be avoided. Drink plenty of good spring water and in this way flush the kidneys. You are apparently exercising sufficiently—but the out-of-door life is indicated in your case as you are gaining in flesh, but evidently not in muscle. A cold douche to the spine, just before you retire, followed by a brisk general massage, would stimulate the peripheral circulation and probably limit your sleeplessness.

Miss I. W., Paris, III.—Eczema of any form—and

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Miss I. W., Paris, Ill.—Eczema of any form—and there are many—is one of the worst forms of skin disease to conquer or even help. The doctor's advice to keep the hands out of dish-water was good advice. No form of treatment will help you if you do not follow this advice. Eczema in general is of rheumatic origin and requires about the same treatment as to diet, hygiene and medication. If not too debilitated a diet of milk—skimmed milk—with boiled rice only, is indicated in the average case. This diet should be adhered to for two or three weeks at a time. After a course of diet along these lines there may be added green vegetables, coarse cereals combined with some form of bran and fruits. Frequent bathing is indicated, using in the bath some simple alkall, as blearbonate of soda. Exercise in the open is always beneficial, as well as the drinking of at least two quarts of water daily. Lassar's paste in a strength adapted to the given case is very beneficial as a local remedy. This remedy, however, must be prescribed by a physician.

M. M. M. G., North Branch, Minn.—You may have latered as freezeway the time of the covery.

M. M. G., North Branch, Minn.—You may have injured or fractured the tip of the coccyx, when you fell on the cement floor. This is probable and of course will require surgical treatment. You may also have a uterine displacement, which also requires medical aid. You should consult a good physician and ascertain the exact condition and act on his advice.

Miss L. P. A. Beyler, Mo.—You undoubtedly re-

certain the exact condition and act on his advice.

Miss L. P. A., Bevier, Mo.—You undoubtedly refer to arthritis deformans, so-called. This condition is almost incurable, certainly the hope of complete recovery is not to be thought of or encouraged in any case. The latest and possibly the best treatment is the introduction of radium intra-veinously. Radium water must also be drunk at the same time. Diet of course is essential as well as the drinking of large quantities of water. The diet indicated has many times been repeated in Comport and may be referred to under the general heading of an anti-rheumatic diet. The local application of o.l of winter-green is also useful.

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M. S., Arcadi, S. Dak. —There are many remedies for the weakness referred to. One of the best is some form of stryphnia. Would advise you also to consult some surgeon and have the condition of the prostate gland looked into. The introduction of a cold sound would also help you. Consult some local surgeon and he, no doubt will help, if not absolutely cure you.

F. J. M., Matheson, Colo.—If you cannot consult a good ear specialist, use some warm liquid vaseline in the deaf ear—never use olive oil, or any oil that becomes rancid, for this purpose. After you have used the vaseline for a few days, get an ear syringe and syringe out the ear with hot water. In this way you will dislodge any hardened wax that may possibly be causing your trouble.

Mrs. B. C. Batavia, New York—Blooding piles

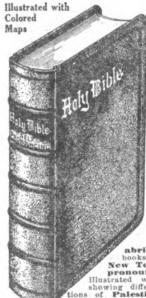
Mrs. R. C., Batavia, New York.—Bleeding piles are best cured by the use of the clamp and cautery. This of course means a slight operation, but it will relieve your condition permanently.

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S. S., St. Vincent, Cal.—May be you have a slight stricture of the urethra, or may be your urine is too acid and this causes your frequent urination. Also you may have an enlarged gland near the neck of the bladder-known as the prostate gland. In any case you should consult a doctor and get at the true condition. Always drink plenty of water, in any case.

D. R., Palo Pinto, Texas.—There is no cure for hay fever. Many cases are relieved by local treatment, and if there is any nasal obstruction due to enlarged turbinates or deviation of the septum an

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operation is indicated. In selected cases operation less I en curative. One of the best means of getting rid of hay-fever is, at the onset, removal to the seashore or mountains. The best location can only be determined by actual trial.

Mrs. C. E. C., Hopkinton, N. H.—The noise in your car is no doubt due to some catarrhal condition of the middle car. You should have an ear specialist examine your nose and throat, and see if the tube running from the middle car to the throat is not obstructed. In many cases one or two treatments will suffice and relieve not only the noise in the ear, but the dizziness as well.

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S. M. S., Crystal Springs, Florida.—Prickly heat is a disease of the sweat glands. Nervous prostration, severe dyspepsia and general debility, seem to predispose to this condition. It follows, of course, that the patient should be kept as cool as possible, eat green vegetables—dispensing with all meats and condiments for the time being. Drink freely of water, especially of alkaline waters. Absolute rest is indicated. Locally with boric acid powder.

Mrs. R. L. B. Buckinshen, Colon Devices of the state of the

Mrs. R. L. B., Buckingham, Colo.—Prolapsed rectum in the very young if properly managed, will be relieved or cured by the growth of the child. For the constipation one should use enemas, or suppositories of glycerine. Before use, of course the prolapse should be restored. If the natural growth does not cure, it may be necessary to operate.

L. M. S., Big Falls, Minn.—Nervous dyspepsia is hardly ever cured by the use of medicine. Your hot water in the morning is all right, but good exercise in the open, with suitable food of the simplest kind—buttermilk, various cereals, raw eggs, etc., are indicated. If possible change your mental attitude by getting interested in some useful occupation, which will keep your mind employed and, in the end, bodily tired, so you will have refreshing sleep.

Mrs. H. M., Ford City, Pa.—You have no doubt a serious condition of the cornea and, may be iris, of your eye. You should consult an eye specialist at once, and not experiment in the way you have been doing. Conditions, such as you describe, are always serious and must not be neglected.

M. B. B., Jacksonville, Ark.—Your trouble is undoubtedly pigmentation of the skin, caused in most cases by nervousness or worry. Cold douches to the spine with open air exercises will probably cure you.

Mrs. C. L. S., Burlington, Wash.—The general swelling that you describe must be due to some lesion of your kidneys or heart. You should consult a good general practitioner and have him if possible, locate your trouble. You should have your blood pressure taken also, to determine the condition of your arterial and vascular system. Your age and weight, would indicate that you may have hardening of the arteries as well as consequent kidney disease.

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Mehill Snider, Cheadle, Mont. Miss Cora Macon, West Middletown, R. R. 1, Ohio. Inger Heide, Kenosha, R. R. 2, Box 119, Wis. Miss Tessie Spitser, Goshen, R. R. 1, N. Y. P. N., Marengo, L. Box, 213, Ind. Miss Hazel Fox, Orrin, R. R. 1, N. Dak. Lester Davidson, Foosland, R. R. 39, Ill., is unable to answer letters and return cards received every day, as he is in the Canadian army.

Missing Relatives and Friends

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Comfort Sisters' Corner Five Wheel Chairs in November 441 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The five November wheel chairs go to the following shut-ins. The figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends in their behalf.

Elvis Willfert Williams, Camas, Washington, 200; Mrs. Laura Carroll, Fruitland, Tenn., 170; Callie Williams, Gainesville, Ark., 125; Annie Jack, Engle-wood, Tenn., 119; Mrs. Donie McCutchen, R. R. 1, Paden, Miss., 117.

Elvis Williams, age seven years, is a helpless ripple. His condition is caused by spinal trouble ripple. from which he has been a patient sufferer since infancy. Although he can not use his hands to roll his chair it will be a great comfort to him and a help to his mother in caring for him.

Mrs. Laura Carroll, age 56, has been helplessly crippled in her lower limbs the past five years from rheumatism of long standing. She is a widow de-pendent on her two young daughters for support. Mrs. Brannum, who with the help of other neighbors has got most of the subscriptions for Mrs. Carroll, writes that they are very anxious to obtain the chair for her this month.

Callie Williams, age eight years, was stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of 13 months. She has no use of either foot, so the only way she can get about is by crawling on hands and knees.

Annie Jack, age 10 years, is another victim of infantile paralysis and has never been able to walk.

Mrs. Donie McCutchen, age 38, has no use of her lower limbs, caused by disease of the nerves, and has not been able to walk the last three years. She has a husband and one child.

While this country is being canvassed daily to raise funds in aid of the war sufferers in Europe remember that we have among us thousands of poor cripples who are suffering from much needed wheel chairs, and don't neglect the call of charity at home. It costs you nothing but a little of your spare time to help these unfortunates by getting COMFORT subscriptions in aid of our Wheel-Chair Club. Make a practical application of the Christmas spirit in this way, and may you be abundantly blessed for doing

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 25 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S MHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay like freight, los. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little laster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friends to help him gat subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

COMFORT Wheel Chair Gives Her Lots of Pleasure

Dear Mr. Gannett:

I received my wheel chair in good condition last
Saturday and am certainly pleased with it. I can go
all over the house now in my wheel chair. I used
to have to sit in a common chair and be pushed.
Now I can move about myself. I shall have my picture taken and will send you one. I want to send
one to each of my friends who helped get the subscriptions for my chair. I am very thankful to them
and to you, as the chair will give me lots of pleasure.
Yours respectfully, Bertha Luella Stewart.

COMFORT Wheel Chair a Great Help to Mother in Caring for Crippled Boy

DEAR MR. GANNETT:
We want to thank you and our friends for the wheel chair for our little boy, Walter. It is a great help to me in taking care of him, as he is so large to carry about. It certainly is fine for a cripple. Will close with many thanks.

MR. and MRS. C. E. SLAYBAUGH.

Wheel Chair a Lot of Comfort to Little Girl Cripple

FITZPATRICK, GA.

We received Dollie's wheel chair today in fine shape and we are well pleased with it. I wish to thank you and all wao helped me get it. It will be a lot of comfort to her. Your friend, MARY E. LANIER.

Says Wheel Chair is Pretty Fine

DANIELSVILLE, R. R. 2, GA.

DEAR MR. GANNETT: DEAR MR. GANNETT:

I received the wheel chair for my little girl and it is pretty nne. I am well pleased with it. I thank you and all my friends who helped me to get it. The chair is a great help to me and a pleasure to her. From Fannie May Hix's mamma,

SARAH HIX.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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Mrs. Ed. Williams, Wash., for Elvis Willfert Williams, 200; Etta Clark, Ala., for Susie Harbin, 100;

Jim S. Gardner, Texas, for own wheel chair, 76; Mrs.

L. Brannum, Tenn., for Mrs. Laura Carroll, 60; Mrs.

L. Conat, Minn., for Mrs. Laura Carroll, 60; Mrs.

Pollie Spinks, La., for Gertrade Robinet, 51; Mrs. Roy.

L. Conat, Minn., for Mrs. Lawrence Olsen, 47; Mrs. P.

M. Adams, Ga., for Alma Adams, 32; Mrs. J. M.

Baker, Ga., for Florine Weldon, 30; Mrs. J. M.

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Phillips, New Mexico, for Bernie Phillips, 27; Roy

Smith, Okla., for O. L. Smith, 26; Mrs. Janne Scott,

Mich., for Lyle B. Gibson, 24; Mrs. Allie Walker, Ky.,

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comer in one breath called for some brandy and made a grievous complaint about his eyes.

"They are getting weaker and weaker," said he. "And now even the spectacles appear to do no good."

The Quaker looked first at him and

The Quaker looked hist at him and then at the brandy.

"I'll tell thee, friend, what I think," said he. "If thou wouldst wear thy spectacles over thy mouth for a few months thine eyes would get well again."

Surprised Her



"I forgot myself and spoke angrily to
my wife," remarked Mr. Meekton.
"Did she resent
it?"

"For a moment.
But Henrietta is a
f a ir - m i n d e
d woman. After she
thought it overshe
shook hands with
me and congratulated me on my
bravery."—Kansas City Star.

Proof Positive

The teacher had been giving a reading The teacher had been giving a reading on the anatomy of the body.

"Now, you see," she said, as she closed her book and laid it on the table, "the trunk is in the middle part of the body. You understand that, don't you?"

"All the children except one chorused, "Yes, ma'am."

"You understand it, too?" asked the teacher of the little boy who had not spoken with the others.

"It's not so, ma'am," answered little Stephen.

"Why," said the teacher, in astonishment, "what do you mean?"
"Well," replied the boy earnestly, "you ought to go to the circus and see the elephant!"

Couldn't Deny It

It was the rush hour in one of those quick lunch places where you help yourself in the city and use the arm of your chair as a table. A man called for a piece of pie and chose a chair; then, remembering that he wanted coffee, he dashed over to the service counter. When he returned with his coffee his chair was occupied by another hurry-up diner.

occupied by another hurry-up diner.

"Excuse me," said the first man, "But this is my chair?"

"How do you know it is your chair?" demanded the occupant, in a surly tone.

"Because I can prove it," stated the first man.

"How can you prove it?" asked the occupant.

"By your trousers," was the reply.

"You are sitting on my pie."

"I Don't Know" Teacher—"What are the three words you use most?" Senior—"I don't know." Teacher—"Correct."

Now and Then Grouchy Stranger (to native)—"I sup-pose you know all the sights about here, eh?"
Native—"Oh, no. There's always new ones comin' round."

The Call of Duty

"What does my little man want to buy today? Candy?" asked the storekeeper as James entered. "You betcher life I do." corroborated James, "but I gotter buy soap."

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Careful Boy

Uncle (who weighs 200 pounds)—"Well, Earlie, is the ice thick enough to skate on today?" Earlie—"I don't know. That's why we want you to go with us and find out."

They Probably Do

"Paddy," said a father to his little boy,
"do you know what happens to liars
when they die?"
"Well," said Paddy, after thinking a
while, "I suppose they lie still."

His Suit "I have a suit of clothes for every day in the week." "Where are they?" "This is it I have on."

When He Tripped "Did you ever take a bicycle trip?"

"Once." "Where did you go?" "Straight over my neck." Sent It Home

Over the garden fence the conversa-tion had suddenly turned acrimonious.
"An' if your boy, 'Erbert ties any more cans to our pore dog's tail," was Mrs. Moggins' stern ultimatum, "'e'll 'ear about it, that's all. Oh, an' per'aps you've done wiv that saucepan wot you borrowed last Monday."

"'Erbert," asked Mrs. Grubbs, shrilly, wot ave you bin doin' to Mrs. Moggins' dog?"
"Nothin, ma!" replied the small boy,

"Nothin, ma: replace to the workingly. "There!" said the mother triumphantly. "An' you returned 'er saucepan yesterday, didn't you, dearie?" "Sent it back by 'er dog!" said 'Erbert, calmly.—Chtcago News.

An Irishman who had walked a long distance, feeling very thirsty and seeing a milkman, asked the price of a quart of

"Threepence," replied the milkman.
"Then give me a quart in pints," said Pat, on drinking one pint, asked, "How do we stand?
The milkman replied, "I owe ye a

"And I owe you one," said Pat, "so we are quits."—Chicago News. An Ounce of Prevention

Dr. Brown was a phlegmatic man who usually took his own time at answering even urgent calls, but one day he hustled

around in a great hurry.

"Mrs. Weaver has sent for me to come and see her boy, and I must go at once," he said.
"What is the matter with the boy?"
asked the doctor's wife.

"I don't know," he said, but Mrs. Weaver has a book on "What to Do Be-fore the Doctor Comes, and I must hurry upbefore she doesit."—New York Times.

Heard Near the Band Wagon Trombone-



"What do we play next, Si?" Si-"Sousa

Grand March." Trombone-"Gosh all hemlock! I jest played that!"-Judge.

No Consolation

"Beauty is but skin deep."
"Exactly, but the girl with it has all the other girls skinned to death."—Baltimore American.

Evidence

"Is your wife economical?"
"Very. Look at the clothes that she makes me wear."—Detroit Free Press. Probably

Sportsman (wishing for fresh fields to conquer)—"I should like to try my hand at big game."
Fair Ignoramus—"Yes, I suppose you find it very hard to hit these little birds?"
—New York American.

Interpreting the Bible

An Oklahoma Sunday school teacher had given a lesson on the Prodigal Son, and wished to test the attention the class had paid to his teachings.

"Now, children," he said, "who was sorry that the Prodigal had returned?" No one replied, but all seemed lost in thought. Finally, the most forward youngster in the class ventured, "The fatted calf."

Inspired

"Children," said the teacher to her class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy, but write what is in you."
As a result of this advice, eight-year-old Richard passed in the following composition:

position: "We shall not attempt any fites of fancy, but rite just what is in us. In me there is my stummick, lungs, liver, two apples, two cakes and my dinner."— People's Home Journal.

Lonesome

Judge—"This man was a stranger to you! Then why did you pick a fight with him?"
Kelly—"All me friends is away on their vacations."—Life.

Might Be Captain

goes Geraldine and her latest catchthat navy man. I wonder what his title is?"

Estelle-"If Ger- > aldine gets him, he'll be third mate! -Judge.

Why is a pig in a parlor like a fire in a Because they both need putting out.

rk noisy? B—for it would have made it bark.

D

Conundrums

Why is a man who has no children invisible? Because he is not a parent (apparent).

What letter would have made Noah's

Why is the letter A like 12 o'clock? Because it is in the middle of "day."

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under her own common hens, and so get a start with thoroughbred birds.

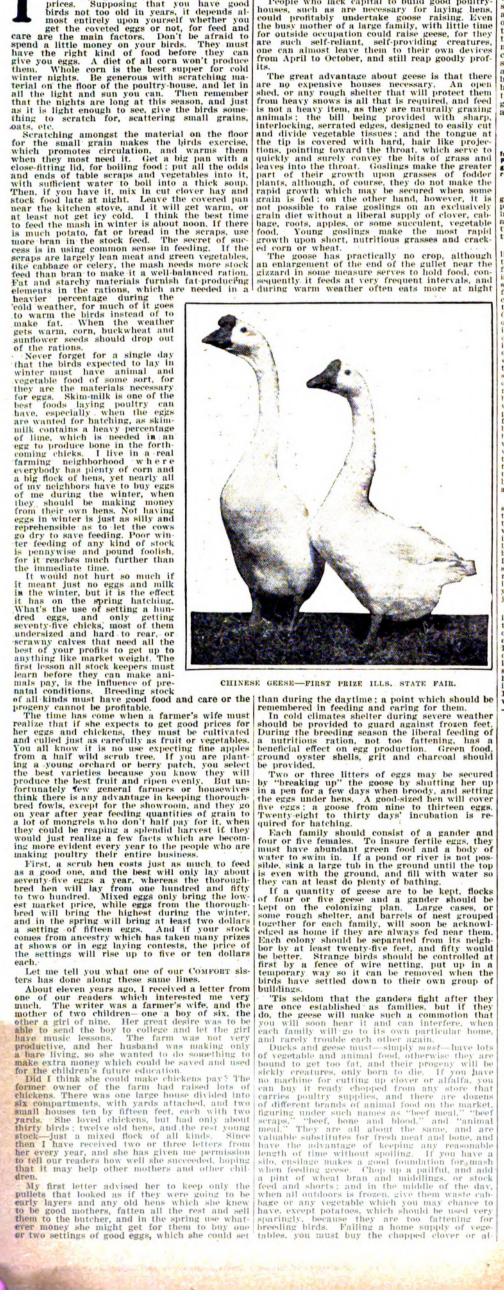
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She followed my advice, and wrote the following October, telling me that she got eight dollars and seventy-five cents for the hens she sold. To this she added one dollar and twenty-five cents, and bought a setting of White Orpington eggs, from which she hatched ten birds, six cockerels and four pullets, all of which she raised.

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People who lack capital to build good poultry-houses, such as are necessary for laying hens, could profitably undertake goose raising. Even the busy mother of a large family, with little time for outside occupation could raise geese, for they are such self-reliant, self-providing creatures, one can almost leave them to their own devices from April to October, and still reap goodly profits.



falfa. Put three or four quarts into a pan with a tight lid, pour scalding water over it, and leave in a warm place to steam for several hours. Mix in the grain just before feeding.

Lots of fresh drinking water is imperative for both ducks and geese—in fact, for all poultry. During freezing weather it is difficult to keep up the supply unless you make some special provision for the water not freezing. A very simple contrivance is made by using two empty cases, one a little larger than the other. Put the smaller one inside the larger one, cut a square hole through both boxes at one end, so that the birds can reach the water when an ordinary drinking fountain is placed inside the smaller case. Fill up the space between the two cases with sawdust; or, in very cold localities, with horse manure. There are several poultry drinking fountains on the market which have lamp arrangements, and keep the water warm.

Another point, which many people neglect with ducks and geese, is keeping their sleeping quarters dry, and giving them plenty of bedding on cold nights. Strange though it may seem, water fowls, that can swim about all day in cold water, will develop rheumatism and leg weakness if they sleep in a damp place. The best thing is to make a rack like a big gridiron, to cover one part of the house. Use hardwood slats on three by three battens, and there will be a good space between the ground and the slats. The slats should not be more than half an inch apart, and well covered with straw or coarse hay. If making such a rack is not feasible cut some sapplings and crisscross them on the floor, then spread boughs over them, and finish off with straw or three times a week. The bedding of ducks and geese should not be neglected, for it is quite as necessary as bedding cows.

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor, free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

L. L. S.—Read this month's article. One-year-old geese are not good for breeders. Their eggs hatch poorly, and goslings are weak. There is a different in the cry and walk, and the gander usually has a narrow head, but it is difficult for an amateur to distinguish between geese and ganders. You had better try to find a neighbor who has had experience.

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M. R.—From your description of the lumps on the liver of the birds you opened coupled with the fact that you have been losing one or two birds a week for the last year and a half, leaves no doubt that this is a case of tuberculosis—a most difficult disease to stamp out, especially after it has been in a flock for such a length of time. It is very contagious, and contaminates the entire premises, the germs being distributed by means of the infected birds' droppings. One light chronic case may be the unsuspected cause of frequent outbreaks. The germs are often contained in eggs laid by infected birds. Rats and mice also carry the disease. So you see extreme vigilance is necessary to prevent its spreading, if there is even one chronic case in the neighborhood. One of the worst features of the disease is that cases rarely attract attention in the early stages. Even a professional poultryman often falls to notice any symptoms of the disease until it reaches its last stages. For this reason an entire flock is often exposed to contagion before it is suspected. There is no cure for a bird which has once developed tuberculosis, so the only safeplan, after it is known that a bird has really died from the disease, is to kill off all suspicious looking birds and burn the carcases, then kill and sell the birds that may have been exposed to the contagion without loss of time, and before the disease has developed. After that, cull out all of the old stock, thoroughly clean the house, scrape off the surface of the yard, or ground on which the birds have been in the habit of congregating, and burn, or bury very deenly, all the accumulated rubbish, and next spring make a fresh start with healthy stock.

E. J. B.—Barley is excellent food for poultry, but should be mixed with oats and Kaitr corn, as it is

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E. J. B.—Barley is excellent food for poultry, but should be mixed with oats and Kafir corn, as it is too fattening for laying hens if fed exclusively. Better use chopped clover or alfalfa hay which has been well steamed, for the vegetable part of the rations during the winter. Green barley in the spring would be all right. It would be difficult for me to tell you how much grain would be needed for six months, for I do not know what grains you purpose using. I gave special rations for laying hens, which had been arranged by the government to suit different districts, in one of the late summer numbers of COMFORT, so you will receive the necessary information on the subject before this reaches you.

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be liable to interfere with the current of hot air and ventilation. Most certainly the tank should be emptted when the machine is not in use, or it will be liable to rust and leak when next used. We always give hints for running incubators in the February and March numbers.

March numbers.

J. W. B.—What is known as "going light" is a sort of wasting disease, caused by any one of a dozen reasons. Want of a proper combination of rations, intestinal worms, sickly or inbred parent stock, lice and mittes. As you have opened one of the birds, and found the intestines in a normal condition, it cannot be worms or chronic disease. So it must be food or vermin. If the birds which are not yet-sick appear to be hungry, increase the amount of feed. Give a mash in the morning, and skim-milk to drink. Examine the birds for lice, and the house and coops for mites. As you live in the South, the red or house mite is likely to be the cause of the trouble.

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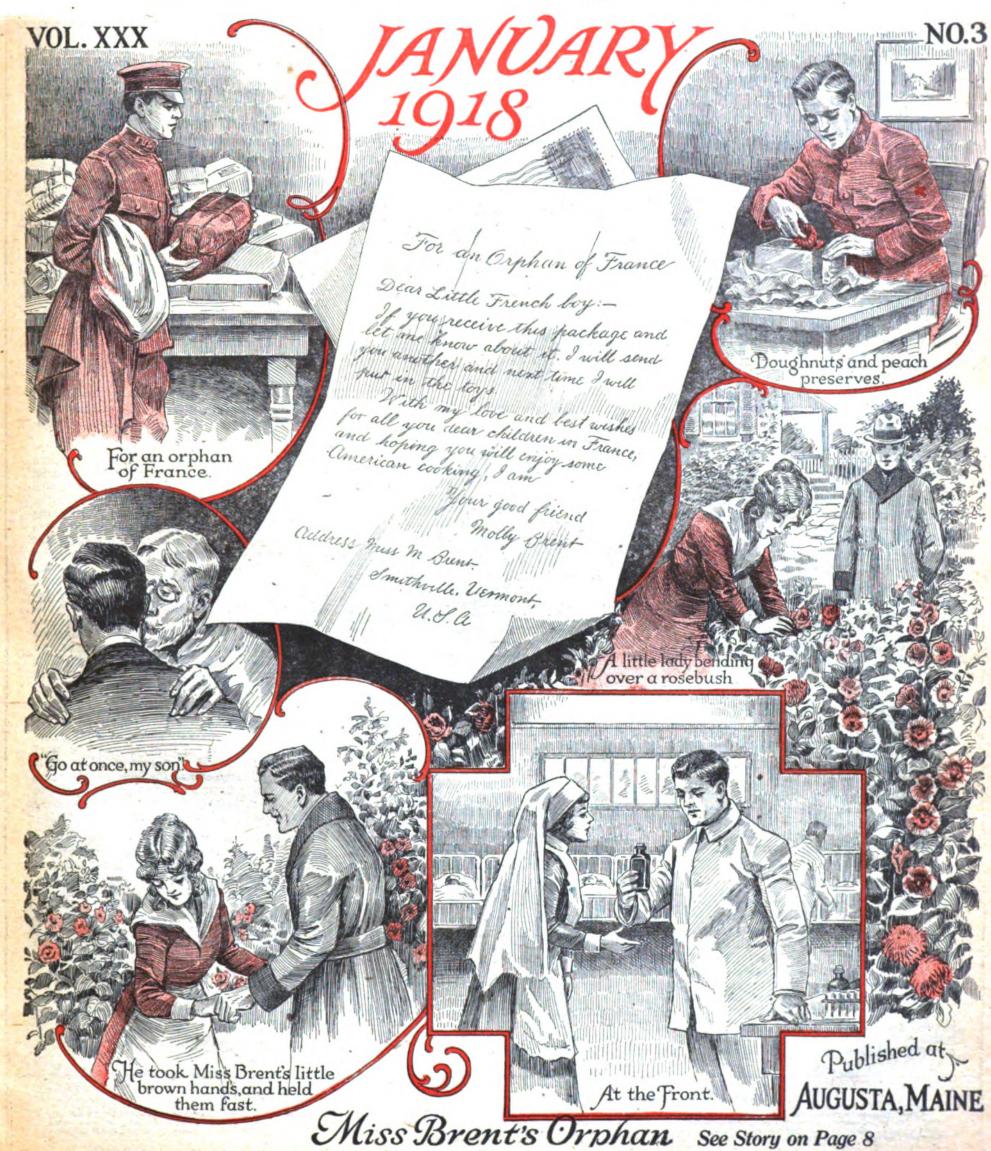
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L. B.—Without knowing the conditions on which the incubator was run, it is difficult to say what caused the poor hatches. You may have left the trays out of the machine to long whilst airing and turning the eggs, or you may not have aired them sufficiently and the recommendation of the machine was being operated, it would affect the hatch: or if the machine did not stand quite level, the warm air in the chamber may have been drawn to one side of the machine, leaving the other side chilly. If the heat never ran above 104, that could not be to blame. It would not be wise to line a machine with asbestos, as it would



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Vicious Lies Circulated to Shake Faith in Our Government and Start Panics Are of German Origin

Y this time everybody ought to have learned that in prosecuting this war Germany relies on the campaign of treachery, intrigue and deception carried on through her immense army of spies and secret agents abroad quite as much as on the activities of her military forces The downfall of Russia, a prey to civil war and reduced to a state of anarchy through German influences in conspiracy with Russian anarchists and socialists, should be a sufficient warning to all the world and especially to the government and people of the United States where Germany boasts of having upwards of a hundred thousand zealous operators promoting diabolical plots of all kinds from destruction of life and property by dynamite, and wholesale murder by scattering disease germs, to inciting insurrection and creating panics by inventing and circulating lies about the intentions of our government

The following are samples of the lies that have been current throughout the country and have been traced to German origin. In order to frustrate the efforts of our government to promote home-canning of fruits and vegetables in the interest of food conservation a story was industriously circulated to the effect that it was the purpose of the government to seize the home-canned supplies to feed the army. It caused worry in many homes and the cessation of canning in some. The Secretary of Agriculture published a denial of the rumor and stated that the government had no intention of raiding the housewive's pantries. The Secretary of Agriculture also had to refute the lie about the Food Administrator proposing to lower the price of the round hog, which was told to the farmers to discourage the production of pork. An attempt was made to create a financial panic and start a run on the banks all over the country by the false report that the government was planning to grab all the bank deposits. Any thinking person should have seen the impossibility of such a proposition which would be not only unlawful but suicidal to the government. This lie, which was sprung during the last Liberty Loan offering was promptly nailed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and a bunch of enemy conspirators, to whom it was traced in the West, were arrested and will be prosecuted for their pernicious activities.

Now don't be deceived, don't be alarmed, don't be worried into doing anything foolish by these German lies that are springing up and going the rounds faster than they can be followed up and denied. If anybody makes any disquieting prediction of what the government intends to do, just inquire where he got his information and report the matter to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and it will be quietly investigated by the Secret Service without bringing you into it in any way.

Save Pennies to Buy Thrift Stamps

N order to win this war all our people must make their labor as productive as possible and save all they can, not only of food but of everything else. Thus only can we supply our army and our allies with the necessary food and munitions of war; for this is a war of national resources and production quite as much as of seldiers and guns, and those who are left at home should consider themselves as drafted into the great army of workers on whose support depends the effectiveness of our troops in the trenches. Our government also needs the financial help of all our people, which makes it our duty to save all the money we can and loan it to the government. Don't think that because of high prices you can't save money. Wages are high, too, and there are good jobs for everybody. By cutting out the waste, which is no hardship, by economizing in expenditures, which is thrift, and by denying ourselves some of our accustomed luxuries, which we may call sacrifice, infinitesimal as it is as compared with the sacrifice our soldiers are making, almost everybody able to work can save some money to lend the government besides doing something to help the war charities.

The resources of the rich are not sufficient to meet the government's need of money, and the deficiency must be supplied by the farmers and wage earners through the loan of their savings which, though individually small, amount to an immense sum in the aggregate. For the most part they have responded loyally to the call for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan, not only those who could pay cash down but, best of all, thousands who did not have the ready money subscribed on the installment plan and are paying for their bonds out of their weekly savings. Thus thousands who never saved before are now saving systematically to meet their payments on the Liberty Bonds which they bought on the easy payment plan.

To further encourage and facilitate saving and loaning to the government in small amounts, the government is now offering for sale at all post offices 25-cent Thrift Stamps to be stuck, as fast as you buy them, on a Thrift Card which has spaces to hold 16 stamps. The Thrift Card, when filled, has a total value of \$4.00 and can be exchanged at any post office for a War-Savings Stamp that bears interest at four per cent. These are to be stuck on a War-Savings Certificate which has spaces to hold 20 stamps. The interest accumulates on these War-Savings Stamps as on a savings bank deposit. Any time you want your money any post office will pay you the value of your War-Savings Stamps. Save your pennies and buy Thrift Stamps.

A Law to Promote Ignorance

F you had a Congressman's salary of \$7,500 a year besides receiving 20 cents a mile for travel, both ways, from your home to Washington and return for each session of Congress, a fifty per cent increase in the subscription price of the one or more magazines you are taking might look to you as triffing and insignificant as it does to the congressman who luxuriates in an after-dinner smoke that costs as much as a year's subscription to Comfort. We are not insinuating that contemptuous disdain of the multitude whose circumstances do not afford the luxuries is a common attribute of our congressmen; doubtless that type is exceptional. What we wish to point out is that men in their situation, unless bigger and broader minded than the average run of congressmen, do not sense the necessity which compels the majority of people to practice strict economy, to count the cost even in small expenditures and save the pennies wherever possible.

When certain interests, having sinister designs against the magazines, proposed raising the secondclass postage rate and grading it on a zone basis under pretense of providing additional revenue, the majority of the House members thoughtlessly swallowed the bait. They were deaf to the publishers' protests that the business could not stand such an excessive extra tax and that it would have to be passed on to the subscribers in the form of higher subscription prices. It was explained also that the zone rates would cause the largest increase in price to the farmers and smalltowns people remote from the large publishing centers, but this gross injustice to the people whom the daily papers do not reach, who need the magazines most, made no impression on your representatives who are sure of their salaries out of the taxes they put on you and on us, and therefore have no need to worry about crop failures, hard times or business depression.

The salaries are not too large; what we find fault with is the mental caliber of the ordinary congressman which has long been the subject of much adverse criticism. The crying need of the country is for big men in Congress though but few of that kind get there, and the people are to

blame because they let the politicians go instead of sending statesmen that measure up to the job. There are shining exceptions, but most of them are dummies that do as they are told by their bosses except in rare instances in which they dare not ignore the express demands of the people. That is why we print on page 12 a petition for the repeal of the recent zone rate law and ask our readers to clip it, sign it, circulate it for other signatures and mail it to their respective Congressmen. It is for your own benefit and as a matter of common right, also in justice to the publishers, but above all in the interest of national unity and the general dissemination of knowledge most essential to the welfare of the country that you should do your utmost to bring about the repeal of this law for the promotion of ignorance.

Please understand that this is not an effort on the part of the publishers to avoid taxes. They have expressed their willingness to bear more than their share of the public burden even to the limit of giving the government the entire profits of their business during the war. Congress had taxed them at the same rate as others on their invested capital, their incomes and the profits of their business and then singled them out as a class for a special extra tax in the destructive form of zone postage rates. It was then that the magazine publishers appeared in protest and, after explaining the disastrous consequences, proposed that instead of the zone rates Congress take their entire profits for the Government during the "Take all our profits, but leave us our business," they implored. Can you imagine an offer so fair, generous and patriotic being rejected? But no, there were powerful interests at work determined on destroying or crippling the magazines and their influence prevailed. Through the voice of the people is the only hope of inducing Congress to right this wrong.

Bear in mind that this law becomes operative next July and that it has two distinct features; one is a level rise of the magazine postage, like that of letter postage, uniform throughout the land regardless of distance, and the other is the innovation of additional zone rates increasing progressively according to distance. Thus there will be two rates of postage to pay on each magazine mailed by the publisher to a subscriber. It would be difficult to imagine a system more cunningly contrived to be troublesome to the magazines besides being oppressively unjust to subscribers. It is the zone rate feature, only, against which we protest and for the immediate repeal of which we ask help of our subscribers. We will stand the level increase and pay it ourselves, but the zone rates we cannot stand and must add the cost to the subscription price.

If you run across any of the propaganda of the zone rate promoters don't be deceived by their exaggerated statements of the cost of transporting second-class mail matter. In our next issue we will show the absurdity of their claims in that respect and expose the fallacy of their pretense that the government would be likely to realize any gain through zone rates deliberately designed to cut down circulation.

Don't fail to read our petition heading on page 12 where instructions also are given for addressing it to your congressman. Bring the matter up in your Grange meetings, pass resolutions and send them to Congress. Why should the farmers be taxed more than city people for periodical literature? If you believe in one country and indivisible under the stars and stripes with equal rights for every citizen East and West, North and South, then get to work at once with our petition for a single level postage rate on magazines and newspapers throughout the land. It is the people's cause, and now that we have done all that we can the fight is up to the people to win their rights.

COMFORT'S EDITOR.

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Terms Used in Crochet

Ch st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert book in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops, thread over, draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl. st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw the thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw brough the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of sts. in preceding row; sk., skip, to miss or omit number. of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., padding cord; *stars mean t

Knitted Priscilla Hood

ATERIAL: Fourfold Saxony and ATERIAL: Fourfold Saxony and No. 16 steel needles.
This hood is made in two pieces and afterwards joined. Measure child's head at base of ears from check to check, divide in about thirds, then make back a little narrower than the sides. The number of sts. must be divisible by four or five according to the number of sts. desired in a square. The piece which forms the back should square. The piece which forms the back should measure three and one half or four inches and be knitted in

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work so that in



KNITTED PRISCILLA HOOD.

joining a knit-ting will come next purling. next purling.

After hood is complete and joined together, pick up 25 stitches on center of front edge, knit plain back and forth, picking up two stitches at the end of each row until an inch or more has been added according to the shape needed to fit child's face properly and snugly. Then pick stitches to the end of the front, knit back and pick up to other end, and pick up stitches across the back on two needles. Knit plain until band or turnback measures two plain until band or turnback measures two and one half inches.

Or if preferred knit band on back or neck of

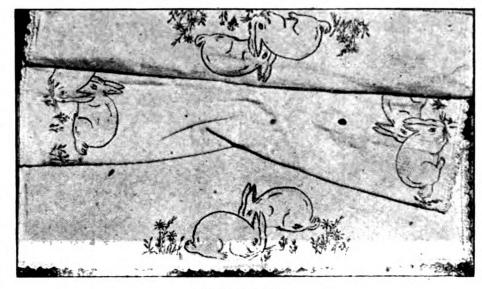
hood first and then on the front from corner to corner. Finish with rosettes and ribbon ties.

A New Stitch for Baby Afghan

This stitch is designed for using Germantown yarn or Shetland floss taken double. A foundation chain could be used for the width of the scarf but then it would have to be very loose. The way this is done is to build one stitch right

The way this is done is to build one stitch right to the other until the desired width is made. Begin in this way: Chain 4 (work loose), bring up a loop through first chain made, • yarn over needle and draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle and draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, yarn over needle draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through one loop, thing up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through one loop, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop, bring up loop through same place, yarn over needle draw through one loop

Second stitch, draw out the loop loose and. Pad the quilt'with flannel, baste and stitch bring up loop between the third and fourth the edges together, after which finish with any



BUNNY CRIB QUILT.

loops from needle where last loop came through, repeat from * for the width.
2nd row.—Ch. 3, make the first st. in the ch.
st. which drew the four loops together, that is, bring up the two loops through there * then bring a loop through first stitch of foundation, taking up both threads, yarn over and draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through the four loops. This is first st. of row always. Second st., draw out loop loose, bring up the two loops between third and fourth loops then repeat from * to end of row.

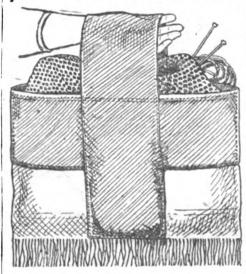
Repeat this row back and forth until the required size is made. This is a desirable stitch

quired size is made. This is a desirable stitch for making a baby blanket or go-cart afghan.

A. O. L. WERTMAN.

Improved Red Cross Bag

A few months ago Comfort illustrated and described a Red Cross bag made of red ribbon. We now show an improvement and addition to this bag which gives it much more depth and still retains the Red Cross appearance. It is made by sewing together two yards of sixinch wide red ribbon or any red material of the same width, running a flat corset steel, millinery wire of any other metal band through the heading at the upper part of the cross section heading at the upper part of the cross section to hold it in position, then take an ordinary hand towel, with fringed ends, fold and sew to



RED CROSS BAG.

lower part of horizontal strip of ribbon, thus forming a deep bag to hold the yarn and knitting needles.

plenty of planning, sewing, knitting, etc., to do at this season of the year. Very dainty little things can be fashioned by skill-ful fingers of inexpensive materials, a few of which illustrate this month for COMFORT Mothers.

Bunny Bootees

These cute little boots These cute little boots may be made up of corduroy, velveteen, felt or flannel. They are made in two pieces, seamed from the center of the back to center of the front, lined with silk or any soft fine material. any soft, fine material.

Stitch around the top and run in narrow elastic. On the top of the toe out-line in bunny features with pink silk, and either side just above the eyes add two pink-lined

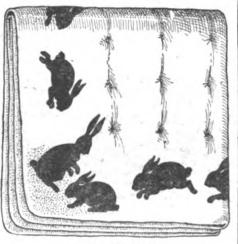
Bunny Crib Quilt

As shown this useful little quilt is made up of white cotton flannel. The top being decorated on each of the four sides on each of the four sides with groups of bunnies and grasses. This work is all in outlining, the rabbits being either a grey or light brown, one loop, yarn over needle and draw through grasses green with a little delicate pink, blue the four loops on the needle. This is one stitch.

simple crochet pattern, using for this either blue or pink silkateen.

Unbleached Cotton Creeping Rug.

Such a rug as this can be be very easily made of unbleached cotton cloth and if decorated in a similar way to the one shown, with a border



CREEPING RUG.

of bunnies cut from Turkey red, baby will be amused for hours at a time. The edges of the figures are turned in and appliqued in place, after which the rug is well padded with cotton and tacked together with tufts of Turkey red

If preferred, animals of different kinds, and birds may be used to form the border. A little different crib set con-

sisting of quilt and sham, may also be made of white outing flannel, decorated by cut figures of bun-nies, kittens, or Teddy bears patched on.

These may be arranged in a group in
the center of the quilt

BUNNY BOOTEES or, as a border; in either case a three-inch band of pink or blue flannel makes a firm-wearing finish.

Warm Kimono

For babies from six months to one year of age flannel or flannelette kimonos or wrappers are constantly needed. The little garment illustrated will surely appeal to any mother who loves pretty things and also enjoy having them just a bit different. The two pockets on this little garment gives just this touch of novelty, otherwise it is shaped as usual the neck being finished with a little band and the sleeve with a cuff. All the edges are finished by hems bea cuff. All the edges are finished by hems being turned only once and then buttonholed or crocheted over in color.

Cover for Baby Hot Water Bottle

Make this to match the crib set of colored flannel same shade as border and decorate cen-ter of one side with one of the figures used on the set.

Knitted Tie

(REQUESTED BY INEZ ROBINSON) The gentleman's tie



illustrated was made of blue shaded fiber knitting silk on steel needles No. 16. Any other color may used or a combination of two which harmonize. Cast on 28 stitches or a sufficient number to make

work measure two and one half inches. Make the tie either of plain garter stitch, or knit one row and purl back as preferred. Knit on same width until work measures fif-

teen inches then decrease for neck band thus: Knit tor neck band thus: Knit 2, slip or bind one at the beginning of every third row until work measures one inch. Work on even number of stitches, for fourteen inches then increase every third row by Work without increasing on two and one half inch

KNITTED TIE. width for ten inches and bind off.

Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson

Knitted Knee Socks

Material required for one pair, two skeins threefold Saxony, one pair No. 11 steel needles. Cast on 52 stitches and knit 10 rows for the

top.
11th row.-K. 2, o., k. 2 together and repeat
to end of row. K. 11 rows plain.
23rd row.-K. 31,
turn, k. 11, turn. K.

12, continue in this way always knitting way always knitting I extra st. until all the side stitches have been taken up.
K. 36 rows, next row 1 narrow 1 st., two sts., in from each end. K. 5 rows and again make a narrowed row. Repeat last 6 rows 3 times then k. 6 rows, the last row should contain 42 sts. First instep row, k. 11, and run them on to a thread, k. 20, then run the remaining 11

thread.



thread.

Upon the 20 center sts. k. 40 rows for instep tab. At end of the last row turn, pick up and k. 20 sts. along that side of knitted knee socks. tab., then k. the 11 sts. held upon the cord. Turn, k. to other corner of tab., pick up and k. 20 sts. along that side, then take the remaining sts. from the cord, 82 sts. upon needles. K. 10 rows, then 10 rows more, upon every second row of the last 10 narrow upon the fifth st., each side of the center and in the final 4 rows 1 st. at each end of every other row. Bind off and sew up. of every other row. Bind off and sew up

A Delicate Yet Substantial Finish for Children's Clothes

The mother who can use a crochet hook may make her babies' dresses and petticoats look quite dainty at very small expense and only a few minutes' spare time.

The following is a pretty finish for neck and armholes and may also be used around collars and bibs. Turn a very narrows hem once, in the neck and armholes and stitch. The hem should not be more than one-eighth inch. Work through the cloth over the hem with single crochet, rather closely.

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3rd row.-Ch. 2. 1 s. c. in 2nd st. of last cluster of 3 s. c. in previous row, 9 s. c. on ch. 5, sl. st.



NARROW CROCHETED EDGING.

in center of s. c., 9 s. c. on next ch. 5, repeat to end. If liked a picot can be made in 3rd and 6th s. c. on chain. This resembles tatting, is pretty, also quick and easy made.

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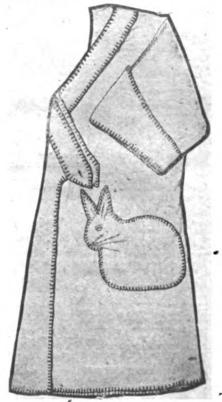
Crocheted Cap in Wool

Suitable for Children of all Ages

To make the cap use a medium weight yarn in white or any desired color and begin work in center of crown. Chain eight and join to

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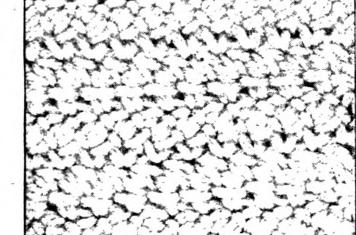
1st round.—Ch. 3, 1 tr. c. in the ring, * ch. 1, 1 tr. c. in ring. Repeat from * until there are 14 tr. c. in ring with 1 st. between each, tr. c., ch. 1 and join with 1 sl. st. to the top of ch. 3 which is counted as the first tr. c. The end of each round is to be joined with 1 sl. st. 2nd round.—Ch. 5, * tr. c. on tr. c., ch. 2, tr. c. on tr. c., ch. 2. Repeat from * to end of round, join, ch. 3.



WARM KIMONO FOR BABY.

fourteen inches then increase every third row by knitting the front and back of the end stitch. Work without increasing 4th round.—Same as first catching between

tr. c., join, ch. 3. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 17.)





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CHAPTER IV.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

ADY PRESCOTT caught her little pro-tegee again immediately upon leaving Mistress Sloan.

"Sibyl, would you like to go away from here, and live with me?" she

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Sibyl's dark eyes were lifted, with a startled expression, and swept the lady's beautiful face, with a look of amazement.

She saw there the tender, pitiful eyes, and the look of compassion, which made Lady Prescott seem like an angel from heaven to her, and her words like a burst of seraphic music in her ears.

A flush of joy crimsoned all her delicate face, and her questioner could see how her heart leaped in sudden delight, and sent the lifeblood coursing, with rapid pulsations, through every blue vein.

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She could not speak—her joy for the moment was too intense—and Lady Prescott, to give her time to recover self-possession, told her of her recent interview with her mistress, and its result, asking again, as she concluded:

"Are you willing to go with me, Sibyl?"

"Lady, would you really be willing to take me—me?" she whispered, deeply agitated.

"And why not you, dear child? You are not happy here," was the gentle reply.

A shudder ran over her slight frame; then, with a long, long breath, as if her heart had suddenly dropped a great burden, and she was already beginning to draw life in a new sphere of existence, she selzed the lady's jeweled hand, with a motion of infinite grace and gratitude, and pressed her eager lips upon it.

Tears sprang into Lady Prescot's eyes.

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Some strange thought seemed to startle her at this query, for she stood suddenly erect, her hands crossed upon her bosom, a faraway look in her large eyes, and she murmured, with a sort of hushed reverence:

"It has come!" Lady Prescott asked, perplexed by both her words and manner.

"The good gift—the joy!" she whispered, and the look of awe and grave surprise upon the little face was something strange to behold.

"What do you mean, Siby!?" Lady Prescott asked, more and more surprised.

"The kind lady told me that He would withhold no good gift, and that what we asked Him for we should receive; but I thought, perhaps, He had forgotten all about me, or that I wasn't worth minding. But He did not forget, and, oh! lady. I shall be so glad to go with you," she concluded.

"Did you think your life was never to have any brightness? But I do not wonder that you doubted," said her ladyship.

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Sibyl's lips trembled, and her eyes were full of strange sweetness, as she answered, softly:
"I shall always feel sure about Him now; and

"And what, dear child?"

"And what dear child?"

"And." with a shy look of happiness and reverence into the beautiful face above her, "if such a thing could be, lady, I would like to fill your whole life with blessing."

The little, earnest face uplifted to her was so beautiful, so full of heartfelt love and gratitude, that Lady Prescott forgot her humble condition, her ragged apparel, her shoeless and stockingless feet, and, bending down, she softly kissed the rosy lips.

The act was too much for the child, and, with a wild and passionate sob, she turned and fled from the room, to weep out her full soul in secret. Again night settled down over the dreary dwelling, with little prospect of a brighter dawn to cheer the impatient guests, who felt that it would be impossible to spend another day in that cheerless place.

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Sibyl crept away early to her wretched bed in the lower chamber over the shed, coveting sleep to shorten even the few hours which must chapse before the beginning of her bright, new life.

life.

Jem and his wife occupied a room over the kitchen, and adjoining Sibyl's, with only a rude partition between. This was plastered only on one side, and in many places it had crumbled away, so that conversation carried on in ordinary tones could be distinctly heard in either chamber.

Late in the night, Sibyl was awakened by Jem, who came stumbling in the dark up-stairs to bed. He had been away from home all the afternoon and evening, consequently did not know of the

Sloan began to relate her interview with Lady Prescott.

Rising, softly, from her low bed, she crept to a chink in the wall, where the light, which Nell had struck for her husband, shone through, and bent her head to listen.

"Yes," she heard Nell say, gleefully, "I've sold the brat, and a handsome sum, too, she paid me for the lazy jade."

'Then she went on to tell how the bargain was made, until Sibyl's face, which had burned with indignation and resentment at those first repulsive words, took a soft and tender look, when Nell repeated, with a sneer, Lady Prescott's indignant resentment of the idea of barter and sale.

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"You're well rid of her, and the money is right welcome," he said.
"I dunno; maybe I'd made more by and by by keepin' her," his wife replied, reflectively.
"How so?"

"I might find out some time who she belongs to, and get a bigger price for her."
"A bird in hand is worth more'n two in the bush,' and she'd be eatin' all the time," said her calculating liege.
"So I thought; and, as I know where she's goin', if I ever do find out who her folks be, the secret's still mine to sell."
"Did you give up that 'ere consarn that belongs to her?"
"D'ye take me for a fool, Jem Sloan?" exclaimed his wife, impatiently. "Why, that is the only thing in the wide world that will prove who the child is, and I shall keep it, and bide my time. No, no; the high-born lady was keen, and quizzed me sharp, but I reckon that I know how to keep my tongue where it belongs when money's the question."

Sibyl held her breath, and her heart beat wildly.

What was this thing which they had in their possession, and which alone would prove her identity?

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"Where it's safe," shortly replied his affectionate spouse.

"Come, come, girl, don't be crusty; let's take a look at the thing. I hain't seen it since the day that crazy girl brought her here."

"No, you don't, Jem; you'll be wantin' to sell it again; and I tell you, if we only keep it long enough, there's a fortune in it."

"I know it, Nell: I know, too, that it's too fine for the likes of me to be handlin' in the presence of them that are able to buy; they'd think I stole it. Come, let's see it."

Thus assured, Nell arose from her bed, and, lifting a loose board from the floor, she picked up something there, and, going to an old trunk at the opposite side of the room, unlocked it, and drew from its depths a little round package, wrapped in paper, and securely tied with a quantity of string.

The trunk stood quite near the chink in the wall where Sibyl sat, so breathlessly, awaiting further developments.

The woman took off the wrappings of paper, and she saw that it contained a small, round wooden box.

But, before she opened it, she went back to where her husband sat, and Sibyl, greatly disappointed, was doomed not to see what it held.

But the man and his wife were silent for a moment or two, evidently examining the curious "thing," which was capable of unraveling so much of mystery.

"Blest if it ain't a beauty!" at length Jem exclaimed, admiringly.

"Yes, sir! Ye don't find any such trinkets belonging to folks unless they are somebody. I tell ye, Jem, this thing belonged to some big bug—probably the gal's mother?" Nell replied.

"Don't doubt it; but d'ye suppose that crazy thing was Sib's mother?"

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disposition which his wife had made of her little handmaiden.

The child had no fears, however, that he would interfere in any way with her arrangements, since Nell's word was considered law in that house, as inviolable as that of the Medes and Persians had been.

But Sibyl's senses were instantly upon the alert when she heard her name spoken, and Mrs. Sloan began to relate her interview with Lady Prescott.

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But it would not do to ponder now; she must try to find out what it was they had bemust try to find out what it was

Jem's next remark.
"Shouldn't wonder; it shines 'bout like the stones in them rings on the strange lady's hands," responded Nell, referring to Lady Prescott's

"I spose we might get all of fifty pounds for the little trinket," the man remarked, with a greedy look, as he reached out his hand to grasp

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But his wife, taking instant alarm, was too quick for him, clapped the cover upon the box, and was rapidly winding its wrappings around it before he fairly comprehended her intention.

"No, you don't eh!" she said, grimly, and with a disappointed look upon his coarse face, he turned away, and threw himself upon the bed.

After securely tying the package up, Nell buried it once more in the depths of her old trunk, and then securely locked it.

Then, with a stealthy glance at her husband, whose back was toward her, she removed a different board in the floor, and dropped the key into the hole, after which she extinguished the candle, and crept into bed, also.

But other eyes than Jem's, and keener, had marked the hiding place of that key, and it was with a soft, long sigh of intense satisfaction that slibyl noiselessly glided back to her heap of straw, and was soon soundly and sweetly sleeping.

But, with the first faint twitter of the birds, she was awake.

A few hours more, and she would probably look her last upon the miserable place where she had spent all her sad and cheerless childhood, and where, although so young, she had known so much of life's bitterness.

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Softly raising, her window, she stepped out upon the roof of the porch which sheltered a door beheath.

She then glided, noiselessly, along to another window, which opened into the chamber adjoining her own, and, lifting the sash, she crept in.

With light and nimble feet, she crossed the room to where she had seen Nell hide the key beneath the loose board.

In another instant, the precious, but well-remembered package, which Nell had taken thence the night previous, was in her hands.

A little cry of delight, checked before it was half uttered, parted her lips, while a sudden light of joy and remembrance leaped into her eyes.

It was a magnificent jewel, a little more than an inch in length, and about three fourths as wide as long.

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In the center there blazed a large diamond, catching, with every movement of the trembling hands, the crimson streaks of the eastern sky, refracting and decomposing the glowing tints, until every color of the rainbow was flashed up, and repeated again and again, into her bewildered eyes.

Again and again she turned it, her fingers wandering over it, as if seeking to recall some faintly remembered custom of her early years.

"Yes, yes! I knew it—I knew there was something!" she at length whispered, the blood rushing in a torrent over-her face and neck, and down to her very finger-tips. "This is 'S.,' and here is 'H.' and another 'S.' I know it means something. Oh! if I could only remember!"

That was ever her cry when she tried to penetrate the mystery which hung over the past ten years of her life.

Beyond the dreary existence which she had

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"That's so; ye always was cleverer than I at seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things," Jem returned, with rather a seein' into things, "Jem returned, w

At each end of this jewel were two little rings, showing that the ornament had once been attached to something else; and, as she took it tenderly from the box and turned it over, she saw upon the solid gold back of the setting those strange figures of which she had heard Jem and Nell speak the night before, "2, 21, 1800."

After examining these a moment, she said, with sudden resolution:

"This is mine; they said so, and I can remember something about it myself. I shall take it away with me."

She thrust the empty package back into the trunk, relocked it, replaced the key where she had found it, ahd then sped back into her own room. Once there, she took a strong string and tied it securely to the two little rings attached to the jewel, which she then covered with a piece of cloth, sewing it securely around it, after which she hung it around her neck, concealing it beneath her clothing.

When she first arose, she had dressed herself in the best she possessed, which was simply a dark print, clean and whole, but made with the utmost simplicity, a pair of dark, coarse stockings, and well-worn shoes.

Raymond Prescott thought he had never looked upon a fairer countenance, when she met him, with a tremulous smile of happiness curving her lips, and a light which made her eyes glorious as they searched his face for a moment, and greeted him with her low-voiced, "Good morning."

Lady Prescott smiled her approbation at the dainty cleanliness of her face, hands, and attire, but inwardly resolved that a more marked change should be visible in her pretty protegee within a very few hours.

At as early an hour as possible, the coach was ordered to the door.

Lady Prescott paid the greedy Nell her coveted "thirty pounds," and, mentally shaking the dust from her shoes, entered the carriage, bidding Sibyl follow.

Raymond sprang in after her, gave the orders to the coachman, and away they dashed over the sandy road to Scarborough.

CHAPTER V. MADE ONE OF SHEM.

At Scarborough, during her visit, Lady Prescott spent her time in fashioning a neat and tasteful wardrobe for her little protegee.

While fitting the slender, graceful form, one day, she discovered the string, with its strange, cloth-bound appendage, hanging about her neck. "What have you there that is so choice, Sibyl?" she asked, smiling, and wondering what little gift she could be treasuring thus.

The child was deeply agitated by the question. She knew that the precious ornament in her possession would occasion great surprise, and perhaps suspicion, and though she had intended from the first to confide in her benefactress, yet she experienced a certain dread, lest her account of it

the first to confide in her benefactress, yet she experienced a certain dread, lest her account of it should not be credited.

Without replying to Lady Prescott's question, she took the scissors and cut the string, and, ripping off the covering laid the valuable treasure in the hand of her friend.

"Child, where did you get it?" Lady Prescott exclaimed, aghast.

The child told her story in a few simple and straightforward words, and concluded by asking, with great humility:

"Lady, did I do wrong? I thought it was mine by right, and I knew she would never give it to me."

eyes.

Surrounding this, and set in rather a singular fashion, were many pearls, exceedingly fine and pure, and covering the whole remaining surface of the jewel.

Instinctively, Sibyl's finger began to trace the device framed there, while an anxious, puzzled expression over-shadowed her hitherto excited face.

Again and again she turned it her fingers wants are shadowed by the fingers wants and again and again she turned it her fingers wants.

"She said it was the only thing in the wide world that would prove who I am; and, oh. I thought I must have it, for perhaps some time it would help me to find my mother," Sibyl said,

world that would prove who I am; and, oh. I thought I must have it, for perhaps some time it would help me to find my mother," Sibyl said, with a sigh.

"My poor child, do you long for your mother so?" Lady Prescott asked, touched by the sad, wistful expression of the sweet face. Then she added: "But the wicked woman told me there was nothing by which you could ever be identified. I mistrusted then that she was speaking falsely."

"And see, lady." Sibyl said, her finger beginning to trace the letters which she had before discovered, "I seem to remember something about it, for here are three letters—'S. H. S."

The lady watched the rosy-tipped finger, as it followed the line of the letters.

"True, dear!" she said, in surprise; "but they are very curiously woven in with the other pearls, and I should never have discovered them if they had not been pointed out to me. This proves to me, more than anything else," she continued, "that the gem is your own, and that, when a very little child, your fingers were taught to trace the letters. Otherwise, you would never have thought of such a thing, nor been able to discover them."

"I am glad you think I did not do wrong," Sibyl said, with a deep-drawn sigh of relief.

"It would have been wrong for you to have left it without saying anything about it, for, doubtless, it will prove a great deal; it does prove a great deal to me, even now—"

"What, dear lady?" interrupted Sibyl, eagerly.

"That you belong to parents who were accustomed to move in a very different sphere from that in which we found you. None but people in high life are likely to possess jewels like this; and I feel sure that this one little link will some time lead you back to them."

"Dear lady, how glad you make me!" Sibyl and I feel sure that this one little link will some time lead you back to them."

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OMEWHERE I have read of a beautiful old custom that existed in some country in Europe and one that itwould be well to practice here. It was that on New Year's day, no matter what the quarrel or misunderstanding had been, relatives and friends exchanged visits and in the kindly expressed wishes for the New Year, all past grievances were forgiven and, better still, forgotten. For unless we can bring ourselves to forget as well as forgive we cannot hope that friendship, in its true sense, will be restored. Isn't it a custom worth trying? What's the use anyway of "holding a grudge" until it becomes a part of you? Almost invariably you will find that the other fellow is willing, and glad, to meet you half way, so begin the new year aright. And while I'm wishing all a Happy New Year, I'm sending with it a thought that may help and strengthen someone.—Ed.

"I see not a step before me
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear.
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near."
— Mary G. Brainard.

"But the bird with the broken pinion Kept another from the snare; And the life that sin had stricken Raised another from despair."

If M. B. can keep even one other from committing the same mistake, she need not feel that she has lived in vain.

With love to all,

Busy Bee.

Busy Bee. I don't know as I ever heard of the "worry cow" before but here is a little verse that always helps me by its cheery philosophy:

"Life's little ills annoyed me when these little ills

And the one fly in the ointment put me in a dreadful stew.

But experience has taught me the infrequent good

Now I'm glad to find some ointment in my little pot of flies."

The author's idea seems to be that we'd be much happier if we didn't concentrate so on looking for flies,—Ed.

Comfort Sisters' Recipes NONE SUCH

E have fish so often at our house that my little boy says every day seems like Friday to him, and though we some times choke on the bones I find it keeps the living exclosed more to such an extent that I started in collecting recipes for serving fish for, I reasoned, if it helps one person it will help many and really such a nourishing food as fish should be served more than the usual once a week. Those living far inland may sometimes have to content themselves with canned, smoked or saited fish but this isn't such a hardship after all for any of these can be made into appetizing dishes.—Ed.

Onions Stuffed with Salt Fish.—Select medium-sized onions and boil until tender. Drain dry, mak-ing a sauce of one tablespoon of flour, one table-spoon of butter, one cup of hot milk, salt and pep-per to taste. Have ready some desiccated salt fish



ONIONS STUFFED WITH SALT FISH.

which has been cooked in milk and water for 20 minutes. Remove the inside of the onion and stuff it with the salt fish decorating it with a boiled cranberry. Pour it over the onions and serve.

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Fish Pie.—Any left-over fish may be made into a delicious pie. Break the fish into small pieces and season with pepper, salt and any sweet herb if desired. Cover a deep baking dish with a good crust, fill with the fish, squeeze the juice of one onion over the top and, if eggs are not too high, a hard-boiled one sliced over the fish before putting the top crust on, adds to it, but may be omitted. Bake in moderate oven.

oven.

Baked Shad.—Clean and wash fish, stuff with a dressing made of bread crumbs, sait, pepper, butter and sage, mixed with the beaten yolk of an egg. Fasten fish together. Put slices of salt pork on top of the shad and bake. Serve with slices of lemon.

Salmon Pudding.—To one can of salmon add two beaten eggs, two tablespoons—of cream, and salt and pepper to taste. Bake fifteen minutes and serve on hot platter with border of mashed potatoes. A butter sauce adds to this and is made by mixing together two teaspoons of butter with one tablespoon of flour and stirring into a cup of boiling milk until smooth. Season.

Season.

Fish Salad.—Chop fish fine, add a finely chopped onion if desired, and salad dressing to moisten. Serve on lettuce leaves.

Fish Hash.—Chop fish with twice the quantity of cold boiled potato. Have ready in frying pan bacon or pork fat, add hash, season to taste and fry until thoroughly heated and browned. Onion may be added.

Creamed Crabs.—Two cups crab meat, one and one half tablespoons butter, two tablespoons flour, one teaspoon onion juice, one third cup cream, one egg, salt and cayenne pepper and one teaspoon lemon juice. Melt butter, add flour, cream, onion and lemon juice. Cook a few minutes, season, add cream in which egg has been beaten and crab meat. When hot, serve on small squares of toast, or crackers.

deep, hot fat. Drain on brown paper.

Baked Salmon.—Clean salmon, wash and wipe well and rub it inside and out with salt and pepper. Fill with a dressing made of bread crumbs, moistened with hot milk, to which is added butter and seasoned with sage, salt and pepper. Tie a string around the fish to keep this in. Place a trivet in the baking pan, put bits of salt pork over the fish, dredge with flour and put it on the trivet. Put a pint of hot water in the pan and baste frequently. Bake one hour, or less, according to size of fish. When the fish is taken up, add flour and butter to water it has been baked in and let thicken. Serve with mashed potatoes.

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Sardine Salad.—Out sardines into small pieces and place on lettuce leaves on salad plate. Cover with a layer of peeled and sliced tomato and another layer of sardines. Cover with salad dressing and serve.

Macaroni and Codfish Pie.—To a quarter of a pound of macaroni and half a pound of shredded codfish, eight tablespoons of grated cheese, four tenspoons butter and season with sait and pepper. Break the macaroni into small pieces and boil until tenden Butter a deep baking dish, put in a layer of fish, a little butter and cheese and a little butter, add more fish and so on till the dish is nearly full. Sprinkle cheese on top and dot with pieces of butter, add a little milk to moisten and bake until brown.

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Vegetable Clam Chowder.—Cut two thick slices of alt pork into small pieces and fry until brown. Chop our onions fine and add to pork while frying, being

Salmon Oysters. Get salmon one inch thick. Cut in one inch squares, dip in beaten egg and cracker crumbs, and fry in hot lard as you would doughnuts. Drain, serve with mayonnaise or lemon juice.

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Vial Casserole. —An appetizing dish made from
the ends of ribs, knuckle and neck. Cut meat in small
pieces and put in a stew pan with a few spoonfuls of
sait pork fat. Stir until cooking has begun, then
cover meat with boiling water and simmer until tender.
Put three tablespoons of pork fat into another stewpan, and whep it has browned a little, add four tablespoons of flour that has been browned in the oven.
When smooth, add the boiling liquor that has been
drained from the veal; about three cups, and cook
fifteen minutes. Season with pepper, sait and lemon
juice. Add cooked veal. Have ready slices of fresh
boiled potato or boiled rice, and fill individual cups
or casserole with alternate layers of veal and potato or rice—or both. On top put a layer of bread
crumbs and bits of butter. When crumbs are brown
it is ready to serve.

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CHICKEN AND RICE CROQUETTES. There is usually enough meat on the carcase of a chicken to make a few croquettes when combined with a little left-over boiled rice or cereal. Take equal parts of the meat and rice and moisten with gravy or a little cream. Season with salt and pepper, a little butter and stir in the beaten yolk of one egg to each cup of rice. Shape into balls with flat sides and fry in pork fat, or roll in crumbs, dip in egg and crumbs again and fry in deep fat.

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fry in deep fat.

Checkerhoard Cake.—Dark part—Yolk of four eggs, one cup of sugar, one-half cup butter, one-half cup milk, two and one-half cups flour mixed with one teaspoon baking powder, and one teaspoon cloves and cinnamon. Light part—Whites of four eggs, one cup sugar, one-half cup butter, and two and one-half cups flour mixed with one teaspoon of baking powder. Drop by alternate spoonfuls into baking tin.

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PEACH MOUSSE.—Two cups of canned peaches mash ed and sweetened with powdered sugar, and a little lemon juice added. Whip two cups of cream and



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I just read in our weekly paper of a dear mother who is asking the prayers of every mother who has a son, or other relative, in the army or navy. They are all our boys and it is our duty to pray for those who have no mothers, for some of them are not prepared to go.

pared to go.

Now let us, as a band of mothers, pray for all the boys and let them know they have our prayers.

My boy writes that he has joined the Y. M. C. A. and attends church every Sunday and I am very proud of him.

I will close by asking the prayers of all mothers for our soldier boys.

Sincerely, Mrs. Matter Sellers.

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Lady Annesley, stepmother to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, held near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is unsuspictous of intrigue, but Sir Thomas, only sixteen, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenal prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, who fails to meet her. Going home she enters the drawing-room, where she finds Lady Annesley and Lord Levallion's delight, takes Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home. Ravenal is invited to Hester Murray's to lunch and at the instigation of Lady Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Believing Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion. Coming from the altar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported missing. Lord Levallion goes to the War Office to learn the truth. Sitting alone on the lawn Ravenal sees Adrian Gordon standing before her and she catches the glint of a ting on his han

CHAPTER XIII.

IN LEVALLION'S HOUSE.

HAT shall I do?" said Lady Levallion to herself. "What shall I do?"

She stood on the grass and watched them carry Adrian into her house, making not the slightest attempt to follow. The sun dropped below the ledge of the rose-garden, and as its rim disappeared a chill crept to her bones. In a minute the servants would be back to take in the tea things, the wicker chair that fate had stuck in Adrian's way. They must not find her here standing motionless. And she had mowhere to go that she might be alone. There was no room in all Levallion Castle where she could lock her door without question and fight down the bewildered pain that was making her sick. Her maid would be in her bedroom, Levallion would come, as usual, to her dressing-room when his toilet was finished and hers all but done. Truly Ravenel Annesley had been freer than Ravenel Levallion, for she had dared to lock her door and cry.

She had not been as brave, though! Lady Levallion set her teeth and walked slowly into the house and up-stairs to her goggle-eyed maid. The romantic return of her lordship's cousin had set every servant in the house agog, but her lady-ship looked so listless that her maid dared not speak till she was spoken to, which was some time, for Lady Levallion went straight to her dressing-table and stood staring at herself in the glass.

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spairing courage to make a toilet that should cover her changed looks, and saw a pale-lilac gown laid out on her bed.

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"Oh, not that!" she said—and naturally, to her eternal credit, for she could have screamed so like was the thing to that long-gone Sunday frock—"I'm too fired and pale. Get me something else—pink! There's a pink thing somewhore."

where."
As she bathed her face in scented water she hid her drawn mouth in the sponge, for one blessed instant let it work as it would. Oh, lucky, lucky Nel Annesley, who had only cold water to wash in, and could let her eyes swell if she liked! But when Lady Levallion laid down her damask towel and stood to be dressed in a loose dinner-gown of pale-rose crepe de chine she was far more lowly than even that far-away girl had been. If her eyes were somber it was only natural when she had seen a man drop like death at

far more lowly than even that far-away girl had been. If her eyes were somber it was only natural when she had seen a man drop like death at her feet. At Levallion's knock her cheeks blazed suddenly.

"Well?" she said, as he entered and her maid discreetly vanished. She wondered if Adrian were going to die, or if—and she almost laughed out hysterically—he were coming down to dine with her and Levallion. What a cheerful dinner-party he and she and Levallion!

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"I put him to bed. He's only just come to." He sank down into a chair as if he were tired and lit a cigarette.

"Poor devil. I feel sorry for him! He wasn't fit to travel in the first place, and it must have been a shock to him—coming here!"

"Why?" She was almost inarticulate. Did he know? Had Adrian told? Oh, of course, not, No man is likely to tell another that he has behaved like a villain to that other's wife. "How do you

mean?" and she sat down opposite Levallion in the full light of a rose-colored lamp. She was not afraid, no one should ever say she had been afraid. If it would serve any purpose she would tell Levallion everything now! And with a sudden tightening at her heart-strings knew she could not betray Adrian Gordon in Levallion's house.

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It would have been better than this. To sleep, to live to eat with him in her house, and to be a stranger to him; hatily, and leaving his stranger to him; hatily, and leaving his sentence unfinished at the scarlet on his wife's face.

"You very absurd person," he said, with the impassive manner she knew meant tenderness, "don't look so appalled. He may come in for it yet."

But I congratulate you on the artist. By the way, Lord Levallion, if you could keep me tonight, I should like to stay with Captain Gordon."

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But it was not a girl's shyness that had flamed out in her face, but hot shame for Adrian, who had said he was too poor to make her an offer openly. She moved restlessly. How long was he to stay under her roof?—that should have been his.

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He looked very ill," she said.

"Men do with a splintered bone in their arm, and fever," Levallion returned, rather dryly.

"He can't be moved for some time, I fancy. You will have to do the Good Samaritan, Ravenel, and cheer him back to life."

"I hate sick people!" cried Ravenel hastily, and grew red again at her lie. "Yes, I do, Levallion. Don't ever dare to get ill."

"Well, there'll be 'dearth of woman's nursing and lack of woman's tears' then!" dryly. "I can't say I ever saw any great restorative in the latter, except, perhaps to the woman." throwing his cigarette into the grate. He had always known she was hard. Why did it come on him now like a dash of cold water?

"God knows I'm hard enough myself!" he thought, as he made his way to his own dressingroom. "But she did not seem to have any pity for the poor devil."

It was odd sorrow he felt himself for Adrian, who had been so incoherently anxious to get back to town and not be a nuisance. Lord Levallion was rather ashamed of his own weakness; it would have pleased him to have had his wife fuss pityingly over his ousted heir and let him take refuge in cynical comments.

"Though he mayn't be so' ousted after all," He did a little cynical remark on his own account. "I may be rejoiced with squalling brats." But something dark came into his face as if a past folly had suddenly crept from its grave and faced him.

"It is better to strike into a new life and go to dinner." said Lord Levallion aloud to the

her.
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"Have some of this, Houghton?" Said Levallion, as she refused a dish. "My wife is delightfully honest—and hard-hearted. She does not like made dishes, or people when they're ill."
"One will lead to the other with you," Ravenel returned calmly, and laughed, for she had seen Houghton's quick glance at her averted face, and she felt as if he could read there all that Levallion could not of her horror at this guest who might be dying under her roof.

But Doctor Houghton was looking now at his plate, just as if he had not seen her dilated pupils, her hard, set mouth.

"It's very good, but it tastes almost too much of almonds!" he observed framkly. "What is it?"
"Only chicken, done with almonds and chestnuts. I've a new cook, who can manage almonds. I shall have something made of them every day."
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"It's late for a visiter, but you can do anything in the country!" he remarked cheerfully. "What was that, Masters?" for the hall door had shut and no one had come in.

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"I couldn't say, my lord." (Every servant in the house but Levallion's valet was new, perhaps with reason.) "She was walking."

"Well. we live and learn!" said Levallion piously, as the servants for the moment disappeared. "And I, who thought my young friend had nearly killed himself to come and see me!" he had had time to go over the list of his country neighbors, and knew Adrian had come to see none of them, even as he spoke. She must have come down with him.

Doctor Houghton glanced quite purposely at his hostess and looked away with haste, for the Lady Levallion sat white and speechless. It was not enough for Adrian to come and confront her brazenly, but he must needs bring a woman down with him—the woman probably of the gold-wire ring.

"She knows who it was!" Houghton reflected swiftly, and then felt sorry for her.

"Most romantic!" Levallion broke the silence with a lazy laugh. "They say he travels the fastest who travels alone, but in my experience, company adds to the pace. I hope the lady's anxiety will not keep her awake."

And, clever as he undeniably was, it never occurred to Houghton that where Lady Levallion was angry by guesswork, Lord Levallion was in a black rage, born of certain knowledge.

"Though I can't understand what she has to do with that young fool up-stairs!" he reflected grimly, as Houghton returned to the invalid. "Nor why she came. But I may find out!"

whistled as he turned his horse's nead down an unfrequented lane, where he might collect his thoughts.

No one had come down with Captain Gordon, whose arm, in its black sling, had excited the pity of the whole village; there was not a woman staying at the inn or at any of the lodging-houses. Lord Levallion was annoyed that he could not put two and two together and fit the coming of Adrian Gordon with that woman's voice in his own hall.

"If she's living in this neighborhood, she'll not do it long!" he reflected angrily. "But, as far as I know, there's nowhere for her to live. Unless"—he stopped his horse, gave a stiffed exclamation, as the lane rounded a sharp turn.

On his left hand, where a vacant field had run up to the outlying edge of his own woods, stood a brand-new, gim-crack bungalow in a new garden; and strolling about it leisurely was a woman in a dove-colored gown.

Levallion's worn, handsome face turned abso-

lutely bloodless, but his insolent stare never turned from that small, dainty figure in the garish garden.

"Gad! This is a charming surprise," he said softly. "Charming. And if Adrian had nothing to do with it, how the devil did she know he was here, when I thought he was dead? Ah!" he smiled—a smile Sylvia would have known, but not Ravenek.

For the woman in the garden had turned, had pretended into to see him, and incontinently vanished into the house. Lord Levallion got on his horse, and cantered through the gate.

"I think not," he observed to himself acidly. And if he were middle-aged and worn, he was yet a sufficiently terrifying figure to the eyes that surveyed him through the lower blind of the drawing-room window as he sauntered up to the house. Without the slight formality of knocking, he opened the door, the dove-colored fugitive had not thought of locking, and walked in.

"I am here," he observed politely. "There is no occasion to stare out of the window for me."

Hester Murray gave a frightnende start in spite of herself. She turned with two bright, pink patches on her thin cheeks, and tried—unsuccessfully—after his pretty manners.

"Oh! How do you do? I was not sure it was you." Her outstretched hand was not steady.

"You may reassure yourself as to that. It is 1—and I am quite as usual, thank you." He put down his riding-crop and his hat with neatness, and. very quietly, closed the door.

"Now," he said—and if ever a devil looked from a man's eyes it was from Levallion's—"may I ask what you are doing here?"

"Living here." Levallion could have laughed aloud as he remembered how many times she had assured him she was hever afraid of any one. "But you knew that or you would not have come to see me." She sat down, her one ring—that was a wedding-ring—shining oddly conspicuous on her nervous hand.

"Tho months," unwillingly. "But I'm really hardly settled. I did not want you and Lady Levallion to know of me till I was all arranged. But, of course, now I shall be delighted to call on her." She was no

Levallion shrugged his shoulders.
"For a man who concerned you not at all, I think you wasted shoe-leather," he said, and in his eyes was a kind of amusement that confused

his eyes was a kind of amusement that contained her.

"I—he was good to me once!" with a momentary flash of inspiration. "Is he—is he dying?" for she must know, since if he were not particularly ill, she would have her work cut out to hide how she had paid him for that honest kindness by doing Sylvia Annelsey's dirty work. For, of course, that girl would tell him. And—there were other things. Oh! why couldn't the man die?

"It would do you no good if he did die, which is not in the least likely," remarked Levallion is not in the least likely."

is not in the least likely," remarked Levallion blandly, having seen her last thought on her face. "It would not soften my heart toward you; though I grant you it might have, once."

The woman sprang mp as he had struck her. "You are a devil, a cruel, cold devil!" she said between her small teeth—and he had never noticed before how sharp and feline they were. "You've no heart, no pity——"

"Neither had you," interrupting her with so much more truth than he knew that she was frightened and sobered. "But I have not come to discuss either of our personal attributes, but to tell you," slowly, "that there are six trains a day by which you may leave this neighborhood—and stay away;" his voice was perfectly level, but yet Mrs. Murray drew away from him before —and stay away;" his voice was perfectly level, but yet Mrs. Murray drew away from him before she answered.

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"I've nowhere to go," she said sullenly. "I came here because it was cheap."
"I can assure you that you'll find it remarkably dear," dryly, "and where's the London house?"
"I couldn't afford the rent any Jonges."
"I consider you've plenty of money." shortly, "It costs more every day." She did not say what, nor did he ask her.
"Where's Murray?" Levallion, he best knew "why, was, holding himself hard.
For the first time she looked him in the face and told the truth.
"I don't know and I don't care!" she said viciously, "He said he was sick of the business—and me—and he never meant to set eyes on me again."

again."
"Poor devil." said Lord Levallion slowly.
It was the last straw. Hester Murray quivered
from head to foot with ungovernable rage.
"You can't send me away from here!" she

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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best of all dispositions. Fil give up!

It seems to me that my life has been one disappointment heaped onto another but I am trying bard to think that the Father is taking this means of making it into something for some particular purpose and maybe my bearing my burden alone I may be better fitted for the future. I am a firm believer in "What is to be will be."

I am about five feet six inches in height; quite stout, have brown eyes and hair and a clear brunette complexion. Am twenty-nine years old.

A Lonely Old Maid.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTLES.

I have just read a letter from a sister who suggests that we write on "How I Helped my Husband.
I help mine by cooking for from six to eight men. I get from thirty-five to forty dollars a month and ampaying for a Liberty Bond out of my wages.
I come to ask a favor of you. I live so far from town that it is impossible to get vegetables of any-kind, except canned ones and I have to use canned milk and also have very little butter and very feweggs to use so would like recipes the sisters might have for making different dishes of canned goods.
Success to Comport and sisters. Miss. L. W.

Mrs, L. W. You are not only helping your husband and yourself but by the purchase of a Liberty Bond (and I'm sure it was a generous one), you are helping "win the war." How many more of the sisters are doing the same thing and how are you paying for them? Let's have all the original ideas along that line that we can.—Ed.

TENNESSEE.

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

After reading Mrs. G. W. B. E.'s letter I have courage to write, as her life is much like my own. I, too, was married when quite young, respecting my husband only and how deeply I am paying for it God alone knows. I try to be brave and wear a smile but through it all I wonder why it is men do not realize how much a woman appreciates a kind word, sympathy, encouragement, or, at least, a pleasant smile. So take warning, Mary and all others.

I am sending my favorite poem.

With love and best wishes,

China.

A little word in kindness spoken, A motion or a tear, Has often healed the heart that's broken And made a friend sincere.

A word, a look, has crushed to earth Full many a budding flower, Which, had a smile but owned its birth, Would bless life's darkest hour.

Then deem it not an idle thing
A pleasant word to speak,
The face you wear, the thought you bring,
A heart may heal or break. -Whittier.

SWEETWATER, OKLA.

Comfort Sisters:

To those of you having husbands and sons going to war I want to send my sympathy. My boy volunteered the last of March in the navy and has made two trips to France and is on his third trip now, somewhere over the sea. It seemed that it was more than I could bear but being a mother I tried to be brave and made his last day at home as pleasant as possible. I planned all the dishes he liked best and in our talks I let him know I was proud of him and that I counted on him to do his bit and that we would help all we could too. I write to him of home and all the little things that happen around here, but never a sad letter goes out to him, for if our boys are to do their best they must be kept happy.

To the mother whose children are dissatisfied, keep them interested and let them see that you love them and have an interest in them. The children grow tired of having everything always the same. They want to help plan, if it is only repapering the rooms and moving the furniture around or selecting new curtains. Let them care for the yard, for with trees, shrubs, grass, vines and flowers our homes can be very attractive and children want to be proud of their homes. Supply the home with good reading matter. Let them subscribe to some good magazines. Make your children's friends, your friends, encourage them to invite them to your home and give them a good time and tell them to come often. Suggest a party of some kind to them and see how they will fall in with your plans. Strive to keep their confidence and I think you will find them contented. Mas, M. E. Frence.

Mrs. French. Words fail me when I en-deavor to express my sympathy, but every moth-er heart can understand just how you feel and you have the prayers of all the sisters for the safe return of your boy—and all the other boys who are serving their country. The following poem, by Folger McKinsey, sent in by Miss Edna Stock-inger, Batesville, Ind., shows how the Brave mothers are regarded.—Ed.

The Mother of a Soldier

"The mother of a soldier—hats off to her, I say!
The mother of a soldier who has gone to face the fray.
She gave him to her country with a blessing on his

head—
She found his name this morning in the long list of the dead;
'Killed—Sergeant Thomas Watkins, while leading on the rest,
A Bible in his pocket and a portrait on his breast.'

"The mother of a soldier—she gave him to her land,
She saw him on the transport as he waved his sunbrowned hand.
She kissed him through the teardrops and she told him
to be brave;
Her prayers went hight and morning with her boy
upon the wave.

The mother of a soldier—her comfort and her She gave her dearest treasure when she gave h joy.

bey; She saw the banners waving, she heard the people She clasped ber hands and bravely looked away to hide a tear.

their creed; But don't forget the mothers through all the lonely

That

"Nay, don't forget the mothers-the mothers of our

Who see them go and never know that they'll come back again;
That gave them to their country to battle and to die,
Eccuse the bugles call them and the starry banners fly.

The mother of a soldier—hats off to her I say! Vhose head is bowed in sorrow with its touching locks Whose head is bowed in sorrow with its touching tocks of gray;

She gave without regretting, though her old heart sorely bled

When she found his name this morning in the long list of the dead;

Killed-Sergeant Thomas Watkins, while leading on the rest,

His dear old mother's portrait clasped upon his hero breast'!"

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Comfort Sisters:

Will you allow a newcomer in your circle? I do hope I am not intruding, but after reading the splendid letters in a back number, I want to write a line, especially in regard to your letter Estella M. Fraver, as you expressed my sentiment exactly in regard to divorce and hasty marriage. We are about the same age, and the probability of being "Old Maids" holds not terror for us does it? Some people think it is a disgrace, but I think it a life of deceit (and that is what it would be if you did not truly love the man) and it would be a deeper disgrace. Too many girls marry without first considering what will be expected of them; no wonder there are so many divorces. Who could expect a man to be happy with someone who does not will be little missed. I used vegetables freely, potatose especially in a variety of ways, and apples both cooked and raw. Watching the little wastes has become not only my privilege, but that of each member of my family; there are six of us. Together we are "following the flag" which stands for the glory of service.

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OUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.—That as long as this war lasts we will eat primarily for health and strength rather than pleasure. We believe that food should

be made as attractive as possible, as dainty dishes stimulate the appetite and aid the digestion, but

during this war our great duty in conserving food must be kept ever before us. Save the foods which can be shipped abroad and eat no more than the body demands. It seems a little thing and yet it is a great thing,—this daily saying of food.

By a Comfort Subscriber

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ANGING over my kitchen table is the Home Card of the United States Food Administration, a constant reminder that I am pledged to save food for the hungry peoples looking to America for the sustenance of life itself, until the farms

war shall end and their own men return to the farms.

When my attention was first called to this great program for food conservation, I classed myself with that immense group of American housewives who, through strict economy and faithful toil have helped acquire a profitable farm and a comfortable surplus besides, and that there was little more I could do by way of frugality. However, in good faith, I signed the card that entitled me to membership in the Food Administration, and already a closer scrutiny has brought to light many hitherto unnoticed food wastes in my household.

Many a time I have wished some hungry boy or girl might have had the good food wasted by being left on the various plates, and at times the trouble of saving small left-over portions seemed more than they were worth. But now, with the world food shortage constantly before me, I realize it is not a question of what I can personally afford to discard, but a question of Our Problem to ship wheat, beef, pork, dairy products and sugar to our Allies. This means I

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of which we have an abundance, that I must

s gave her dearest treasure when she gave her only bay;
saw the banners waving, she heard the people cheer.
clasped her hands and bravely looked away to hide a tear.
the mother of a soldier—oh, cheer the hero dead.
d cheer the brave who battle 'neath the banner of their creed:
t don't forget the mothers through all the lonely years, at fight the bravest battles on the sunless field of fears.

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food just for convenience.

We eat practically no white bread and very little meat. We find hot corn bread delicious, and if any is left over it is oven toasted and covered



Camouflage of Meat Recipes Named for the Children



FRIED CHICKEN AND VEAL-BALLS WITH FRENCH FRIED POTATOES.

pound of raw chopped beef, half a can of tomatoes, or three raw ones, and salt and pepper to taste. Cover with bread crumbs and bake one hour in a moderately hot oven, covering tightly the first half hour.

Novella's Meat Pie.—Take left-over mashed potatoes and line earthern baking dish one and one half inch deep.

FILLING.—Stew one cup of celery stalks about one hour, letting the water nearly boil out, and then add enough corn meal to take up the remaining moisture, and slowly simmer fifteen minutes. Chop one cup of cooked veal or mutton fine and brown lightly in frying pan, having about two tablespoons of fat left in pan when meat is brown. Put celery in pan of meat and stir together. Season with salt and pepper, parsley and onion juice if preferred. Fill pie with meat mixture, cover with a layer of mashed potato, brush with egg yolk and bake until potatoes puff. The egg may be omitted. Use about three cups of mashed potato.

REGINALD'S FAVORITE.—Into a stew pan put two carrots, one fair sized turnip cut in quarters and cook twenty minutes. Drain and slice and add one cup of tomatoes. Use for three layers in baking dish, covering each layer with cooked rice or hominy, add a tablespoon of meat drippings or gravy. Cover with three medium-sized potatoes that have been been boiled five minutes in salted water and sliced. Dot with fat, sprinkle with salt 'and pepper, and bake two hours in a moderate oven. More gravy or fat may be used.

TEDDY'S BEAN PORRIDE.—Soak two cups of small white heaps in cold water. In the morning

ny be used. Teddy's Bean Porridge.—Soak two cups of TEDDY'S BEAN PORRIDGE.—Soak two cups of small white beans in cold water. In the morning drain and rinse, and put on to cook in one quart of cold water. Cook until skins crack open when a spoonful is exposed to air. Drain and add a quart of boiling salted water and cook until soft. Put through colander or potato ricer and return to kettle. Add one tablespoon of molasses, one third of a teaspoon of mustard, one scant tablespoon of mild vinegar, salt and pepper to taste, and one tablespoon of meat drippings. Cook slowly twenty minutes and serve with thin slices of oven toasted brown bread.

Other Recipes That Help in Conservation

FISH CROQUETTES.—Two cups of cold cooked the minced fine; season with salt and pepper,



BAKED SOY BEANS.

lemon and onion juice, and one cup of croquette mixture. Shape, dip in crumbs, egg and crumbs, and fry.

CROQUETTE MIXTURE.—Melt three tablespoons of clarified fat drippings in a sauce pan. When it bubbles, slowly work in five tablespoons of dry flour, season with salt and pepper, and cook slowly five minutes. Add one cup of hot milk, stir constantly, cooking five minutes larger. Colory

it bubbles, slowly work in five tablespoons of dry flour, season with salt and pepper, and cook slowly five minutes. Add one cup of hot milk, stir constantly, cooking five minutes longer. Celery salt, onion and lemon juice may be added.

Salt Fish Balls.—Wash and cut into inch pieces one cup of raw salt fish; add double the amount of raw potatoes cut into quarters. Put into a stew pan, and not quite cover with boiling water; cook until the potatoes can be pierced with a fork—not mushy. Drain, and shake over hot cover until quite dry and fluffy. Mash, season with pepper and salt, add teaspoon of drippings or cream, and one well beaten egg. Beat hard, and drop by spoonfuls in smoking hot fat. The secret of success is to have the fat very hot, and not drop in too many at a time; then they will not soak fat.

Salmon Loaf.—One half cup of salmon, one half cup of stale bread crumbs, one beaten egg, to one half cup of milk, salt, pepper, lemon and onion juice to taste. Put into greased individual cups and bake twenty minutes. Spread buttered bread crumbs over top.

UNCLE SAM's "Fifty-Fifty" Biscuits.—Two cups of corn meal, ground soy beans, or finely ground peanuts, rice flour, or other substitute, two cups of white flour, four teaspoons of baking

owder, and two teaspoons of salt, all sifted to ther. Cut four tablespoons of cold shortening powder, and two teaspoons of salt, all sifted to gether. Cut four tablespoons of cold shortening into the mixture with a knife finally rubbin it in with the hands. Mix quickly with cold milk, skim milk, or water, forming a fairly soil dough which can be handled on the board. Turn out onto floured board, shape into ball by pressing instead of kneading, so as to hindle as little as possible, and roll one half inch thick. Cut into rounds and bake ten to twelve minutes in a rither hot oven. If pranits are used, the roasted and shelled nuts should be finely crushed with a rolling pin. In using peanits, it is better to mix them in after other dry ingreshints have been sifted together twice, as some of the peanits may

max them in after other dry ingredients have beset sifted together twice, as some of the peanuts may be too coarse for the sifter.

APPLE BUTIER Before the windfalls or wormy apples have laid long enough to have their flavor spoiled, it is good economy to make them into apple butter, which is nourishing and whoesome, and partly takes the place of fresh fruit. The fresher and better the apples, the better will the butter be.

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Boil two gallons of sweet cider down to one ralion. Partly cook into sauce two gallons of neepared apples (cored and sliced) without surar, using a little sweet cider to start the cooking Add apple sauce to boiled down cider, and very slowly cook from four to six hours, stirring frequently. If surar is used when the cooking is two thirds done, add about two pounds, though the sugar is wholly a matter of taste. When the cooking is finished, add cinnamon, allspace and cloves; much again cinnamon as other spaces or cinnamon and a little nutneg is liked by many Put into sterilized bottles or jars, with thorough precautions against spoiling as with any other preserve.

Mary's Hash.—Boil one cup of rice and drain unless the rice takes up all the water. Chop two onions fine and lightly brown in a little beef fat in frying pan. Mix together and add half a thin apple sauce. Brown sugar is used instead of white. If a grape flavor is desired, it may be obtained by the use of grape juice in the proportion of one pound to each gallon of the peeled and sliced apple, with an extra cup of brown sugar and one quarter of a teaspoon of salt When the desired thickness is obtained, add one teaspoon of cinnamon.

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FRIED VEAL AND CHICKEN BALLS WITH FRIED POTATO.—Chop fine the remains of chicken and veal; add boiled rice and milk or cream to make into balls. Season, Roll in cracker crumbs and fry brown in deep fat. Serve with slices of fried potato, and strips of fried bacon which reheat well in a hot oven.

Corn Meal Mush and Fruit,—Have salted water boiling hard, and slowly add corn meal that has been moistened with cold water. This will prevent lumping. As meal varies, it is difficult to give exact proportions, but it should not be too stiff when it is cooked. Mush cooked one hour is far more delicious than if cooked a shorter time, as it takes on a nutty flavor. In individual dishes, put a serving of stewed prunes that have been stoned and some prune juice, and while hot pour over a serving of the mush. A few spoonfuls of rich cream adds greatly to the flavor and nourishment. Preserves may be used in the same way.

Baked Soy Beans.—Soy beans used formerly as forage, have constantly grown in favor as a healthful and delicious food. They require a little more cooking and care than pea beans. Put into tepid water and soak over night, and parboil until the skins crack open. Bake ten hours in a pot or casserole with salt pork, and one tablespoon each of molasses and sugar, and half a teaspoon of salt to every pint of dry beans. New Year's Resolution Pudding.—Pare and boil five small pofatoes until a fork will just pierce them through; mash and add four tablespoons of good cooking fat, two well-beaten eggs, one half cup of milk, one quarter teaspoon of salt, one half cup of milk, one quarter teaspoon of salt, one half cup of milk, one quarter teaspoon of salt, one half cup of milk, one quarters of an hour. Boil one large beet and cut from it the letters U. S. and with tooth picks fasten on side of pudding which has been turned onto serving plate. At the base, place sh



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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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time, spent in "having a good time" were put into learning how to cook, bake and sew properly, there would be fewer heartaches and misunderstandings later on; at least I would not want "His" grounds for divore to be slovenness or negligence. But the girl is not wholly to blame; mothers should rear their daughters so that they would be capable of filling the important place of "Home maker."

They say love is blind and perhaps it is, but I believe if I were a man, I would "call" unexpectedly sometimes, just to see who cooks the meals or washes the dishes, she or her mother? And by the way, how many of you boys take her off to some place of anusement and her "mother" at home in that hot, stuffy kitchen, battling with dirty dishes? Perhaps you do not know it, but that is very often the case. There will be more happiness and fewer regrets when we girls learn to take more of the burdens off our little mothers, and above all, don't be afraid of being an "Old Maid." Wait patiently for "Mr. Right" and in the meantime, let's learn all we possibly can, so we will be "really and truly "Miss Right" as there are too many "Miss Wrongs" and the divorce courts are getting them.

Best wishes to Compone to the surface of will be ready too many "Miss Wrongs" and the disconnecting them.

Best wishes to Comfort readers,

MISS LULA V. JANICKE.

CARROLLS, WASH.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

Here are some of the ways I help my husband and, of course, myself. Last February we decided to homestead as we had tried twice to pay for a place and after paying quite a sum, no work and sickness caused us to lose. We had a team and a cow, but would have done it just the same, so came up here in the mountains with about thirteen dollars cash and lived till my husband could do some planting and then he went away to work in April, coming home once a week, getting home late Saturday night and going back Sunday noon.

Now I am four miles from the mailbox and neighbors and all of twelve miles from town. Once every week I get on my horse and go after the mail and if there are any important letters that need answering I go again.

I planted and cared for a big garden and have carried hay nearly a mile for our stock, by putting it in two sacks and holding it onto the horse's back as I rode. I made as many as three trips a day for a month. We have no road at all for a mile and making a road through these hills and timber is a big proposition. I milk the cow, after humting her up when she falls to come home, feed the calf and care for our two horses, besides keeping the house, barn and chicken coop clean. Hubby was home during the summer to put up hay that we raised among the summer to put up hay that we raised among the summer to put up hay that we raised among the summer to swithin a mile of us with spuds, which I dug myself and while we did not raise a great many we will have enough. I canned beans, peas, strawberries, raspberries, wild blackberries, loganberries, pie plant, put up butter in strong brine, also cucumbers, I would climb up the hills to my garden, weed and hoe in the hot sun and then come home to more work. Had to carry water a short distance. I do all my own sewing, make rugs, quilts and crochet and read all I can get to read. Had a flower bed and the pansies lasted till very late and were so beautiful. There is an old orchard two and one half miles away and first come gets thei

to keep up, but we will get there just the same, in time.

Miss Dolly Hull, you have the same God I have. Is not Nature a wonderful thing?

Miss E. V. O., if you were near I'd adopt you for a sister or big girl. I do not know where I can get a child that is the right age to go with me and be a companion. I could not care for a baby as I have to be out so much.

Mrs. V. M., don't look for true love. I do not know what it is if it is what young married women gush about or we read about. I have found the best way is to do one's duty as it comes, day by day, make the most of what one has and help others all one can.

If anyone writes, send stamp,

Mrs. Gaestet. I greatly feared that a recital of your many labors would frighten away some sister possessing less strength than you have but finally decided that each helps in her own way, so hope we'll get the "ways" of others. Be careful, my dear, of yourself and don't over tax your strength, for you have much to be thankful for.—Ed.

MILL GROVE, IND.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

I have just finished reading Mary Heinsohn's letter in July Comfort and I wonder how many farmers' wives laughed as heartily over it as I did? My dear Mary, I fear you have formed an erroneous opinion of the farmers from the few you have come in contact with. To find a real, live farmer you should come farther west than New Jersey. In the highly civilized East they are agriculturists. Isn't it rather a sweeping statement when you say most farmers sell their fresh produce for poorer substitutes? No doubt the few you have known, did so, but they are not what the people of the middle or western states would call farmers. I am a farmer's wife and must plead guilty to a shocking bit of ignorance—oleo is something I have often heard of but have never seen, nor have I ever known of farmers that used it. As for salt pork, a real farmer raises his own pork and cures it himself. As for offickens, there aren't many farmers in this "back of the woods" who would go to a church supper for chicken for they are served at least once a day on their tables through the harvest season, which lasts from July until cold weather. If you could travel from house to house through the farming districts there would be very few houses in which you would not find plenty of books and newspapers. As for opportunities, education is compulsory in the states of Indiana and Ohio. I speak with personal knowledge of these two states. I have found that farming gives better returns for time and energy expended, than any other labor, if you are farming good ground.

From a real farmer, Mes. Cora Beeson.

From a real farmer, MRS. Cora BEESON.

RIPLEY, GA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

To the lady who wanted to hear from some one who had taken the milk diet I want to say that I am speaking from personal experience. Last year from May till August I had chills and fever. Nothing helped me for long at a tine. About the first of last September I heard of the milk diet—through Comport. I weighed only ninety-four pounds then, and I am five feet, five inches tall—fifteen years old. I procured milk enough to take two glasses at morning, one at noon and two at night, drinking from eight to ten glasses of water each day, mostly eight. I kept this up every day and the first of November I weighed one hundred and three pounds. In January I weighed one hundred and fourteen pounds and now I weigh five pounds more than that. Don't you think it worth giving a trial?

What do you think about the war? I think every one should serve his country, either at home or on the battle-field. The women, children and old men can devote their time to raising food, preventing waste, etc. I work every day digging grass from around the cotton, hoeing corn, peas, potatoes and vegetables. There are four of us children so we divide the work among us. Father is sixty-three years old and not able to do much plowing so this year he hired a man to do it but since we have declared war on Germany he says he isn't going to hire help another year and if he doesn't I'll have to learn to plow so I can help him in plowing for crops. But won't that be great! Holding down a man-sized job and really and truly helping my country.

Sisters, try our plan and see how you like it. We, the girls and women of our neighborhood, met and begin planning how we could prevent waste. We decided to can certything in the vegetable line, destroy rats and other pests of our farm products, cultivate our farms properly, care for our stock and poultry as they should be cared for, as nearly as we know how, and Comfort helps us greatly in that.

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Miss Brent's Orphan

By Anne McQueen

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R. LOUIS ARNAULT, American surgeon "somewhere in France," was on his way to his quarters after a hard morning's work in the hospital; he was desperately tired, and—though he didning. A table piled with packages for the wounded soldiers stood in the anteroom. As Dr. Arnault passed it he accidentally brushed off a bulky bundle wrapped in brown paper. "Looks like the packages mother used to send me, when I was at school," he mused, glancing at the address, written upon it in a dainty, feminine hand: "For an Orphan of France," read the superscription, distinctly.

"Doughnuts, I'll bet a cooky," sniffed the Doctor, longingly, "and maybe jam—gee, but I'm hungry! This bundle got mixed up—no orphans, here, and sick soldiers can't eat doughnuts." He mused a minute, and a satisfied smile spread over his face—"the kind of smile the cat wears when it has just eaten up the canary."

"I'm an orphan," triumphantly asserted Dr. Arnault, to himself. "Of France' and 'In France' mean practically the same. Also, my ancestors were Huguenots—and my name's French. I'll just take my dues to my own quarters!"

Warily he glanced around, and saw that no witnesses were near before he tucked the bulky package under the long coat hung over his arm, and hurriedly made his way to his own quarters, where he securely shut himself in with his stolen Eagerly he opened the package. "If it's toys now, I'm a thief for nothing," he commented, as-R. LOUIS ARNAULT, American surgeon

goods.

Eagerly he opened the package. "If it's toys now, I'm a thief for nothing," he commented, asthe layers of brown paper unrolled, "but my nose tells me it's doughnuts;"

It reas doughnuts; a greasy, spicy-smelling inner wrapping covered a tin box which was packed with them—the very spiciest, sugariest, homiest doughnuts Dr. Arnault had seen since the days of his boyhood. And, in one corner was a jar filled with peach preserves. His theft was amply justified!

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For several blissful minutes the doctor gobbled doughnuts and peach preserves as happily as any orphan in all France; then, with a sigh of content, he explored further, finding, wrapped in oil paper, a letter addressed in the same feminine hand as the inscription on the package.

"Writes like mother, even—and a real woman, for she didn't crowd a lot of foolish toys in—she knew just what would appeal most to a boy's heart—supposing it was a boy orphan she had in mind."

When he opened the letter—the theft of the package had made this permissible, he argued—Dr. Arnault found that the writer did have in mind a boy orphan. The letter read;

mind a boy orphan. The letter read:

"Dear Little French Boy:

"We are sending a box to you, over in France, from our village, and I am in such a hurry that I haven't time to look up several things I have in the house—clothes, toys, etc., belonging to my own little brother who died years and years ago. The next time I will send them to you, if you receive this package, and let me know about it. I know that you can't read English, but there are so many of our people over there that I am sure somebody will read this letter to you, and help you to write me one—in English, too, for I cannot read French.

"With my love and best wishes for all of you dear children in France, and hoping you will enjoy some real American cooking, I am,

"Your good friend, Molly Brent."

"Address: Miss M. Brent, Smithville, Vermont,

Miss Molly Brent, my hat's off to you—and bless you for not having time to send the toys!" said the 'orphan of France,' with heartfelt gratitude. "And I'm going to write to you—in English, for I, praise be, speak more than my native tongue. Yes, Miss M. Brent, I am going to thank you properly for these doughnuts—and these ambrosial peach preserves. Strawberry marmalade—pah! these English don't know that we've got the world beat, back home, for preserves."

Before he slept—and he sorely needed sleep, Dr. Arnault wrote the letter, which ran thus:

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given so gladly, if he would write and let her know—and she hoped the box would arrive safely.

Dr. Arnault took some little time to answer this letter he was rather puzzled how to explain his circumstances. At last, inspired by the genius that befriends deceivers, he composed a letter stating that he was able to earn a living—a poor one "the Lord's truth!" he commented), working about the hospital. His parents were dead, and there was nobody to take care of him, so he must work hard. And he thanked his benefactress, and eloquently praised her "little cakes" and her preserves, which reminded him—truthfully—of the good things his mother used to cook for him. Followed a description, calculated to move the reader to tears, of the little Louis' childhood in his happy home—a charming picture, and quite true, only that Miss Brent would consider it as recent, because he ended, vaguely: "But this—all this happened before the war! Now it is ended forever!" Which was a fact, as Dr. Louis was thirty-five years old, if he was a day!

Came a letter in haste from Miss Brent—a letter that came as quickly as possible, considering the distance and the unavoidable delays on its voyage. She wanted to adopt little Louis for her own son! And, furthermore, she enclosed passage money. "I live on a farm, all alone," she wrote, "and I need you, dear—I am a very lonely woman, and growing no younger with the years. Soon I will be very, very old, and then I want a strong young shoulder to lean upon—a shoulder stong and true like my Louis.' I cried when I read your description of your dear home—before the war! Mine is a little bit like it, Louis, and I will be so glad—so very glad to share it with you. Come and gladden the life of a poor soul who has no one to love her."

"Now then!" whistled Dr. Louis, in dismay, "I can well exclaim with the poet: 'Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practise to deceive!' That poor little soul, so lonely and so dreary. I wish she could get a boy. I'll think ower the affair, and write when I've

the news to her, another letter followed fast on the heels of the earlier one, containing woeful news.

Miss Brent, in words that were almost sobs, wrote that it was now impossible to think of adopting any one. "You see, my farm has been mortgaged a long, long time, to a very good old gentleman, who didn't worry me about it. I just forgot it, really. Now he is dead, and his estate will be sold as soon as possible, and all mortgages held by him foreclosed. Mine, alas, will be among them was My farm, my beautiful old home, will be sold, and I, at my age, will have to turn somewhere else for a living. I will go to a city, and study stenography, or bookkeeping, or something. Though I am told the gentlemen in offices only want young and pretty stenographers, which, if true, leaves me out. Maybe, though, I can clerk in a store, or do something. Only the dream of my heart can't come true with regard to you, my dear little orphan of France! Keep the passage money and buy yourself a token in remembrance of me—and be sure that, wherever I go, I will try to keep in touch with you, and maybe still send you doughnuts. I had planned to keep always a big crock in the pantry for you—and preserves and jam, too. Now that is impossible—forever! Still, I can make doughnuts in the city—and buy peaches to preserve. Be sure that I will, and, as soon as I am settled, will write you my address. Do not forget your American mother,

"Damn!" quoth Dr. Louis Arnault, softly and forcibly. "That your old soul turned out of her

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—a base one; but nothing to compare to yourself. I am Miss Molly Brent's orphan, and I've just come over from France to be adopted."

"O-o-h," Miss Brent's ejaculation once more reminded the listener of a song-sparrow—or a thrush's sweetest, softest note. "But you can't be Louis?"

"I can—if you are Molly Brent," firmly de-

thrush's sweetest, softest note. "But you can't be Louis?"

"I can—if you are Molly Brent," firmly declared Dr. Arnault. He took Miss Brent's little fluttering brown hands full of moss-roses and held them fast, so that she couldn't flutter away, like a sparrow, and perch on an apple-tree bough. And he unburdened his soul, telling how he was tempted and fell, and how he had basely deceived her, a trusting woman.

"Your last letter kept me from killing your orphan," he declared, and she winced, and paled at the awful words, "yes, your little Louis was in danger of utter annihilation—preferably by a shell, until I got the letter about the mortgage, in which you basely deceived me—for you are young—and you are pretty—and any gentleman in an office would jump at the chance of having you round, just to open his mail, and let his eyes look upon you—."

"I am thirty—quite thirty," stated Miss Molly Brent, with dignity, and tried to take her hands away—uneffectually.

"I am thirty-five—and you are not old enough for my mother—and I am not young enough for your son. But I am an orphan, Molly Brent, and as_such I need the protecting care of a good woman—."

"Mr.—Mr.—Arnault," fluttered Miss Molly,

your son. But I am, an orphan, Molly Brent, and as_such I need the protecting care of a good woman——"
"Mr.—Mr.—Arnault," fluttered Miss Molly, with cheeks flaming the rich color of the peonies by her steps, "please—you forget——"
"I don't forget—except that you deceived me, and it'll be hard to trust a woman again," said Arnault, sadly, "and I'm not Mr., either, I'm a surgeon, and folks call me Dr. Arnault. I'll have you to know, young lady, that even the chief surgeon has praised my work, so there! And, as you are about to add, if I don't know you, I shall stick around until I do! And I shall write for unimpeachable references as to my character and ability to keep a w— a lady to take care of an orphan, who, is alone in a cold world. Molly Brent, are you going to ask me to tea? And will there be doughnuts—and preserves?"
"If you'll let my hands go," promised Molly, "because—because I think I see Jethro, my hired boy, looking right at us,—and people will talk!"
"Let them," declared Dr. Arnault, as he let the hands go, first kissing each pink palm with a great deal of reverence before he did so, "I want them to talk—about you and me—I want all the world to talk about us, and say what a happy, happy man I am to have such a levely, dainty, little moss-rosebud of a w— a protector, and that what a stalwart, husky doughnut-eating orphan you've taken charge of! And I'm dying for my tea!"

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He didn't stick round long, but just long enough to persuade Molly Brent that she could do no better than take him in hand at once—and return with him to the Front, where he—and she—were sorely needed at Red Cross headquarters.

They went back, as soon as possible, first buying back the old farm, and establishing Jethro, the hired hand, upon it as caretaker. He impartially divides his time in taking care of the place, and regaling the villagers with a true account of the owners' courtship—which he witnessed. Doubtless they talk a good deal, but Molly, over in France, is so busy she doesn't even think about what they say. She would have, by now, adopted a score of French orphans, if her husband would let her; he insisting that he is all the orphan she can do justice to. And, being a man, of course he knows best!



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You saw Russia in a night depose her Czar and leap from a despotic imperialism to the very extreme of a wild, delirious anarchy that recognized no law and knew no restraint. Then after a few turbulent months, we saw Kerensky, recently the idol of the Russian people, a fugitive, and at the same time we viewed with sinking heart Italy, who had been making a gallant fight and whose armies were debouching victoriously on the plains of Austria, crumpling up like a pack of cards, her troops rushing headlong, like frightened sheep in impotent retreat.

The old imperial regime in Russia, when it was cast overboard last March, rotten as it was, left behind it an army of as good fighting men as you d find in the world. Italy, too, had scaled impossible mountain heights and done mighty deeds of valor. All of a sudden however, the brave soldiers of Russia lost their courage, their manhood, their character, their honor, their sense of responsibility, their patriotism, their chivalry; and became nothing but a herd of impotent, jibbering, swinish weaklings, babbling of brotherhood one moment and committing murder and every other form of excess the next. Italy, too, began to lose her morale, her fighting spirit and allowed a quarter of a million of her men and half of the guns she so sadly needed, to fall into the hands of the enemy. Pantic is a dreadful bing, it has often selzed men and armies and inevitably leads to demoralization and defent. Fear of the enemy however, did not cause Russia to crumple up or the Italians to waver and run. A more insidious poison has been seething in their veins and that poison is—not the chiorine gas that destroys the organs of respiration and leaves men to die in inconceivable agony—but the poison of a Prussian made propaganda, masquerading as socialism, which like strong liquor intoxicates the brain an

step at a time.

Socialism and anarchy are, in theory at least, absolutely opposed to each other. Unfortunately however there are crack-brained socialists who are extremists and who seek to attain their aims, not by evolution and steady growth but by revolution and violence, and this element, which is in the majority, is rapidly gaining control of the movement the world over and is therefore a deadly menace. The sudden overthrow of the present social order, which these radicals are attempting, would be followed by anarchy, and the methods they propose would bring on a reign of terror with all its attendant horrors of rapine and bloodshed. No matter how good the intentions of rewith all its attendant horrors of rapine and bloodshed. No matter how good the intentions of reformers may be, no matter how fine their theories or practical their schemes, it usually happens that, after years of patient effort, striving and upbuilding, they find all their work undone by violent and sinister extremists or foreign plotters who capture their political parties and throw the conservative elements overboard. This very thing has happened to the socialist party in the United States. All the sane, sensible, high-minded leaders of that movement, who had devoted to it their lives, and at times even their fortunes, who wrote its literature and won the respect and confidence of the American people, were suddenly forced out of their party by alien forces whose one effort was to manipulate the movement in the interests of Germany. The "Socialist" party today is a fraud and a humbug, a contemptible, treasonable thing—a foreign dachshund sporting a Prussian helmet. I warn again all self-respecting patriotic Americans to keep away from it as they would from poison gas or smallpox. Its one aim is to bring about a disgraceful peace—a German peace, which would betray all humannity to the bloody butcher of Berlin and his cutthroat pirates who are turning the world into a shambles. We have seen what has happened in Russin. Kerensky the socialist, an admirable man in many respects, was a talker and not a doer, a man of words instead of deeds, a follower of the mob instead of a leader. By abolishing the death penalty and democratizing the army, by taking authority and direction from the officers and placing it in the hands of committees comp No matter how good the intentions of re



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said, happy tears coursing over her flushed face.

"But," continued Lady Prescott, after a few moments' thought, "this ornament is very valuable, and not at all suitable for you to wear while you are so young. Do you not think it will be better for me to take care of it for you until you are older?"

"Yes, lady, but—"

"Yes, lady, but—"

"Well?" as she hesitated and flushed.

"Will you please let me look at it sometimes? When I see it, it makes me feel a little as if I do really belong to somebody." she answered, pathetically, a tear-shining in her eyes.

It was really touching to see how the little heart longed for its own kindred; and it was admost a wonder how she could have endured to live all these years so abused and neglected, and from the trying ordeal.

"Certainly, Sibyl, you shall look at it as often

from the trying ordeal.

"Certainly, Sibyl, you shall look at it as often as you like." she replied. "And now there is another matter which I wish to settle before we go any farther. That is, that you are to drop the 'lady' when you speak to me. You can call me auntie from this time, if you like."

"May I? Can I? I should like it so much; but—"

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"Another 'but,' Sibyl! Well, what is it?" asked Lady Prescott, playfully.

"I—was afraid that—people might think it too—bold for me," was the hesitating reply.

"And why, if I wish it?"

"Because every one will know about me, and it might not be pleasant-for you sometimes."

"Everybody will not know about you, Sibyl; at least, not until you discover your own parents," replied Lady Prescott, gravely, yet kindly. "You are to be, from this time, my ward, or, better, my niece. I shall take care of you, and love you, and educate you, just as if you really belonged to me. And now, I want you to feel perfectly free and at home with me, and your part of the bargain shall be to try to love me a little," and the lovely woman drew the child gently into her arms.

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Sibyl's arms were instantly twined about her neck, the rosy lips met hers, and a more heart-felt caress the high-born lady had never received before in her life.

The child's coarse clothing was then all removed, and replaced by the pretty garments, which were now all completed, and which were also the first of their kind ever fashioned by Lady Prescott's delicate hands.

She regarded her work and its effects with pardonable pride when Sibyl's toilet was completed, and then sent her down-stairs for Raymond's inspection and approval.

He had been very impatient to see their protegee in her new attire, but was not quite prepared for the complete metamorphosis which he beheld, when she entered the room where he was sitting. He looked up, and for a moment hardly knew her.

The delicate face was the same, and also the



By Leslie Gordon

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HIS party should take place on New Year's Eve or New Year's Night or at any time during the month of January. It is very easy to arrange and need cost but little. It is a very pretty conceit to have the invitations to this affair in the shape of leaves, maple leaves are the best for this, and they are also the easiest to cut from either white or colored paper. They should be made of such a size that they will fit into an ordinary correspondence envelope. The wording can be in the third person and run something like this:

"Turn Over A New Leaf"

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R. S. V. P.

If the affair is to be very small and informal, a cordial note in the first person will be more appropriate.

initials begin with words, "chewing" and "sacrifice." William Young's resolution also had this concealment by containing two words beginning with "S."

As the resolutions are finished they are folded without showing them to anyone and dropped into a basket standing on a table beside the hostess. She takes them out and numbers them from one to whatever number of people are present. She should look at each resolution as it is dropped in and make a list for herself of the correct answers with which to compare the papers as they are handed to her.

Each player is then given a tiny pad numbered to correspond and the resolutions or "new leaves" that are to be turned are then read aloud. This usually creates a good deal of laughter as many of them are very funny. They are then passed from hand to hand and each one writes on his pad the name of the person he thinks is the author of each separate resolution.

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ing to speak gravely, yet wanting to laugh.

"N-o, sir; but—I thought you were making fun of me." Süyl replied, with some hesitation.

"No, indeed, I was not, my little friend. I was surprised at the very pleasant change in your appearance, and spoke the first words that occurred to me. But I have something for you here."

He came to her side, as he spoke, and laid something upon the table near which she was standing.

She turned, and saw a beautiful little traveling-bag, with her name engraved upon a silver plate on the handle.

A flush of surprise and pleasure shot over her

plate on the handle.

A flush of surprise and pleasure shot over her face.

"Loo- inside," Raymond said, unfastening the curious clasp for her.

She looked, and found a tiny Russian leather purse, a little silver drinking-cup, gold-lined, and also marked "Sibyl," a small air-cushion, or pillow, such as she had seen him and Lady Prescott have while traveling, and several other little conveniences for journeying.

The color grew deeper and deeper in her soft cheeks, as she took up one thing after another to examine it, and he saw that she had hard work to control her voice, as she said:

"I do not know how to thank you properly, sir; but, truly, you have made me very, very happy,"

"Thank you, little maiden. You could not have given me a sweeter expression of gratitude," he said, looking pleased at her simple words of pleasure.

"But" he added, with a peculiar curl of his

"Thank you, little maiden. You could not have given me a sweeter expression of gratitude," he said, looking pleased at her simple words of pleasure.

"But," he added, with a peculiar curl of his handsome lips, "I think there appears to be something not just right about that purse."

"Is there? I did not notice." Sibyl said, innocently, as she took it up again and opened it.

"It is very pretty, and very perfect, is it not?" she asked, after carefully examining it.

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UST too late for mention on our editorial page comes the glad news that the national House of Representatives, by a vote 282 in favor to 128 opposed, has adopted the resolution submitting to the States for ratification the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes within, and the importation thereof into the United States and out-lying territorial possessions.

It is the identical resolution adopted by the Senate last August by a vote of 65 to 20, except that the House resolution allows seven instead of six years for ratification by the State Legislatures. Because of this slight difference, the resolution has to go back to the Senate which, undoubtedly, will promptly accept the change made by the House.

After favorable action by the Senate, which is confidently expected before Christmas, the resolution goes at once to the States. If, within seven years, the Legislatures of three-quarters of the States vote in favor of adopting the proposed amendment, it will become a part of the Constitution of the United States as soon as thirty-six of the States have thus given their approval through their legislatures: and thereupon nation-wide prohibition of the liquor evil will become a part of the supreme law of the lock of the tree to the proposed amendment, and thereupon nation-wide prohibition of the liquor evil will become a part of the supreme law of the lock of the tree to the proposed the proposed there were proposed the proposed there were proving their approval through their legislatures: and thereupon nation-wide prohibition of the liquor evil lack of the proposed the proposed

will become a part of the supreme law of the land.

It is up to the good people in every State to look after the members of their own legislatures and see to it that they vote right on this question at the very next session. The sooner it is adopted the sooner it takes effect; but if not adopted by the legislatures of thirty-six States within seven years the cause will be lost. So get busy with a determination that temperance shall win. The legislatures of some States are now in session. Get after them for immediate action.

Crumbs of Comfort

Time wears out all masks.

Industry is applied religion. Old oxen have stiff horns. A miser has merry mourners. Follow nature and not fashion. Happiness is a tree with many roots. Men make laws; women make manners. Do not starve your horse to save your hay. A woman can love too deeply to judge justly. The apple of discord has ever been made of gold. A barleycorn is better than a diamond to a crow. Never revolt against the laws you make for yourself. The honey which we gather ourselves tastes the sweetest.

The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Outwitting the Wind

HE January winds "do blow," as we are all very well aware, and most of us find it rather difficult to look neat and trim and smart when we have to face a blustery wind every time we go outdoors. Hair is whipped here and there, hats tipped awry, and who can look like a member of the Pretty Girls' Club under such conditions?

Well, let's see what we can do about it, girls! Mell, let's see what we can do about it, girls! And the first thing we should all realize is that if our hair is tidy, we can't look very dishevelled, no matter what else the wind may do to us. So, concentrate on hair, all of you, and let me tell you of a few precautions we may take to win our battle with the January winds.

First, of course, take time to dress your hair properly. Brush it well, so it has that well-kept look which is next door to beauty. Do it up



PIN YOUR HAT ON AT A BECOMING ANGLE.

securely. I do not mean by this that you must draw every hair tight, but only that when you have it arranged in the loose waves, or the fluffy side rolls, or the soft colls which are becoming to you, you should use enough hairpins to hold it as you have placed it.

it as you have placed it.

A good way to do, usually, is to separate the back hair from the front hair, by parting from ear to ear, or part off a square of hair in the middle of the back of the head; then wrap a bit of shoestring tightly around the strand, close to the head, and tie. You can arrange fhis strand of hair in any way you like, as a foundation, and do the other hair loosely over the firm coil you make, pinning it securely but not drawing it tight.

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Whatever way you dress your hair, its neatness depends upon how generous you are with invisible hairpins. Use them wherever a strand or wave or little lock has been properly placed and needs to be kept in order. But be sure they are entitled to the name invisible. Don't let pronged ends be sticking out, here and there, to make you look like a pincushion.

Next, have a tiny bottle of bandoline, and an eyebrow brush or baby's toothbrush, and before going out drop a tiny, tiny bit of bandoline on your brush, rub it with your finger, and be sure the brush is merely damp with it; then gently brush up the locks at the ears and in the neck. This will keep them from blowing as the bandoline acts almost like mucilage. If you use more than a bare suspicion of it, however, it will make your hair sticky and quite spoil its appearance.

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Slip one of the all-over hair nets over your hair before going out, but never draw it so tight that it flattens your hair down; pin loosely. There are some circular nets with elastic around the edge, and if you get the extra large size, you can slip this over the face like a -vell and pin together at back of head, keeping everything trim and neat.

And when your hair is all trim, be sure your hat is pinned on securely. Use two hatpins, one at each side, pinning them from front to back, and in strenuous weather you can pin an extra one in back or front. And be sure your hat is at a becoming angle, just as you look best in it. With these precautions, I defy January to set one lock awy!

Answers to Questions

Mrs. E. McC.—The Epsom salts paste for reducing flesh is made as follows: Dissolve half a pound of the salts in a pint of rain-water. Shave fine one and one half bars of the best white kitchen soap, and dissolve over the stove in a quart of boiling water. After it is thoroughly dissolved, set off to partially cool, when stir in the Epsom salts solution. Let it stand again till cold. Use this to massage into the fleshy parts at night, letting it dry on the skin. In the morning, wash the skin thoroughly. Keep this up until the flesh is reduced. It is claimed that one can reduce about two pounds a week. An excellent preparation for the massage with the salts preparation is to take a five-minute bath in a deep tub of hot water containing half a boxful of ordinary baking soda. The water must be very hot, and you should keep your body entirely covered with it. After a few minutes, jump out, dry yourself, and wrap up in a woolen blanket. You will perspire heavily, but after a time the perspiration will stop; then dry yourself again and rub in the Epsom salts preparation. A hot bath like this is weakening if taken too often, so only do this about twice a week, and just before going to bed.

Mrs. B. L. H.—No. do not use the Portugal Bust.

Mrs. B. L. H.—No, do not use the Portugal Bust Food to make a thick neck fat. Massage the neck gently with cold cream each night, always remembering that the gentle motions develop and the vigorous motions reduce. In addition to this practise the following exercise:

To Develop a Thin Neck

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Stand erect, with heels together, and chest up, hands on hips, with the fingers forward and the thumbs back. Bend the head toward the left shoulder so far as possible: then toward the right; repeat ten times. Now drop the head forward on the chest, making the neck limp, and roll it toward the right shoulder, back and drop it backward, then toward the left shoulder and forward, dropping it on the chest again. In other words revolve the head on the neck. This may make you dizzy, so do not practise it too long at a time, but do it a little every day, as it exercises and develops the muscels of the neck. How about the rest of the body? Are you thin? If so, better begin to diet with the intention of getting fatter. Potatoes, rice, macaroni will help bring this about.

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A Homesteader.—It is dangerous to trifie with moles, as they may develop into something serious if they are picked or irritated. About the only successful way to dispose of them is by electrolysis, but that needs a skilled operator. Very large flesh moles can sometimes be disposed of by tying a thread around the base. After a few days the mole turns black and drops off. This is apt to leave a scar, however, as is almost any way of getting rid of moles. If yours are flat and brown but not fleshy, I think I would leave them alone. Be careful what you eat, and drink quantities of water—eight or ten glasses a day. And see that your bowels are in perfect condition. Eat as many vegetables and fruits as you can, as they help to furnish minerals for your body which it needs. If you are very careful about this, you may find fewer moles appearing.

Dimples .- See answer to "A Homesteader." June.-Almost everybody's skin is wrinkled "in the joints" of the fingers, so I would not worry about that. You cannot change the size of your fingers, but you can soften and whiten them. Try this way of keep-ing them in good condition:

To Whiten the Hands

Rosewater, four ounces; orange-flower water, four ounces; spirits of benzoin, one dram; bruised almonds, one ounce; borax, one half dram.

Put the almonds in the orange-flower and rosewater, and let stand for twenty-four hours; filter, add the soda and shake until dissolved. Finally put in the benzoin, a drop at a time, constantly shaking. Before putting this on the hands, wash them thoroughly in very warm water, and dry lightly. Gently massage the lotion in, several times in the course of an evening, then coat the hands with cold cream, slip on a pair of loose cotton or rubber gloves and go to bed. If you will use bran water in which to wash the hands, you will use bran water in which to wash the hands, you will find them improved in appearance. Boil a pound of bran in a couple of quarts of water, then keep the liquid, after straining, and use a little at a time for the hands. You can also use rolled oats in almost the same way, soaking in a quantity of water and using the resulting liquid.

Country Girl.—I can't tell whether you weigh too

the resulting liquid.

Country Girl.—I can't tell whether you weigh too much without knowing your height. Don't you see? You should be at least five feet, two, to weigh one hundred and twenty-five pounds, and at thirteen you might be even taller, for this weight. If you need to reduce, do so by not eating between meals and not eating too many sweet things. Indeed, the government needs sugar, now, for our soldiers and there is not enough to go around, so, in any case, we ought to be very economical with sugar. Probably that is the way for you to get rid of a few extra pounds, if you really need to get rid of them, but remember you need to be strong and well and even if you weigh a little more than you like, it is better than to weigh less than you should. As you get older, your figure will thin out, you will find, without any effort on your part.

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Miss A. G.—I am sorry the rules of this department do not permit my answering letters by mail but only in the columns of the magazine. For the oily hair the first thing is to give it a shampoo once in two weeks, using a soap jelly made by shawing half a bar of white soap into a quart of water and letting it dissolve over the stove, then cooling it and pouring on the head in small quantities. It makes a wonderful lather. After thoroughly rubbling the hair and scalp with the lather, rinse thoroughly, then use the soap jelly again, rinsing once more. In rinsing, you must be careful that every particle of soap is taken from the hair, or it clogs the little oil glands in the scalp and irritates them, and that finally produces an oily condition of the scalp. So rinse, and rinse and rinse. Every night massage the scalp with the flat of the fingers. Loosen the hair, then slip the fingers of each hand next the scalp back of the temples, and pressing firmly moye the skin back and forth. Do not rub the fingers or move them on the scalp, but hold them firm and move the scalp with them. Go all over the head in this way, stimulating the circulation and promoting healthy conditions.

healthy conditions.

Brown Eyes.—Yes, I can guess how you feel, if you weigh 200 pounds at fifteen years old. You want to know how to reduce. Well, first do not rely on the lactated milk diet. It is all right, and will reduce, but you need, I am sure, a radical change in the things you have been eating. Of course, these wartimes are hard ones in which to regulate one's diet, everything costs so much and there is such a shortage of many things; however, let's see what we can do. The first thing is to remember that certain foods make fat and certain other foods make strength and muscles. You want to avoid the fat-making foods and eat the others. Potatoes, rice, macaroni, milk, butter, cream, white bread, gravies, sweet things, make fat. I presume you are very fond of sweet things and rich things, and you will have to make up your mind to be very heroic indeed and cut them out. What can you eat? Oh, lots of things. Eggs, for instance, but be sure they are soft-cooked, won't you? And almost any vegetables—tomatoes, and string beans, and beets, and squash, and onions, and turnlys, and peas, and oh, all the other things. Don't eat potatoes or rice. You can eat baked beans or any lean meat. And eat all the fruits you want and can get, except bananas. Also, cut down on the amount of food you are eating. You probably have a pretty good appetite, and perliaps have the habit of eating between meals. Stop this at once, and—when you eat a meal try to remember that the stomach is built to hold only a very limited amount, and eat only enough to suit its size. You could eat two soft-bolled or poached eggs for breakfast, some sliced



BE GENEROUS WITH INVISIBLE HAIRPINS.

oranges or a baked apple or some prunes or grape-fruit and some bran bread. Remember butter makes you fat, so eat scarcely any. For lunch you could eat two vegetables (tomatoes and boiled onlons, for instance), a little lean meat, and fruit for dessert; and for supper you could follow the same general plan. You can eat fish, as well as lean meat, but must not eat any gravies, pies, cakes, rich puddings, or sweet desserts. With your fruit, eat no sugar. You can make up your mind to this. Besides dieting, exercise until you perspire heavily. Always lie down rolled in a blanket after heavy exercise, for this promotes perspiration, and perspiration reduces. Rub yourself dry with a rough towel, after perspiring, and do not go outdoors for some little time. Practise any or all of the exercises you have seen given in Comrogr monthly, and if you are diligent in your endeavors, you will weigh several pounds less before a month is up.

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L. C.—If you are five feet seven inches tall, you should weigh about 145 pounds! So you see you are considerably under weight. Probably if you gained to 130, you would feel that was as much as you wanted to weigh. The red nose is quite likely from indigestion, and your lack of weight might be due to the same cause, so let us assume that to be the case and get to work to—remedy it. To begin with, make it a rule to chew all your food until it is liquid before you swallow it; this lessens the work required of your stomach, and enables you to get every particle of nourishment, of fleshbuilding properties, out of the food you eat. Then eat only at meals, and choose digestible foods. Avoid rich desserta, gravies, pies, fat meats. Drink milk, however, use cream on your foods, and plenty of butter on your bread. Eat potatoes and lots of them, and rice as well. A good breakfast for you would be a baked apple with cream, or a baked pear, or a dish of stewed prunes, or figs. Then a dish of cereal with cream, and finally a soft boiled egg with toast and butter. For lunch, a bowl of soup, a fat baked potato and some other vegetable, plenty of bread and butter (and you can eat honey or jelly or pre-

serves with it), and a tapioca cream pudding, or baked custard, or almost any kind of pudding that is not too rich. For dinner, eat some meat, plenty of pointo, another vegetable, bread and butter, and about the same kind of dessert as for lunch. Eat all the fruits you can because they are good to help in elimination and in regulating the bowels. And, of course, you must be sure that the bodily functions are in order. Drink plenty of water. With these directions, I venture you will weigh several pounds more in a couple of weeks, and that the color of your nose will begin to whiten out. The milk diet would be a good thing for you. See E. L. K.

Beauty Seeker.—If your child's hair is inclined to be curly, the best thing to do is to train it by brushing it over the finger in little curls, never wearying of well-doing, but keeping at it day after day. At first it will probably make stringy curls, but if you keep on training it, and it really has any inclination to curl, in time you will be successful: Be sure you keep if shampooed at least once in three weeks, and preferably once in two weeks, and always brush it very carefully after a shampoo. There isn't any formula which will make straight hair curly, though there is a liquid which can be applied to adult hair and which helps it to wave. A child's hair should not, however, have any lotion used upon it, unless it is unhealthy. The hair will be prettier, healthier, and thicker, if you let it alone except for painstaking brushing daily, with gentle movements, and regular shampoos.

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E. L. K.—See answer to "L. C." You ask about the milk diet, so here are the directions once again. I hope all the readers of Comporr will learn them by heart! Take a glass and a half of milk every hour from 7.30 A. M. to 3.30 P. M., chewing each mouthful before swallowing. Drink a glass of water immediately on rising, and follow this ten minutes later by eating half a dozen promes that have been soaked all night in a tumbler of warm water, and drinking the juice. Chew the prumes thoroughly. Fritteen minutes after the prumes, take your first "dose" of milk. Do not eat any solid food until night, when you may have an ordinary evening meal, avoiding fried foods, fat meats and too sweet desserts. Drink two glasses of water between 3.30 and your evening meal, and drink two other glasses of water about an hour before going to bed. After one week of this, cut out all solid food, and drink two glasses of milk every hour during the day, from seven-thirty to six-thirty. Keep up the water on rising in the morning, the prumes, and the water just before going to bed. Weigh on the afternoon of the last day of each week. You should gain from one to three or more pounds per week, if you will absolutely follow directions. Do not eat any food except as directed, above.

Address all letters containing questions to KATHERINE BOOTH, care COMPORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9.)

rocks at the capitalists to your intense enjoyment. I have pictured them as merciless devils and you, the masses as lamblike angels, craving only the opportunity to live and be good. I always take the side of the under dog if it is an honest dog, but now labor is the top dog that holds the whip hand, and now you have the chance to prove whether you are worthy of those who have fought your battles and upheld your cause. Now you have a chance to prove whether you were honest men asking for a square deal or just plain hogs who hated the capitalistic hog only because he could get into the cabbage patch and fill his belly while you couldn't. This is your opportunity, no one begrudges you your harvest; but realize once and for all that harvest will be short unless you do your part equally as well as the boys in the trenches are doing theirs. Remember there are no union rules and eight-hour days on the firing line. In the British Army alone (and Great Britain is only a little country not much bigger than New York State) more than twenty thousand men are weekly converted into corpses or bundles of bloody rags. There they stand in the bitter cold, those soldlers of France, Britain and the United States in those terrible trenches, fighing for democracy, fighting for civilization, fighting to keep the Prussian beast from raping your women and burning your homes and converting you from free men into slaves. There they stand while thousands of you falter, halt and quibble and loaf on your jobs, indifferent as to who suffers and who perishes as long as you can get your pound of flesh and your bellies well filled. Now for God's sake be men. Be as devoted to your country, which gives you everything, as the Prussian is to his country, which gives him a bone and regards him as a dog.

It is the aim of Prussia by her propaganda and lying promises to induce all nations to lay down their arms. Germany wants peace, just as a burglar wants peace, after he has filled his arms with loot. Scorn the German spy who seeks your destruction. ocks at the capitalists to your intense enjoyment. have pictured them as merciless devils and you.

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to conquer the world and he is out to do it. He can conquer weaklings, but he cannot conquer the strong men of France and Britain, and he cannot conquer America, if you working men will be true to your country and true to yourselves in this war. It is up to you to say whether you will fight this tyrant to the death and live as men, or go down under the heel of Prussian military might and live as cowards, dastards and slaves.

Show your patriotism by joining Comfort's League Of Cousins and give proof of the fact that you are ready and willing to protect our country and its glorious flag. Never in our history have we needed the support of loyal Americans as we do now. Those who want free literature about the war can find how to get it by reading my reply to the letter of Mrs. S. Murrock.

Don't forget that Uncle Charlie's four wonderful books may still be had. Start in at once to obtain them,—they cost you no money, only a very little time and effort,—and keep at it until you have the entire set. The book of Poems is beautifully bound in ribbed silk stiff covers: the Story Book is bound in two styles, the one in ribbed silk stiff covers like the Poems, the other in paper covers; the Song Book is—bound only in heavy paper covers and the Picture Book in handsome stiff covers, either one for a club of four subscriptions; the Song Book or the Story Book in handsome paper covers or the Picture Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions; the Song Book or the Story Book in handsome paper covers or the Picture Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions; the Song Book or the Story Book in handsome paper covers or the Story Book in handsome paper covers or the Picture Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions. These four books are a library of endless joy and merriment, the best medicine to drive away the blues and the best Christmas gifts in the world.

My picture book too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter, is Maria her Ma?

Now for the letters.

GARDNER, LA.

DEAR UNGLE CHARLIE:
Your monthly talks, and especially your war talk
in the September issue of COMPORT, are excellent.
My father said your September talk was worth ten (CONTINUED ON PAGE 13.)



CROSS CURRENTS By Maud Mary Brown

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IHE revelation came with so blinding a flash that for once Marcia Stetson was overwhelmed, her superb poise shaken. In one moment she had been the serene and moderately contented wife of Prolife's mysterious cross currents had swept her out of her charted course and she had become a rebellions, tumultuous-souled woman, in love with another men.

The people settled back and the play went on. But to Marcia Stetson physical security brought no relief.

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"But what nonsense, Marcia! It is going to be a capital evening. I didn't think you were the woman to be upset over a false alarm."

"I am not so sure," she returned cryptically, "that it was a false alarm."

"He turned puzzled eyes toward her. "Are you crazy? Don't you see that the theater is quite free of smoke? You don't think, do you, that Preston mounted the stage merely to lie to us so that he might have the sport of seeing us broil in our seats?"

She made a little gesture of weariness at his verbiage. "You don't understand, Bentley. I don't, quite, myself," she added swiftly. "Anyway, I am going home."

"You injant!" she exclaimed, smiling into his disappointed face. "Did you think I would be ungenerous enough to drag you away? I want to go quite alone."

"Really."

"Really, Ben."

She rose to pass Saxon Waverley and he, rising also, looked steadily into her gentian-blue cyes.

"Not going, surely?" he said.

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"You're not going with her, Stetson? Then

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"Thank you, no." Marcia interposed, and she calmly passed out.
Picking up her skirts, she raced across the campus and letting herself into the tiny house where she and Stetson lived, she went directly to her room. She switched on the lights and abruptly turned them off again. Tradition ran too strong in her to permit her to endure the sight of her excitement-filled eyes.
She sat down by the open window where the spring breeze was playing with the muslin curtain. The orchestra's melody drifted to her ears faintly from across the campus. The little lake beyond glittered like a jewel on the bosom of the night.

night.
Life should be so simple and straightforward
had always been so to her—in this peaceful,
sheltered spot. Only tonight had the complexi-

thought that she slept.

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"Morning Marcia."

Her husband's too-youthful face, she thought, looked weary and troubled.

"You don't look very fit, Marcia. Is it due to last night's fright, or is it that blouse you're wearing?"

"I don't think I was frightened, Bentley."

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"I only wanted to come home. Does that prove that I was frightened?"

"Well, you should have stayed. Capital! Some of those youngsters have quite conspicuous talent. I went over to Miss Canfield's after the play and had a bite of supper with her. She had intended to have you, of course; she was disappointed."

"I am glad I ducked early. How can you only we her. Ren?"

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"I am glad I ducked early. How can you endure her, Ben?"
"She isn't—whatever you think she is. She is really very charming once you know her."
Stetson maintained stoutly. "Just because the inner circle of St. Jules hasn't taken her up need not necessarily condemn her."
"I suppose not," returned Marcia indifferently. "Waverley left soon after you did. Didn't follow you home, did he?" He haughed at his little joke.

Marcia houed that her cheeks did not look so.

little joke.

Marcia hoped that her cheeks did not look so hot as they felt. "Don't be tiresome," she said. "Were there any letters for me?"

"This, A cheek for a story, I faney. You're lucky, Marcia. All you have to do is to sit down at your desk for a few hours and zip!

A cheek!"

She smiled. "It isn't quite so easy as that," she realised.

We are pleased to present mother delighted remaner from how the past of Mond Mary Brown with the past of pleases in the control of the contro

with smoke appeared on the stage.

"There's nothing to be alarmed over," he stated calmly: "a little explosion in the boiler room. More smoke than fire and what little of the latter there was is already out."

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"I am not so sure," she returned cryptically, "If there was any bitterness in the remark, it is the stated over Marcia's head.

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She looked at herself as curiously as one observes an interesting stranger and then, once more she turned of the lights and undressing in the moon-lit room, she timing herself into bed to bury her face in her pillow, but try as she would, she could not bush the sight of Saxon Watched she cannot here thought she fore they were fairly born. When thoughts before they were fairly born.

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Help Us Get this Stupid, Wicked Law Repealed

Read our editorial (on page 2) headed "A Law to Promote Ignorance." Then, if you favor a level second-class postage rate, one that will be uniform throughout the country regardless of distance, thought the same to depend entirely upon women. When the situation finally dawned on Marchan the knowl-been called beautiful, certainly it was not pretty.

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If only she could have been warned-have here warned the could have been warned have been with substitute of the seniors were giving their annual play. There had come and y-ellow, stilling snoke.

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"You are far too wonderful for mere cray meme."

Her heart sank heavily. Was Waverley, then, right? Had she been blind? She had, with some degree of pride, renounced a great happiness for the sake of prolonging the happiness of her husband and now she found that she was not making him even tolerably happy. It was an anti-climax to her eventful day.

"Is it Miss Canfield, Bentley?"
"I might have known I couldn't keep it from you. Didn't I tell you you were clever?"
"Then it is Miss Canfield?"
"I-like her very much. We are very companionable. We read together and—"
"Bentley! That little—"
"Not a word against her, Marcia."
"I beg your pardon."

Next fill in the date and the name of your congressman. If you don't know his name you

"Not a word against her, Marcia."
"I beg your pardon."
They were silent for a long time and Stetson was ill at ease. Binally, "What do you want to do about it, Bentley?" Marcia asked.
"I don't know. If it could be arranged—"
"Divorce, you mean!"
He nodded miserably, Obviously this had not sprung from his own brain, "I would take all the stigma, of course. I'd give you grounds—"
"Bentley!" Her voice silenced him, "What are you thinking of? What about your charch, your family—they would never foreive you, you know—your protession—your inherited moral aristocracy? What about all those things? And to descend 'to practical things, what would you do? You could expect no longer to be retained here."
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"I would find something to do - something more agreeable than teaching grinning undergraduates," the declared, "We have talked it all over -" "We! Who?" she demanded, "Why, Lacy and I," he admitted, "You have discussed our intimate family affairs with her?" She remembered the afternoon just passed and her color rose, "She is awtelly somare," he said stoutly, "She wants to come straight to you to talk things over."

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Then write your name and place of residence on the blank paper below the heading. Circulate the petition among your friends and neighbors and get them to sign, women as

Finally, mail the signed petition to your congressman at House of Representatives, Washing-

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Starting Your Flower Garden Early Indoors

By Alfred Weston

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HERE is a long stretch of delightful spring weather between the time one plants the out-of-doors flower garden and the time this garden begins to bloom. This time might just as well be utilized in giving pleasure with flowers as in waiting. And it is a simple matter to do this—start your flower garden in the house. "Oh, I dislike being bothered with so many plants," is a remark I have frequently heard made, but these same people, once they understood how little bother it is, and how much delight there is in having flowers in May and June instead of waiting until late July or August, have made a practise of starting their summer flower garden in their home in February, March and April.

Take cosmos, for instance, a delightful, daisy-

This completes the paper seedling flower pot. The top will not be perfectly even, naturally, as the creased points will rise a little at either side, but this does not in any manner harm the usefulness of the seedling pot.

You will notice that it will not stand up well. It is not intended to stand alone, but to be set in a seedling box along with others, side by side. Sprinkle about two inches of soil over the bottom of the seedling box, to catch moisture that leaks through from watering these paper pots, and set the pots close together. You may think this a great deal of bother, but in the spring when time comes to transplant your seedlings, you will find you have really saved yourself fifty per cent of the work and the dirt and trouble, for you simply lift out these pots, tear off the paper, keeping the soil in your hand around the seedling roots, and set them into the holes you have prepared for them in the garden. Nothing hurts a plant more than to disturb the roots for they are the very life of the -plant. With these pots there is no danger of this. They cost you nothing, there is no litter of pots to keep over until next spring and, taken altogether, it is the ideal way of handling seedlings of any sort.

are not suitable for starting indoors.

Some of these flowering plants which should not be started indoors are alyssum, aquilegia, balsam, calliopsis, candytutt, digitalis, hollyhock, poppy, portulaca and sweet peas. Either they bloom very quickly after planting or else, which is generally the reason, they will not stand transplanting or disturbing. If you have ever tried to transplant a poppy you will understand what I mean. I have, with great care, transplanted Shirley and double poppies, but it doesn't pay as they will and are retarded in growth. The big oriental poppies will stand transplanting better.

Do not wait until January for your pansy seeds. Get them in the fall. Send to your florist ter to secure the tiny packets, each sort separate. There are half a dozen really good varieties, almost black, pure white, golden yellow, pale blue, dark blue, rich brown and many shades in between.

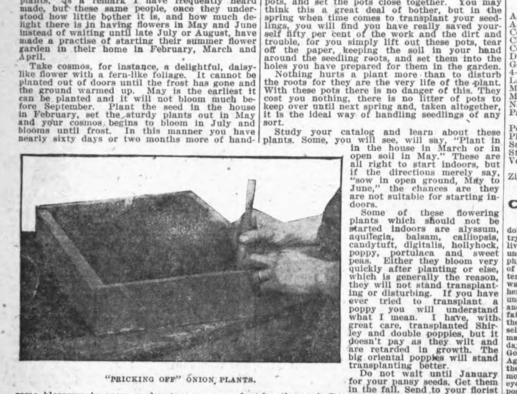
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most black, pure white, golden yellow, pale blue, dark blue, rich brown and many shades in between.

If you have saved your strawberry boxes this summer, so much the better, or your grape baskets. If not, use small light boxes or receptacles of this sort. Plant your pansy seeds in September, a few more in November and another lot in January. Your first planting may be in bloom before the frost is out of the ground, but as they wither and die, that doesn't matter. This assortment will give you pansies throughout the summer, enough to pick every day to put in a bowl or shallow pansy dish for the dining table. Start your geranium slips early in the fall and they will be strong little plants in May, ready to set out in a brilliant clump, or as a border for a bed of taller growing flowers.

Petunias give the best returns for the care you give them of almost any flower. Plant them in February. Astors may be planted early in the spring indoors and watched carefully, if the soil bakes hard around them they will be stunted.

It is a mistake to give liquid fertilizers to seedlings. The roots are not at all matured, of course, but there isn't much drain on them. The drain doesn't come on flowering plants to any great extent until they blossom. A slight watering every day, making sure that the perforations of the sprinkler are very fine so that the water will not injure the delicate plants, and they will thrive quite well. A too-dry atmosphere is bad. Whether you have stove, steam or hot air heat, keep a large bowl of water standing near the flowers. This seems a trifling thing to do but it gives' them the damp atmosphere so necessary. Did you ever go into a florist's glass house and note how cool and damp the air is? It has to be, to make the plants grow.



some blossoms in your garden to repay you for the trifling labor of planting seedlings and water-ing them.

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You can get from three to five hundred seedlings on an old kitchen table, placed by a sunny window. If you cannot do this, use window shelves, widow sills, and any available places to put them. Individual tiny pots are not needed. Seedling boxes and paper pots are the best, you make them yourself from a few boards and manila paper. Do not make the mistake of making these seedling boxes too large, for, once filled with soil, you will find them far too heavy to lift or move about easily, and it frequently happens that you want to do this. The boxes need not be more than four inches deep, two feet long and a foot in width. Better make half a dozen of these out of bits of old boards, old grocery boxes and the like, than two big ones which are cumbersome.

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like.

Cut some papers into seven-inch squares, some into eight and others into ten. To make the pots, double the back diagonally as the diagram shows at Fig. 1 and crease. Now lay flat on the table and fold the point "A" over to the left to "B," creasing the fold "1-b" down sharply. The edges of the paper "B-b" must be parallel with the fold at the bottom, "a-A;" you will note that in order to make them thus, the lower point "I" of this fold does not come in the middle of the bottom line but a little to one side of it.

Fold "a" up to "b" and crease the line "B-2" shown in Fig. 2. Now bring the point of the paper marked "C" down over the front of the "pot" as it lies before you, and crease it well; then turn the whole thing over and fold the other point, marked "c," down in the same way on the other side.



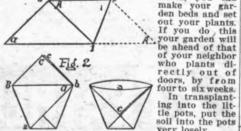


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Stick about the size of a broom-handle, pointed at about the same "angle one would point a lead pencil. You can buy good dibbers but when a whittled off broomstick, about six inches long is quite as good, why spend the money? Having filled the pot with loose soil, and taken the seedling up from the seedling

box or bed, note the length of the root, then make a hole in the pot of soil deep enough to permit lowering the seedling down so that the root will hang straight down without being curied or doubled up or cramped. Then set it by pushing soil around with your fingers, press it firmly but lightly into place, water and see that the transplanted plant does not get in the sunshine for the remainder of the day.

Another thing of importance, always put slats beneath the seedling boxes, whether they hold the soil direct or hold the pots. This allows drainage and air circulation.

Here is a table of flowering plants, showing when to plant in the house, when to set out in the garden and when they may be expected to bloom. This table is for the latitude of New York City. For every hundred miles you live north of that latitude, make it a week later. For every hundred miles you live south of that latitude, made it a week earlier.

Name of Plant	Indoor Plant- ing Time	When to Set Out	Flowering Period
Ageratum	Feb,	E. May	E. June-Oct.
Asters	Mar.	E. May	June-Nov.
Celosia .	Apr.	May	June-Oct.
Chrysanth'm	Mar.	May	July-frost.
Cosmos	Feb.	E. May	June-frost.
Dianthus	Apr.	May	June-Oct.
Gourds	Apr.	May	Fruit Sept. Oct.
4-O'clocks	Mar.	E. May	L. June-Sept.
Larkspur	Feb.	L. Apr.	L. May-Sept.
Marigolds Mignonette	Mar. Mar.	L. Apr.	May-frost.
Nasturtium	Mar.	May	June-Oct.
Pansy	Sept. to	L. Apr.	L. May-frost.
Lansy	Jan.	Apr.	May-frost.
Petunia	Feb.	Apr.	May-frost.
Phlox	Mar.	L. Apr.	L. June-Oct.
Salvia	Feb.	E. May	July-frost.
Stocks	Mar.	May	July-Oct.
Verbena	Feb. to		July Oct
	Apr.	May	June-Oct.
Zinnia	Mar.	E. May	L. May-frost,
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Comfort's League of Cousins

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dollars alone. Oh, if every citizen of this vast country could read your writings and be convinced. I live out from town where many of the people do not understand. A neighbor of mine and her husband, a physician, are helping me to try and explain to many of the people in our vicinity why the United States entered this war. When my brother who is a soldier was home on furlough he helped us talk. The folks here are all good people, but they simply don't just understand. I would be proud to know that my son and daughter, when they grow up, could say that their father had shed his blood to help save democracy for the world. This is no time for personal feeling and selfshness. We must consider the sufferings of humanity. My brave soldier brother visited us for ten days: the last night of his stay we same "Nearer My God to Thee," and "God Be with Us Till We all Meet Again." When we kissed him good by we held back the tears for his sake. We did not want his last moments with us spoiled by sad faces and weeping eyes. We bade him God speed with as much cheer as possible. My mother is real brave about it all. May God bless you Incle Charlie, and I hope you may live to see the week and made safe for that democracy for which you have so bravely and so persistently fought.

Thank you, dear friend, for your letter. It is

which you have so bravely and so persistently fought.

Miss. Rosalind Lyman Goldman.

Thank you, dear friend, for your letter. It is like a breath of fresh air blowing through a reeking dungeon filled with Prussian poison gas. Alas! such letters as yours are pitifully few. Human nature at the best is too often a weak, pitiful thing, always ready to shirk a responsibility rather than face one. Men and nations can never survive, and they are not fit to survive, if in those supreme hours of stress and trial which come to all in this uncertain life, they are not ready and willing to face with unfinching eyes and dauntless heart their Gethsemane of trial, their Calvary of suffering. Even Christ faltered for a moment, but only for a moment, then with sublime heroism He frod the road to Calvary and the cross. If we are not ready to do our duty to our country, a free country, as the German soldier is ready to serve his despotic, autocratic Kalser, if we are not ready to face death rather than dishonor, even as little Serbia, heroic Belgium and gallant France and Britain have done, if we dally in the primrose path and scorn the beckoning hand of honor and duty, rather than carry our cross, we cannot win for a stricken, bleeding world, that resurrection that lies beyond the cross, beyond Calvary, the resurrection of freedom, liberty, brotherhood, truth, honor, decency, all of which the iron heel of Prussia has trampled in the dust, and we shall become slaves. And democracy and freedom, as we love and understand it, must perish from the earth. The peace-at-any-price lunatics would turn this nation into a hog pen of craven, degenerate brutes. Mrs. Goldman would give us a nation of men and heroes. Choose today which master ye will serve, the beast of despoism or the angel of democracy, the demon of tyranny or the spirit of liberty.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE;

I am seventeen years of age, five feet six inches tall, and weigh one hundred and thirty pounds and have a light complexion. Now Uncle Charlie about this war. I get so tearing mad at the people round here—they don't want to fight. I'm so mad that I could lick them and Germany, too. I can do most anything around the home. I can make beds cook and milk the cows and for pastime I can read crochet and tat, and for sports I can swim fish and hunt. I can do almost anything on the farm and I have bees and pigeons. I help the shut-ins all, I can and hope the rest of you do the same. We raise all kinds of grain, fruit, potatoes and water melon here. I have your poem and picture book, Unele Charlie, and they are fine. I would like a letter from every state.

Yur loving niece, Vincie Daily Sunson. DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE;

Virgie, I don't wonder that you get tearing mad at some of the boys if they are anything like some of the whining traitorous rascals who write to me, and if you feel like licking these slackers and Germany too, we will be delighted to have you do the job. Maybe you girls will have to get together and do what the women of Russia have done, go to the trenches and fight while the men stay home, talk their heads off and drink themselves into a state of insensibility whenever sia have done, go to the trenches and fight while the men stay home, talk their heads off and drink themselves into a state of insensibility whenever they get a change. Doubtless the men in your neighborhood think the draft is cruel and undemocratic. A man who won't fight for his country will darned soon find that he has no country to fight for. No nation can be free unless it is ready to defend its freedom. Readiness to fight and eternal vigilance are the price of liberty. So you have pigeons and bees? Billy the Goat says he has fleas, but he never had bees. I should think it must be awfully painful to have bees. Now that farm labor is so scarce and dear, I'm glad to know there is someone who can make beds cook and milk the cows, for that is helping the country and helping Hoover. So you can read crochet and tat can you Virgie? That must be something new in the line of literature and a remarkable accomplishment. Imaginative minds can read crochet and tat, those arts will be robbed of some of their terrors. I thought that fish could swim without any assistance, but evi-











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dentia they need a little encouragement in Mississippi. The fish should be exceedingly grateful to you, my dear, for all this gratuitous instruction. I feel confident if you can teach fish to swim you can also teach slackers to fight. The country needs more girls of your get up and ability, Virgle. Here is more power to you.

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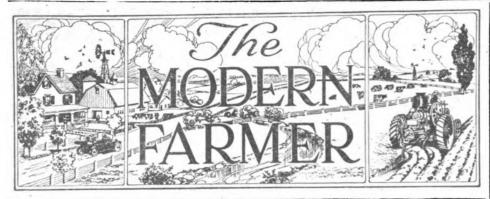
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Pork Production Pays

EVER before have hog and hog products been so high. During the months of July, August and September the price of hogs on the Chicago market, the greatest hog market in the world, has not fallen below eighteen cents per pound and is still holding at a high level. With the shortage of fat in Europe and the great reduction of the world's supply of pork and of all other meats. due to the war, it is unlikely that pork can be cheap again in this country for some years to come. Should the war come to a peaceful end this winter, the price of pork is certain to be high for at least another year or two, because the opportunity to increase the supply of hogs for next year's market will have gone by.

What Does It Cost to Produce Pork?—The government is calling upon the American farmer to raise more hogs. The farmer replies that he can't afford to do it because of the high price of feed, particularly milk and corn. Of course this is a real objection provided it is more profitable for him to market his corn and skim milk direct than in the form of pork. Now let us see what corn and skim milk are worth when fed to pigs.

It has been shown by frequent experiment that one hundred pounds of skim milk will produce five pounds of pork when fed to growing pigs,—that is, it takes about 20 pounds of skim milk to produce one pound of growth in pigs. The following table shows the relation between the price of pork and the price of skim milk.

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The farmer should study this relation between the price of skim milk and pork before he decides that it is better to market his milk whole than to skim the milk; sell the cream and feed the skim

to skin the milk; sen the cream and reed its skin milk to pigs.

Henry has shown that under ideal feeding conditions four pounds of corn will produce one pound of pork in pigs. The general rule, however, is to allow 5.6 pounds of corn for one pound of gain, that is, to figure one bushel of corn will make 10 pounds of pork.

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6	cents	per	pound					60	per	bushel	

The above are very general rules and these results are easily obtainable on the average farm. Good feeders under better conditions, by combining skim milk with corn and other feeds, are able to obtain much better gains for the same amount of feed.

Good Rules for Making Pork

I. Make pork from spring pigs.

II. Raise pigs on pasture with skim milk and grain fed in a self feeder.

III. Finish by heavy feeding on corn for a short period when about six months old.

IV. Do not feed heavily for more than four weeks.

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V. Market when pigs weigh about two hundred pounds, if prices are right.

Rule I has been proven by experiment. It always pays best to feed young stuff. More rapid gains are made from the same amount of feed. Winter feeding is expensive because it takes so, much feed to keep the animals warm and there is no pasture for them to run on.

Rule II was first proved by the Iowa Experiment Station and has been verified by several other stations. In one of these experiments it was shown that the land used for pasture brought \$60.00 per acre for rent and practically no labor was expended on it. In other words, good pork can be made more cheaply on pasture and by using much less corn than most farmers are accustomed to feed.

Rule III. Heavy corn feeding for a short, time is necessary to finish pigs in the right condition for market. Of course other grains like barley, peas or oats can be used where corn is not to be had.

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Rule IV. The longer a hog is fed the more feed it takes to produce a pound of gain. After ten or twelve weeks' feeding the hog sometimes makes no gain at all. Pigs can be finished in about four weeks, ready for market.

Rule V. It has been proven that the best and cheapest pork can be made from the six or seven months' old pig. If the first four rules hold, then the pig should be marketed as soon as he is this age if he is fit and the prices are right. At this age the fitted pig will weigh about 200 to 250 pounds if he has been well cared for and fed according to the above rules.

Why Not Raise Your Own Pork?

With bacon at 40 to 50 cents per pound and the other pork products in proportion, it will take about \$200 of the family income to keep the table for a family of six supplied daily with pork. Why not raise this meat at a much cheaper cost? Why not raise this meat at a much cheaper cost? It doesn't take much pasture for a few pigs. A little skim milk daily, the kitchen slops, a self feeder kept stocked with ground feed, shelled corn and dried blood or tankage mixed, where the pigs can run and help themselves, will raise them to six months with little labor and less cost than it will take to buy the meat back from the butcher. Why should not every farmer raise his own meat?

price for hogs nearing the twenty dollar mark per 100 pounds the farmer needs little urging to so breed every available sow, provided he does not have to buy hog feed, but that perhaps is not the only vital consideration. It would be true economy to increase the size of the sow's litter, if that could be managed. It has been alleged that the average corn stuffed Poland-China sow only averages some five pigs that live out of each litter. Some farmers assert, too, that five good pigs are better than a large litter of poor pigs, and there is much truth in that assertion. It is certain, however, that the number of strong pigs in a litter might be increased, were the breeder to go at the work aright. There is no way of absolutely determining in advance the size of the litter, but there is a sure way of making the number small and the strength of the pigs below normal. That is accomplished, unintentionally, by improper feeding and management of the sow and boar. Animals to mate to the best advantage slould be in robust health and muscus lar from exercise. Where sows and boars are stuffed with corn and given little exercise they become flabby and sluggish and in that condition twill not be likely to produce a maximum litter of pigs or pigs that have good vitality. Pigs talso may be weakened in advance by underfeeding and over-exercising the sow.

A common but unsuspected cause of weak pigs and small litters is over-gervice of the boar. It has been found that sows bred at the end of a big season of service tend to have small litters and weak pigs.

It is highly important, therefore, to mate sows and boars that are in a high state of health and vitality from exercise, proper and adequate feeding and ample exercise. Then the litters will be likely to contain a maximum number of strong pigs.

Influences of Heredity

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Answering an inquiry for information on this subject it may be said that many beliefs once held have been proved untrue by scientific study of the subject. For instance, it has been found that disease such as tuberculosis of man and animals is not hereditary but, is contagious, being due to a specific micro-organism, the bacillus of tuberculosis, from the planting of which the disease grows just as a crop of corn follows planting of corn seed. Without the seed there can be no crop of corn and no case of tuberculosis. The seed must be strong, goods and high in germinating powers, however, if a good stand of corn is to be obtained and then the soil must contain all of the needed nourishment for the growing plant and it must likewise have an adequate supply of sunshine and moisture if it is to thrive and bear well. In the same way the seed of a disease may fall into suitable growing "soil" or tissue, or the opposite. A person or animal may be born into the world with a weak constitution and slight resistant power and such a person readily is stricken with tuberculosis, or otherinfectious or contagious disease. Tubercular parents may endow their offspring with such constitutional weakness, lack of resistant power and susceptibility to contract tuberculosis, but the seed of the disease comes from actual contact, not from heredity.

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In mating our farm animals we select the soundest and strongest individuals of the desired type and character and then have a reasonable expectation that the resultant progeny will take after the parents. The sounder the parents the less the likelihood of unsoundness in the offspring, but we cannot otherwise control hereditary influences any more than we can control sex. The hereditary influence comes not alone from the immediate ancestry but from the remote ancestry, the entire line of ancestry, or family, as well as of race and breed. Each animal in the chain has received its supply of hereditary material from its parents, half from each, and these not necessarily alike, and the parents in turn received their supply from their parents in the same way and so on down to the original ancestors. All of the possibilities from heredity are contained in the two cells which fuse to form the new animal at conception. Then is decided whether the animal shall be white or black, big or little, for beef or milk production, for speed or draft work, strong or weak in constitution. Afterward we cannot by any means whatever change these immutably fixed actualities, but we can modify some of them by management. We cannot modify color or sex but we can bring out all of the possibilities from heredity endowed in the animal for beef production or milk production by adequate and proper feeding and management.

In influencing the maximum production of beef or milk, or by semi-starvation and surrounding the animal with adverse conditions prevent it from succumbing or becoming unprofitable and by withholding them or exposing the animal to adverse influence and copiet of milk and butter fat. In the same way is an normally strong and robust by good care and feeding and environment, but by supplying these we can perhaps prevent it

Is Silage Injurious?

butcher. Why should not every farmer raise his own meat?

Increasing Litters of Pigs

It is being advised and rightly so that, so far as possible, as many pigs as the farmer can feed should be raised the coming season. With the

Indeed we have no hesitation whatever in asserting that the silo may now be regarded as absolutely necessary on every well equipped and properly managed dairy farm and by many feeders of beef cattle also is looked upon in this light. Let us look, however, at the things which have in many instances brought corn silage into disrepute. disrepute.

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Sour or acid silage is injurious, but there is no need of having corn silage too acid, under normal conditions. It used to be common but that was owing to the fact that the corn was cut too green, with the grain "in the milk," or even younger than that. Now the best silage is made from corn that is well glazed and dented. We do not like to put in the silo corn from which the milk can be spurted out by pressure of the thumb nail.

Extra acid silage may injure the teeth. It is asserted by enemies of silage, most of them simply are ignorant and prejudiced, that silage—all silage—loosens the teeth of cattle. These "knockers" seem to be unaware of the well-known fact that the incisor teeth of all adult cattle naturally are somewhat loose in their sockets, such looseness being necessary to prevent cutting of the cartilaginous pad of the hard palate above which takes the place of an upper set of incisor teeth. For the same reason the lincisors point upward, not forward, as in the horse.

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Moldy silage is highly injurious to cattle and will kill horses "as sure as a shotgun." Much corn has been touched by frost or badly frosted this season and consequently has been cut and run into the silo at once. This corn will be likely to prove somewhat acid as silage and will mold readily. These tendencies might have been lessened greatly by allowing the corn to stand in the shock for a few days to dry and then wetting it well as it entered the blower of the cutter or before running it through the knives of a carrier machine. In feeding such silage the Acustomary quantity fed should be reduced one-third to one-half. Where the farmer owns his own engine and cutter, and that is becoming a common thing, bright oat straw, hay and well saved corn fodder may be cut and fed along with silage that is too acid, or slightly moldy. Even then such silage had better not be given to pregnant cows or ewes and is absolutely unfit for horses. horses.

Taking everything into consideration corn silage may be considered somewhat dangerous feed for horses. The utmost care must be taken in feeding it to these animals. Only silage that is perfect in every way should be fed. That which is moldy in the slightest degree should be rejected. Great care should be taken to keep horses away from spoiled silage thrown into the cattle yard, nor is it well to allow cattle access to such silage. Acid silage is too loosening for horses and also irritates the kidneys and so weakens the animal for work. Silage is best fed to idle work horses, if at all. It should not be given to pregnant mares or horses at hard work, but may be fed, in moderate quantities along with plenty of other sound feed, to growing colts. Sound silage is beneficial as a part ration for pregnant ewes and sows in the winter season, but moldy or highly acid silage is injurious. Do not exceed two or three pounds of silage a day for the ewe or sow and if possible add clover or alfalfa hay as roughage.

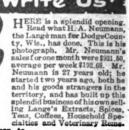
Developing Heifers

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If a heifer calf is to grow into a profitable dairy cow it is absolutely necessary that it should have a good start and then be kept growing "for all it is worth" until it has its first calf; after that generous feeding is necessary for profitable milk production and building of the unborn calf. It has been said many a time that the "calf flesh" must not be lost; but that is not the whole story. Many a calf is so ill-fed when little that it really never makes the flesh that we have referred to here. The calf simply grows gradually all the time, is thin and scrawny and such a calf has a tight, harsh hide and dry coat of hair. If a calf is doing well it will lie down much of the time and sleep. When it rises it will stretch itself and maybe go to licking its body. Examination will show that it has a wide, fleshy loin. We always look at that part to determine how a calf is growing. The calf that nurses its dam and fattens for "vealing" has a very wide, thick, fleshy loin. If such a loin is lacking in the calf that is being developed for dairying it i. growing up stunted and will never be likely to develop into a large, roomy, "sappy" cow that has a big middle and deep wedge-shaped hind quarters with thin thighs. The chief reason for stunting in little calves is first of all lack of milk and next exposure to the hot sun on short pasture where flies also annoy and prevent growth. On such pasture, too, the calves will be about certain to become infested with lung worms and they cause lack of growth. Recently the results of ten years of feeding work at the Wisconsin Experiment Station have been published and they go to show that nothing perfectly takes the place of butter fat for young animals. There is a mysterious element in this fat, and that of hen-eggs, which causes growth and full development. It cannot be perfectly replaced by any vegetable fat and so we may conclude that every calf needs whole milk for a time and then plenty of sweet skim milk along with a mixture of other feeds. The same e

incomplete feed. The grain alone is deficient in protein and mineral matters, but if all of the plant is fed this seems to be made up for perfectly. In raising calves for dairying then see that they have plenty of milk and then plenty of mixed meals, and fine clover hay or add Alfalfa, as a part ration. Feed whole oats, wheat bran and corn as they grow older and at all times see that they have shade and an abundance of fresh water. There is no profit in letting young calves run on dry, short, old pasture with inadequate shade and water: Many successful cattlemen prefer to raise the calves in large, clean, airy, light pens where flies do not bother and where lung worms cannot be contracted and they feel sure that if the calves are fully developed thus and by generous feeding they will turn out well-grown profitable cows for the dairy. The stunted dairy helfer is not worth retaining for milk production and breeding.

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More farm machinery rots and rusts out than wears out. Of course you will find none of these things on your own farm but how about your neighbor's? Just go out and look around.

Winter Jobs for Winter Time

With the scarcity of farm help that obtained last summer and the probability of a still greater shortage next year it is a wise plan for the farmer to do as much of next season's work as he can now while work is slack. For his benefit we list here a lot of such jobs. Of course the list is not complete but it will serve to suggest other work which the farmer can do now and before the ground is ready to work next spring:

1. Clean and grade seed grain.

2. Test and shell seed corn.

3. Treat oats ahd barley for smut and other grains for their diseases.

4. Repair all farm machinery and make it ready to run.

5. Make gates and other wooden implements which can be made inside under cover.

6. Mend the harnesses and clean and oil them.

7. Splice the hay rope if it needs it.

8. Sharpen the plow and other spring tools.

9. Lay in a stock of oil and grease for the machinery.

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The Questions and Answers constitute one of the most valuable features of this department and we urge our farmer subscribers to read all of them carefully each month, as yea will find that they contain much useful information and advice on practical problems that are troubling you as well as vice on practical problems that are traubling you as well as those who have asked the questions. Out them out and paste them into a scrapbook for future reference. This will save you the trouble of writing us and will avoid delay in getting your answer when you need advice on these same matters. We are glad to receive inquiries from our subscribers and to advise them on all matters pertaining to farming.

Questions and Answers

STEONG BUTTER.—My mother has trouble with her butter getting strong in four or five days after churning. It makes no difference whether the cows are just fresh or of old milking. Can you tell me the cause of the trouble?

Mrs. C. F. R., Trego, Md.
A.—Bacteria in the milk utensils is the cause. The
only remedy is to carefully wash, scald and sun dry
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the washing and set the milk and keep the cream in
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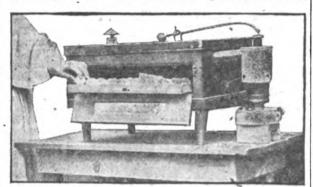
ing fall and early winter there must be a lot of chickens hatched in the early spring, for it is young pullets that one has to depend on for early winter eggs.

If you used an incubator instead of hens, you would be sure of having a flock of pullets all of the same age, who would commence to lay at about the same time, and the young cockerels being of the same age, would all be ready for market at the same time, so could be crated alive and shipped by train to the nearest city, where they would catch the high prices which prevail in May and June. Hatching with hens you have birds of all ages stringing along through the summer, with never enough of any one age to make it worth shipping, so are confined to local conditions and poor prices.

"Live in a village, and have no place for a lot of youngsters at one time."

Lots of people are making a business of hatching and selling day-old chicks, and find it very profitable, as they bring from ten to twenty-five cents apiece, according to the quality of the stock.

The last and most frequent objection offered



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vegetables; if you give them the table scraps, be careful that there is a very small percentage of fat in them. As soon as a bird shows any sign of lameness, remove it from the flock and place it in a small coop in a sheltered place. Cover the floor of the coop with a deep layer of cut hay or straw. Rub the bird's feet and shanks with a mixture of sweet lard, or vaseline and turpentine. For internal use add fitteen grains of iodide of potassium to every quart of drinking water. Put a small dish in each coop being used for sick birds, and as a matter of precaution, remove the regular drinking dish from the chicken-house, and substitute a small one containing the same mixture for a fortnight at least.

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C. A. B.—You should be able to make a success of poultry on such a splendid place. New grounds, new houses insure freedom from germs and vermin to start with, and a little forethought and care will keep the place sanitary. Log houses are as warm, and can be made as practical and convenient as highly finlished, expensive buildings. Seven years ago we built an open front house of slabs, forty feet long, ten feet wide and cight feet high in front, sloping to six at the back. All the upper part of the front was covered with unbleached muslin. The door is in the center of the front, and the inside is divided into two compartments which have two parallel roosts running along the back one foot from the floor. Six nests in two tiers of three each, stand at the far end of each compartment. Drinking fountains, and boxes for grit and shell, are placed against the wire partition which divides the compartments from the space into which divides the compartments from the space into which the door opens. The house has a dirt floor, which is kept covered to a depth of six inches with dry leaves or cut straw. Fifteen pulsets are kept in each compartment every winter for market eggs. We never had a case of sickness in the house, and the birds always lay well. The main thing is to select land with a good natural drainage, and have the logs or slabs (whichever you use) carefully trued up along the sides, so that the edges will fit closely together. Cover the joints so that there are no cracks or crevices. Drafts and dampness are as fattal as a close, warm house. To be healthy, birds need an abundance of fresh sir, even in the coldest weather. Don't leave any bark on the wood used inside the house, as it is sure to become loosened and make a space for vermin to congregate in. Give the inside of the house a coat of thick whitewash before using it. It lightens the interior, and closes up the cr The Autornaleges of an Incubator

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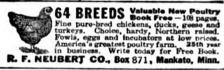
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"Sell all my eggs. Too far from market to make young chickens profitable."

To keep up a supply of eggs for market during the house is small, and the birds are overgrounded on the perches at night. Feed plenty of green is the supply of green in the supply in the supply

UBBY BEAR'S VISIT By Lena B. Ellingwood

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RANDMA BEAR was very sick in her home on the other side of the big mountain, and Mamma Bruin was going to see her.

'I must not take you with me," said Mamma Bruin to Cubby Bear, "and I think the best plan will be for you to go to Auntie Bear's house for a visit with your little cousins, Bonniebelle and Jackie Bear. You did not go with me when I went in the spring, for you were helping the beavers to save their homes from the spring freshet. Now the beautiful June weather is with

us, and you will have a fine journey."

"I would love to go," said Cubby Bear, "and play with my little cousins, if you were going. too. It will seem strange not to be with you, Mamma Bruin. And—and—"he hesitated, "I'm afraid I shall not know the way to go-it is a long way—but perhaps those I meet along the way can show me where to go! Perhaps I shall not get lost!" And Cubby Bear turned away to

not get lost!" And Cubby Bear turned away to hide a shining tear.

"Why, Cubby Bear!" said Mamma Bruin, "did you think I would start you off alone to go so far? No, no! Redtop Woodpecker, who came to tell me of poor Grandma Bear's sickness, has promised to show you the way. On his swift wings, he can fly back home again quickly. He has promised, too, to let you know when I am ready for you to come home again."

It was on a sunny shiny morning that they

It was on a sunny, shiny morning that they started out—Mamma Bruin towards the big mountain which Cubby Bear had once climbed with Foxy Reynard, and Cubby Bear and Red-top Woodpecker toward the West Forest, at the farther side of which lived Auntie and Uncle

The jolly round sun was sending down pleasant little sunrays to brighten and warm the earth, wild flowers were smiling up at the blue sky above, the green leaves on the trees were fresh and new. It was a pleasure to be out, walking

over the soft, brown leaf-mold, the green beds of moss, and last year's pine needles, and breathing the sweet, forest-scented air.

"Oh, wait a little, Cubby Bear," chirped Redtop Woodpecker, "I must soar up above the tree-tops. I want to stretch my wings. I will soon be back!" soon be back!"

Cubby Bear watched, wishing that he, too, might fly, but he had tried it once, when he

might fly, but he had tried it once, when he knew no better, and been badly hurt.

Redtop Woodpecker went to the top of a maple tree, and perched there, calling, "Cuk—cuk—cuk, wickup, wickup, wickup!" clearly and shrilly, then lifted his little wings and went sailing up towards the clear sky.
Robbie Reddie flew by Cubby Bear, giving his

ear a friendly little tweak in passing, and lighting on a bush near by, began chirruping gally.

"I love to sing," he told Cubby Bear. "I cannot help it, I am so happy, so happy!"

Then he litted his head, his red breast shining

in the sun, and the melody poured forth until his little throat seemed near to bursting.

"Chee-eerily cheerily-cheer-up!
Chee-eerily-cheerily-cheer-up,
cheer-up, cheer-up!"
The song thrilled Cubby Bear's little heart.

He wanted to sing, too.

Redtop Woodpecker came sailing down.

"Oh, Cubby Bear!" he cried, "come quickly to an open place near here! There is something in the sky I want you to watch! You come, too, Robbie Reddie" Robbie Reddie.'

When they came to the little clearing, Redtop Woodpecker said, "There! look up! There is old Edric Eagle! He does not often come near you something very different. Little Ruby here. His home is on a rocky ledge near the top of Bald Mountain. Just see the broad sweep of his wings! He is old—very old—but strong and fierce still."

I saw it yesterday. You must not go too near if she is there, for you will frighten her."
So Robbie Reddie led the way to where the

"I never saw him before," said little Cubby Bear, "but I have seen the feather fan he gave

to Molly Muskrat's grandmother long ago."
"Look, look!" cried Robbie Reddie. "There is Henry Hawk, too, in the sky. What is he carrying, up so high?"

you something very different. Little Ruby Hummingbird has built her nest not far away.

fairylike nest of little Ruby hung, dainty and small, like its little owner. It was made of plant fibers, moss and cobwebs, decorated with bits of

red-dotted lichens, and tiny feathers.
"Oh, the cunning little nest!" said Cubby
Bear admiringly. "How tiny the baby birds

Ruby Hummingbird. "Be off with you! I'll not have you near!'

"I am sorry," said Cubby Bear sadly, as he went on his way with Redtop Woodpecker and Robbie Reddie. "I wish she knew I would not harm her. I would like to be her friend."

It was a happy day, and while the sun was yet high in the sky, they came to their journey's end. Redtop Woodpecker and Robbie Reddie did not stop, but started at once on their way home. They were not tired, but Cubby Bear was glad to rest.

Auntie and Uncle Bear, Bonniebell and Jackie all welcomed him gladly.

"Oh, we will have such good times!" cried

Bonniebelle. "I hope you will stay a long time."

"I hope he will stay a short time," began little
Jackie. Then, as Cubby Bear looked grieved,
and Bonniebelle said, "Oh, that is not kind,"
Jackie added, "Because, that would mean that
poor Grandma Bear's sickness would not last long. Don't you see? And we want her to get well, don't we?"

Bonniebelle was sweet and smiled as ever, and still wore her gold locket with its blue rib-Little Jackie smiled too, and was a jolly

little playfellow.

"Tomorrow," said Auntie Bear, "we will have a picnic, and the next day we will dig for freshwater clams on the sandy river bank. Then, the day after that, the black crows have their yearly family party, and we are going to look on. There will be hundreds of them, gathered in an open field."

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"Oh, perhaps I shall see my good friend Shinyblack Crow among them!" said Cubby Bear joyfully.

The days went by happily, each one bringing some new pleasure, and when nine of them had gone, as Cubby Bear knew by counting on his claws, Redtop Woodpecker came to take him home. Grandma Bear was well again, and Mamma Bruin was at home.

After all the good byes had been said, they started out. Cubby Bear had no wish to loiter on the way, and trotted along at a good pace.

As they neared home, Cubby kept calling

Redtop Woodpecker's attention to one familiar object after another, and at last he cried: "Ah, there is the smoke coming from our fire! See it curling above the bushes? We shall soon be there. You must come in and have some supper with us, Redtop Woodpecker."

Mamma Bruin was at the door to welcome them, smiling pleasantly, and wearing a frilly white cap with a red bow.

Around her stood Molly Muskrat, Tillie Tur-tle, Chirpy Chipmunk, and Bunny Rabbit, while from within the house could be heard the Bunny Babies, calling, "where is Cubby Bear? We want to see Cubby Bear!"

Cubby was delighted to see them all, and told them about his visit.

"I have had a happy time," he said, "but I am glad to be back again."

"Yes," said Mamma Bruin, patting his head fondly, "we like to go away sometimes, but home is the best place in the world to live, because the best love is there!"

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AUNTIE AND UNCLE BEAR, BONNIEBELLE AND JACKIE ALL WELCOMED HIM GLADLY.

"Perhaps a fish, perhaps a chicken, it is too must be to live in a home like that!" far away to tell," answered Redtop Woodpecker.
"Edric Eagle sees him, too," said Cubby
Bear. See, he is flying that way."

Then they saw a race through the air above them. Edric Eagle, with his broad, strong wings, soon overtook the smaller bird. Henry Hawk, with a cry of rage and disappointment dropped his fish, for he knew that was what the

eagle was after. Edric shot swiftly downward, caught the fish in mid-air as it fell, and then, rising, went sailing grandly off, to the rocky ledge which was

A whirring of swift-moving little wings was heard, and there was Ruby Hummingbird, darting about in distress. She flew at Cubby Bear and pecked at his face, then hovered in the air near her little nest, her wings in such rapid

motion they could hardly be seen.

"How dare you?" she cried, in a sweet little voice, meant to be severe. "Keep away from my nest, you monster!"

"But," began Cubby politely, "I would not hurt your nest. It is pretty, and I like—"

"Don't tell me what you like!" buzzed little

Candlemas Day.

The Girl He Loved

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cried. "You daren't make a scandal now—at this date. There's no reason why I should not live here. You can let me call on your wife—and—I'll go on holding my tongue."

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"I dare do anything," he said evenly. "Kindly remember that. And also that my wife," emphatically, "shall never know Mrs. Murray or call on her if she lives here forever."

"People will talk!" she gasped.

"If they do," coolly, "I sha'n't hear it; but you'll feel it. I think you had better go, if you're wise."

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"Suppose I tell your wife—what will you do then?" it was her last shot, and it had a curious effect.
Levallion laughed.
"Please yourself; stay here, tell anything!" he returned, still laughing. "And I'll tell, too. It would make an amusing story—in your favorite newspaper."

returned, still laughing. "And I'll tell, too. It would make an amusing story—in your favorite newspaper" "Levallion!" it was all but a scream; she elutched him as he turned away. "You can't, you won't, you've—oh, God! haven't you any honor?" for to ruin one's own reputation is a very different thing to having it done for you.

"I have exactly as much as you have," he answered, moving quietly from her appealing hand. "You can remember that. And if you like," carelessly you can stay here. Only be good enough not to come to my house on any pretext whatever. I won't have a woman like you under my wife's roof. You understand?" sharply.

She could only nod. His sudden acquiescence in her living so near him had somewhat dumfounded her, together with his refusal to recognize her, in any way. Levallion, who had always wanted to keep things quiet! Yet it was simple enough. "After all," he had thought swiftly, "she's as well under my eyes as anywhere, while we rejoice in a penny-post!" Yet if he had seen the face of the woman he left in that dim drawing-room, it is to be doubted if Lord Levallion would not have preferred himself removing her and her belongings on a barrow, rather than have had her within a hundred miles. And yet she was only crying to herself pitifully, that she loved him still.

CHAPTER XV.

A WOMAN'S RING.

It was a wet day. A cold, steady autumn rain that made Levallion Castle chilly and shivery, and so lonely that its mistress had no desire to look at the dark corners of the room where she sat at tea-time. Levallion was out. She had hardly let him from her sight for three days; she-scarcely knew why, except that he was all she had in the world to cling to. Lady Levallion pushed away her untasted tea and went out of the big, lonely drawing-room up-stairs. Rain or no rain, she would get her hat and go out. She could not sit alone for another minute.

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teeth.

While she had been sitting in comfort, he had been in this pain. It was true he had behaved vilely to her, but she could not bear any living thing to suffer like this.

"Let me try!" she said, and the purse looked up with surprise at the pity in her voice. She could feel, then, little interest as she had seemed to take in the patient.

At the touch of the shaky hand she laid on his forehead Adrian lay quiet; but only for an instant.

She was hurrying down-stairs as she had hurried up, passing a closed door without so much as a glance, when something stopped her as short as a hand on her shoulder.

"Oh!" she said aloud. "What was that?" She wheeled in the dim passage and stared in sick horror at the door which must shut in something more dreadful than she knew, for never in her life had she heard a cry like that.

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"As she stared, the door opened. A nurse in a white uniform-came out.

"Did you —" she began. "Oh, my lady, I be your pardon! I thought it was the doctor." The passage was nearly dark; she could not see how white her ladyship's face was, nor how startled her eyes.

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"The doctor!" Ravenel said sharply. "Do you mean you sent for him? Is Gaptain Gordon worse?"

"No, not exactly. But he's very restless and delirious. I'm afraid he may hing to suffer like this.

"Let me try!" she said, and the purse looked at the edge of the bandages, and Lady Levallion were well I should hen then the nurse had slipped quietly, and was touching his burning forehead with a professional hand.

"The poor soul wouldn't know her if she were in her if she were in her life. "The poor soul wouldn't know her if she were as she thought it she never stopped her involunt the poor soul wouldn't know her if she were as she thought it she never stopped her involunt the poor soul wouldn't know her if she were as the her involunt to prove her shoulder she here!" she muttered. "Yes, yes; she's coming." hat he thim. Oh, why does he call me! Me, that he there waway like a squeezed orange." But even as she thought it was the her involunt the nurse had been in life. And

send the content of this? Is Gaptain Gordon wors?"

Not exactly, But he's very restless and delirious. I'm afraid he may injure his arm. She looked curiously at the 'slight girl in route the type of the content of the type of the content of the c

White and shaking, she leaned against the wall of the passage, that was light enough now, for the servants had lit the lamps. Her hands still at her ears, her eyes shut, her mouth drawn into that awful bow that means helpless pity, she stood, her face an open book that any passer-by might read.

"Talk of the pains of hell!" she thought.

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"They don't wait till you're dead. They say every one builds their own fire there, and Adrian's seems to be a pretty good blaze. Only why should I burn in it? I never put one stick to it," without knowing it, she was muttering, but unintelligibly enough.

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5th round.—1 tr. c. in first space, * 2 tr. c. in second space. Repeat from * to end of round, join, ch. 3.

6th round .- Tr. c. on tr. c. to end of round .. join, ch. 3.

7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th rounds.—Same as 6th round with an extra tr. c. between tr. c. occasionally to keep the work

c. between tr. c. occasionally to keep the work from puckering.

15th round.—Use double strand of yarn: white and pink, pearl gray and light blue, red and gray, red and white or other harmonizing colors. Fasten the double strand in last st. of 14th round, ch. 3, 1 tr. c. at beginning of round, ch. 2, 2 tr. c. in same place. (This forms the first shell in border). Sk. 4, tr. c. *2 tr. c. in next st., cn. 2, 2 tr. c. in same place, sk. 4, shell in next. Repeat from * to end of round, join. 16th round.—Sl. to center of first shell, form shell in shell to end of round, join.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th rounds.—Same as the 16th round. As many more rounds may be added as desired. To make larger add more rows to crown and lower edge. Edge may be

rows to crown and lower edge. Edge may be rolled up if desired. Finish with tassel in center of crown.

MRS. W. BIRCH.

* Hand:Made Bedspreads

Crocheted and knitted bedspreads have be-

come very popular again the past few years.

Happily these are not all made in one piece as were some of the old-time spreads of grandmother's day, but of many small squares, diamonds or other shaped motifs according to

the design, which are joined together later.
It is therefore an easy matter to carry about in one's work bag one or two pieces in the process of making.

Bedspread Square in Filet Crochet

This pattern can be copied by either working

back and forth and by beginning in the center and working round and round.

To make in this way begin with ch. 5, join in ring, ch. 3, 11 d. c. in ring, join to top ch. 3.

1st round.—Ch. 8, 1 d. c. in the place where you joined for first corner, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next 3 d. c. ch. 5 1 d. c. in same place for second 3 d. c., ch. 5, 1 d. c. in same place for second corner (ch. 2, d. c. in next 3 d. c., ch. 5, d. c. in same place for second corner (ch. 2, d. c. in next 3 d. c., ch. 5, d. c. in same place for third corner). Repeat again for fourth corner. End with ch. 2 on the 3rd stitch of ch. 8. Now you have 3 spaces from corner to corner or eight in all.

2nd round.—Sl. st. to the center of the corner

2nd round.—Sl. st. to the center of the corner and ch. 8, 1 d. c. alongside of the ch. 8, in the corner space, this is to increase. Ch. 2, and d. c. in d. c. (this is called a space or mesh), ch. 2 and d. c. in ac. (this is called a space or mesh), ch. 2 and d. c. in next d. c., ch. 2 and d. c. in corner space, ch. 2, d. c. in next d. c., ch. 2, d. c. in next d. c., ch. 2, d. c. in corner space, ch. 5 for corner, d. c. in corner space, ch. 5 for corner, d. c. in corner space, ch. 2, d. c. in next d. c., ch. 2, and d. c. in the place where the row was joined below, ch. 2 and join on the 3rd st. of the ch. 8. Repeat the manner of work as detailed in this last round where you have all spaces. And if you have solid work as in the corners as you have in 8 rounds toward the last use d. c. to correspond to the chains as used before. correspond to the chains as used before.

To know how many d. c's. to use when you have a string of them count the meshes and multiply by three and add one. When you want to make meshes over a lot of d.c's. slways make the d. c. in the 3rd d. c's. Be careful to have your work perfectly even as to mesh and

Lace for Filet Spread

Make a chain of 48 stitches.

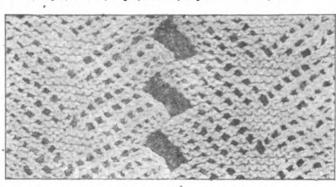
nake a chain of 48 stitches.

1st row.—Make 15 d. c. in a row beginning on the 4th ch. from the needle, counting the ch. 3 as 1 d. c. making 16 d. c. in all or equal to 5 blks. Ch. 2 and a d. c. in every ch. 3 until

LACE FOR FILET SPREAD.

first worked through at the bottom of the d. c.

8th row.—Seven sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 3 sps., bik. on blk.
9th row.—Ch. 5 for a blk., beginning on 4th st. from needle, 2 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps.
10th row.—Four sps., 5 blks., 2 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., blk. on blk.
11th row.—Blk. on blk., 1 sp., 6 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 6 blks., 4 sps. This is the center row of the rose.
12th row.—Four sps., 5 blks., 2 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., blk. on blk.
13th row.—Blk. on blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps.



BABY AFGHAN WITH SPACES FOR RIBBON

14th row.—Seven sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk. Drop last blk. and turn with ch. 3. 15th row.—Bik. on blk., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp.,

Filet Crochet Edging (Requested)

Ch. 39 stitches, turn.

1st row.—1 d. c. in 9th st. from book, ch. 2,
sk. 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next st., this makes 1 sp., ch.
2, sk. 2, 1 d. c., repeat, making 11 sps. in this
row, ch. 5, turn.

2nd row.—1 d. c. on 2nd d. c. of first row, 6

2nd row.—1 d. c. on 2nd d. c. of first row, 6 more sps., 1 block (blk.) made by working 2 doubles instead of ch. 2, between doubles, this makes a blk. of 4 d. c. 2 blks. consists of 7 d. c., 3 blks. 10 d. c., etc. 3 sps. finishes this row, 3rd row.—3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., ch. 5.
4th row.—4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., ch. 5.
5th row.—3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., ch. 5.

oth row.—3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., ch. 5. 6th row.—3 sps., 5 blks., 3 sps., ch. 5. 7th row.—4 sps., 3 blks., 4 sps., ch. 5. 8th row.—5 sps., 2 blks.,

4 sps., ch. 5. 9th row.—5 sps., 1 blk., 5 sps., ch. 5.

10th row.—5 sps., 1 blk., 5 sps., cb. 5.

11th row.—5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., ch. 8. 12th row.—1 d. c. on last d. e. in 11th row, thus causing ch. 8 to make extra

sp, 3 more sps., 2 blks., 6

sp, o more sps., 2 biks., 6 sps., ch. 5.

13th row.—5 sps., 3 biks., 4 sps., ch. 5.

14th row.—4 sps., 1 bik., 1 sp., 1 bik., 1 sp., 1 bik., 3 sps., ch. 5.

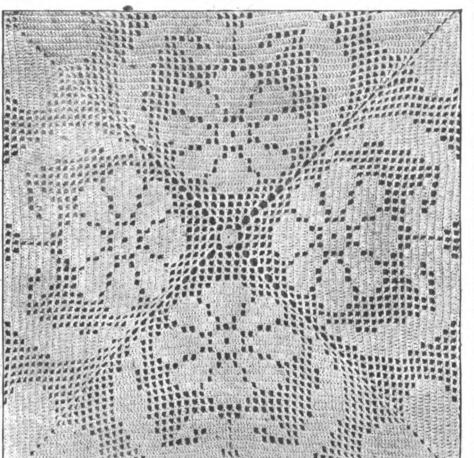
15th row.—2 sps., 4 biks., 1 sp., 2 biks., 3 sps., ch. 8.

3 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 6 sps.

16th row.—Six sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1

sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., drop last blk. and turn

with ch. 3.



FILET CROCHET SQUARE FOR BEDSPREAD.

blks., on last d. c., ch. 3 and make 5 blks., 10 sps.
22nd row.—Nine sps., 1
blk., drop the 5 blks. 23rd row .- Blk. on blk.,

9 sps. 24th row.—Nine sps.,

25th row.-Ch. 17 and begin on ch. 4, st. to make 5 blks., 10 sps. This is the same as first row. Repeat from the second row.

from the second row.

For the tiny pointed scallops around the outside edge, make ch. 4 and 1 s. c. in the first ch., a half d. c. in the second and a d. c. in the third chain, then a d. c. on the edge and repeat for the scallop. Do this over each block on the sides and over the rows on the and over the rows on the bottom of scallop. When going from one point to the other make two

doubles in the point with the tiny scallop be-tween, then double on the next level without the scallop.

A. O. L. WERTMAN.

Crocheted Flag Pillow

first worked through at the bottom of the d. c.
Repeat until you have seven d. c. for two blks.
3rd row.—This row starts with 3 blks. Make
ch. 11, beginning on the 4th st. from the needle
and make 10 d. c. counting the ch. 3 on the end
as one, 3 sps., 3 blks., 11 sps.
4th row.—Ten sps., 5 blks., 5 sps., and add on
blk. of three more d. c.
5th row.—Blk. on blk., beginning with ch. 3
and 3 d. c. on the blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 5
blks. on 5 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 7 sps.
6th row.—Six sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp.,
4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk. on blk.
7th row.—Ch. 5, a blk. beginning on the 4th
st. from the needle, 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks.,
1 sp., 4 blks., 6 sps. Having made a new and very attractive crocheted pillow cover, I want to share the idea with Comport readers.

with COMFORT readers.

I made it of red, white and blue silkateen in simple double crochet. The blue field measured 6 x 8 inches and the strips each three rows of double crochet. Used blue satin for the back and finished with a heavy red, white and blue cord.

MRS. ANNA G., OKLAHOMA.

17th rew.—2 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 4 sps., 18th row.—5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 2 sps.,

19th row.—3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 4 sps., turn, sl. st. back across, 1 sp., ch. 5.
20th row.—1 d. c. on 3rd d. c. in last row, thus making this row 1 sp. less, 5 more sps., 2 blks.,

making this row 1 sp. less, 5 more sps., 2 blass, 4 sps., ch. 5.
21st row.—3 sps., 1 blk., 8 sps., ch. 5.
22nd row.—7 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., ch. 5.
23rd row.—4 sps., 1 blk., 7 sps.
24th row.—Lessen 1 sp. as in 20th row, 6 more sps., 1 blk., 3 sps., ch. 5.
Repeat pattern from 3rd row. Insertion to match can be made by making both edges straight. straight.

Novelty Braid Edging

Use mercerized thread fine enough to correspond with size of braid.

Make loop in thread, insert hook in loop and fasten with sl. st. to a picot in braid, * make 4 d. c. in next p., ch. 1, 4 d. c. in next p., fasten with sl. st. to next p. of braid, ch. 7, fasten to next p. *. Repeat from * to * the length required.

Begin other half exactly like first half. After

Begin other half exactly like first half. After making the 2 groups of 4 d. c., ch. 3, fasten un-



NOVELTY BRAID EDGING.

der ch. 7, ch. 3, fasten in next p. of braid and repeat till length is finished.
This is used as in ertion and to add edge

row in these directions except put ch. 2, between groups of 4 d. c.

2nd row. -Fasten thread to center of ch. 7,

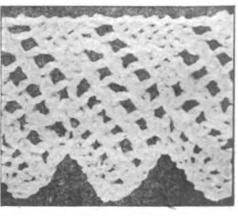
2nd row.—Fasten thread to center of ch. 7, ch. 4, 1 d. c. under ch. 2, between groups of d. c., ch. 5, make p., 3 d. c. in same place, ch. 5, make p., ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same place, ch. 5, make p., 3 d. c. in same place, ch. 5, make p., d. 4, fasten under ch. 7. Repeat from * to *. Care should be taken to keep each row right side out or the work will not look smooth.

MRS. FRANK BEAL.

Woolen Ribbon Run Afghan

1st row .- Cast on sixteen stitches and knit

2nd row.—K. 8, o. n. 3 times, o., k. 2. 3rd row.—K. 9, o. n. 3 times, o., k. 2.



4th row.-K. 10, o. n. 3 times, o., k. 2. 5th row.—K. 11, o. n. 3 times, o., k. 2. 6th row.—K. 12, o. n. 3 times, o., k. 2. 7th row.—K. 13, o. n. 3 times, o., k. 2.

8th row - Bind off 6 sts. to make scallon. 2, and bind off 6 sts. to make scallop on the

opposite side.

Continue this until the strip is as long as desired. Join the strips by sewing the scallops, point to point, with same wool. The open spaces are for ribbon to be run

Edging for Top and Bottom

Cast on 10 stitches and knit plain.

1st row.—K. 2, o. n., 3 times, o., k. 2. 2nd row.—K. plain. 3rd row.—K. 3, o. n., 3 times, o., k. 2.

4th row.—K. 5, 0. 11., 5 times, 0., 3. 2.
4th row.—K. plain.
5th row.—K. 4, 0. 11., 0., k. 2.
6th row.—K. 5, 0. 11., 0., k. 2.
8th row.—Bind off 6 sts. to make the scallop and knit plain. MRS. DRENNAN.

For summer, use mercerized cotton thread. For winter use zephyr or any other woolen thread. No lining is necessary.

Motor Cap Hand-Knit with Two Needles

Split zephyr or Saxony wool may be used.
Cast 175 stitches on one large steel knitting needle, k. 1 row plain p. 1 row, repeat, working back and forth for 6 rows, then reverse, p. 1 row, k. 1 row, back and forth for 6 rows, this makes the melon-like rows or ridges, plain and purled, alternately. Continue to knit till the cap is large enough to cover the head.

Lace Edging for Cap

Cast eight stitches on the needle used for the

Cast eight stitches on the needle used to cap, using the same thread.

1st row.—K. plain.

2nd row.—K. 1, o. n. twice, o., k. 2.

3rd row.—K. plain.

4th row.—K. 1, o. n. twice, k. 1, o. k. 2.

5th row.—K. plain.

6th row.—K. 1, o. n. twice, k. 2, o. k. 2.



KNITTED MOTOR CAP.

Bind off 3 stitches to make the little scallop. Repeat from the first row.

Gather up each end of cap after it is completed and finish with rosettes and ribbon ends for MRS. DRENNAN.

Diagonal Edging

An easily and rapidly made edging which is especially pretty for underwear can be made as follows. Ch. 16.

1st row .- 1 d. c. in 3rd st., ch. 3, 1 d. c. in next 1st row.—1 d. c. in 3rd st., ch. 3, 1 d. c. in hert 3rd st., repeat, making 3 spaces, ch. 5, turn. • 2nd row.—1 s. c. in 1st sp., ch. 3, 1 s. c. in 2nd sp., ch. 3, 1 s. c. in 3rd sp., ch. 3, 1 d. c. on d. c., 1 d. c. under turning ch., ch. 3, turn. 3rd row.—1 d. c. on 2nd d. c., ch. 3, 1 d. c.

under ch., repeat from * turn.

4th row.—1 s. c., 3 d. c., 1 s. c. under each ch.,

2 d. c. on d. c., ch. 3, turn.

5th row.—1 d. c. on d. c., ch. 3, 1 d. c. on center double of fan, ch. 3, and 1 d. c. and each

fan., ch. 5, turn. 6th row.—Same as 2nd row. repeat till length is finished.

This is used as insertion and to add edge make as follows. First row exactly like first between doubles along the top edge.

Home Dressmaking Hints

Forecasts for Mid-Winter Fashions

By Geneva Gladding



Pattern Descriptions ALL PATTERNS 12c. EACH Unless Other Price Is Stated.

1860—A Pretty Dress for Mother's Girl. This yle is nice for wool, cloth or wash fabrics, he dress is made with plaits over back and

The dress is made with plaits over back and front.

Cut im four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. It requires two and three quarters yards of 44-inch material for a six-year size.

2006—Ladles' House Dress, with Reversible Closing, with or without chemisette, and with sleeve in wrist or elbow length. Seersucker, gingham, chambray, lawn, cashmere, flannelette, alpaca, brilliantine and percale are nice for this style.

Cut in seven sizes, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and

Cut in seven sizes, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires seven and one eighth-yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch

46 inches bust measure. It requires seven and one eighth-yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

2013—Ladies' Apron Dress. This model may serve as a house dress. It is comfortable and easy to develop, easy to wear and easy to launder. Cut in four sizes; 34, 38, 42 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires five yards of 36-inch material for a 34-inch size.

2132—Ladies' "Cover All" Apron. It is comfortable, has simple fullness and lovely, spacious pockets which are cut in one with a belt that holds the fullness of the garment.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. It requires four and seven eighths yards of 36-inch material for a medium size.

2176—A Simple Dress for School and Home Wear. This style is good for gingham, serge, cashmere, lawn, voile, batiste, organdy, rep, poplin, silk or percale.

Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. It requires one and three quarters yard of 27-inch material for the guimpe and three and one half yards for the dress, of 36-inch material for a 10-year size.

2186—Some New Things for the Baby. One size.

inch material for the guimpe and three and one half yards for the dress, of 36-inch material for a 10-year size.

2186—Some New Things for the Baby. One size. Infant's Set, consisting of a cap, a sack, a night gown and a dress. For the dress of flouncing, it will require one and three quarters yard of 36-inch material with one and one quarter yard of 36-inch material with one and one quarter yard of plain material for yoke and sleeves. Of nainsook or lawn 36-inches wide it will require two and one quarter yards. The gown will require two and one half yards of 24- or 27-inch material. The sack requires seven eighths yard of 27-inch material. The cap, one half yard of 18-inch material. 2250—A Natty Suit for the growing boy. Linen, galatea, gingham, cheviot, serge, mixed suiting, corduroy and velvet are nice for this model. The belt may be omitted or finished separately.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size eight requires three and one half yards of 44-inch material.

2260—A very Pretty Dress for Mother's Girl. One could use serge, rep, poplin or gabardine for this model. It is also nice for gingham and other wash fabrics.

Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight requires three and five eighths yards of 36-inch material.

2263—A Unique and Stylish Model. It is nice for satin, silk and velvet; likewise broadcloth, gabardine, velour, poplin and corduroy. The dress closes at the left side under the panel. For simplicity, chic and comfort, this style has much to recommend it.

Cut in three sizes: 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 18 requires five and one quarter yards of 44-inch material.

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Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 18 requires five and one quarter yards of 44-inch material.

2265—A Pretty Dress for Mother's Girl. Little dresses of this style are comfortable, practical and easy to develop.

Cut in four sizes; two, three, four and five years. Size four requires two and three quarters yards of 36-inch material.

2267—A Stylish Skirt Model. This style is fine for novelty suiting, serge, broadcloth, Jersey cloth, satin and corduroy. The pockets may be omitted. The model will make a fine sports skirt.

Cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 26 requires three and one eighth yards of 44-inch material.

2268—A Practical Model. This style has one good point, in that it covers the dress well, and is cut wide over the shoulders.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require four and one quarter yards of 36-inch material.

2269—A Good Dress for The Growing Girl. Brilliantine, plaid or checked suiting, gabardine, poplin, volle or serge, are nice for this style. The waist is made with Norfolk plaits, and is lengthened by a gathered skirt, in moyenage effect. The closing is effected with a shield, under the front. Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 10 will require three and one quarter yards of 44-inch material.

2270—A Simple Dress for Mother's Girl. This will make a good school dress. It is nice for gingham, galatea, linen, rep, poplin, serge, gabardine or mixed suiting.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size eight requires three and three eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2272—A Smart Frock for Mother's Girl. This will make a good school dress in plaid or checked suiting, in serge; gingham, galatea, croduroy or linen. The waist closes over a shield in front.

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-Chambray, gingham, lawa, percale, drill, linen and alpaca are nice for this style.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medlum, 36-38-7 large, 40-42; extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure.

Size medium will require two and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2283—Waist, 2282—Skirt. A Stylish Costume.

In navy blue serge with facings of gray or tan it will make a smart dress for calling or home wear. It is also nice for satin, velvet, broadcloth or velour.

The Waist Pattern is cut in seven sizes; 34,



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2289—A Simple Dress for Home or Work.
Linen, seersucker, crepe, gingham, chambray,
lawn, serge, cashmere, flannel, or drill are nice
for this model. The dress is a one-piece model,
with coat closing.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and
do inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and
one half yards of 44-inch material.

2291—A Stylish Skirt Model. Serge, gabardine,
satin, velvet, velour, volle, corduroy and other
seasonable m erials, are good for this model.
Cut in seven sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and
34 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires three
yards of 44-inch material.

2292—An Attractive Top Garment. This model
is good for cheviot, broadcloth, velour, vicuna,
zibeline, double-faced cloakings, corduroy, velvet
and pile fabrics, like plush or chinchilla. The
coat may be finished without the cape, and the
cape may be worn separately, the coat collar
serving as a collar for the cape.
Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years.
Size 10 requires five and one half yards of 44inch material.

2293—A New, Practical Design. The entire
apron is cut in one piece, the belt ends being
brought over the front from the back.
Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34 inches; medium,
36-38 inches; large, 40-42 inches; extra large, 4446 inches bust measure. Size medium requires
three and five eighths yards of 36-inch material.

2296—A Pretty Frock—Ladies' Dress, Satin
and lace will combline nicely in this model. It
is also good for serge with Georgette crepe for
trimming, lovely for cashmere, velour, velvet or
corduroy.
Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44
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Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and one quarter yards of 36-inch material for the dress and one and one half yard for the jumper.

2302—A Pretty Frock for Mother's Girf. This design in serge with white pique, or faille for the collar trimming, will make a smart dress for school or general wear. The model is also nice for taffeta, velvet or corduroy, for linen and other wash materials.

Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 requires four and three quarters yards of 36-inch material.

2304—Dress for Misses and Small Women. This styfe of garment is especially attractive for women of slender figure. The jumper or overblouse portions may be omitted. The skirt is a straight plaited model and is joined to the waist.

Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 requires four and three quarters yards of 44-inch material for the dress and one and three quarters yard for the jumper.

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In writing this department always sign your true|name and give your address. We print only flotitious names or initials, but we require true name and address for our own information so that we may answer by mail when, as often happens, we receive more letters-than can be answered in this column.

APPY New Year, my dears, and many of them and each one happier and better than the one before. Last year I promised not to pester you any more about making resolutions but, tell me, how many did you make this year? None! Well, aren't you the conceited bunch and do you wonder I scold? There is hope for the person who realizes his or her faults and makes an honest resolution to do befter but, honest, I'm thoroughly disgusted with the self-satisfied sort who think they are the personification of all that is good and proper, for they need a good mental housecleaning and a list of resolutions as long as the moral law—if you know how long that is. While you are finding out I'll answer some of your questions.

The first letter I unearth from the pile before me is from Brown Eyes, N. C., who wants to know if it is wise for a girl of thirty years to be too particular about whom she marries. Certainly she should be particular, even if she were twice thirty, and especially so when the man in question drinks, has a high temper and his worldly possessions consist only of a mule and buggy. I suppose though you'll suit yourself and if you marry him I hope you'll be happy, and that some kind Providence will watch over you.

Kansas Girl. Jana. Kansa—No dearie, you don't

Kansas Girl, Idana, Kans.—No dearie, you don't have to join a club in order to ask advice of me—it's free to any of the subscribers. I've been known to answer questions by mail (remember, postage is three cents now) when the case seemed to require immediate attention but I don't do it very often for I think the letters in the paper are lots more interesting and helpful.

helpful.

Lonley Girl, Welcome, Ky., wants "Cousant Marrion" to tell her what she thinks about "wriden in a
buggle with a good boy." Come close, lonley one and
let me whisper a secret in that pretty pink ear of
yours—didn't you ever hear of the companionship of
good books? Well, if you'll make friends with a few
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good books of lonley and you'll know a lot more
than you do now. I have a bunch though that you
are too young for such amusement as you mention.

Wild Rose Fossil Orson A you's sensible letter.

are too young for such amusement as you mention. Wild Rose, Fossil, Oregon. A very sensible letter and I'm going to answer it just as though you were my own wild rose daughter, and aren't wild roses just the sweetest things! Even if it is the custom for every high school girl to have a beau, and you are not considered up in society unless you do likewise, so, too, it is the custom when one sheep jumps over a fence for the rest of the flock to follow but who in the world wants to be a sheep? That's all right for people who haven't any originality of their own but I'm sure you have. You are only sixteen now and it seems that with your parents, your pretty country home and your studies you can get along very nicely for a few years without a beau. You needn't be a man hater, you know, but just good friends with all the boys and treat them all alike.

Lillie and Daisy, Tennessee.—Lillie, you are the one

Lillie and Daisy, Tennessee.—Lillie, you are the one to decide whether or not filthy lucre (in other words, money) means more to you than the love of this poor and uneducated boy, but in these days of high cost of living it is well to be sure of your love before you give that cruel Papa of yours a chance to disinherit you. If you were older than I think you are I might give you different advice. As for you, Miss Daisy, that bashful boy you write about is just plumb scared of you and if you propose to him, as you are thinking of doing, you'll sure frighten him to death. When he wants to propose to you he will. At any rate, wait till next leap year.

Discontented. Nebrasks.—Just because the young

Discontented, Nebraska.—Just because the young man's father ran away with another woman doesn't necessarily mean he will do the same and it is rather unfair of your father to say he will, particularly when he seems to be a good, honest sort and is liked by everyone. (2) Being engaged is no excuse for undue familiarity and don't for an instant allow it.

E. F., Lake City, S. Dak.—Personally I don't think there is any harm in your writing friendly letters to two of your soldier boy friends, when your mother reads and approves of the letters, but if your finance objects I suppose you had better stop. Would you object if he wrote to other girls? Can't you and he collaborate on the letters and then there will be no cause for trouble.

Troubled, Three Forks, Mont.—I wouldn't hurt your feelings for the world but maybe you are such a poor dancer that it requires a lot of courage and patience to dance with you. Can't you take a few private lessons? Boys, as a rule, like girls who don't expect a lot of sentimental mush all the time and with whom they can set perfectly natural and friendly.

Red Head, Duchesne, Utah—It is decidedly wrong for a girl of sixteen to marry anyone. As for marrying a widower with a two-year-old boy, that depends largely on the widower and yourself but wait until you are older before you decide.

on are older before you decrae.

Broken-hearted Girlie, McCaulley, Texas.—It would e-quite right to ask for an explanation—not an examation—but if he doesn't seem disposed to meet you alf way, don't eat humble pie too much. That's y advice, but suit yourself and then you can't blame

Little Girl, of Texas.—Maybe the young man was trying to win his way into your good graces by being nice to your sister—but I doubt it very much. See, take him back if you want to and run the risk of little sister taking him away from you again.

from Texas .- To the casual observer it

wait until he asked me to wear it.

Brown Eyes, Buckhannon, W. Va.—You are up against the same perplexity that many a woman has faced and I know of no infallible rule to help you. It often happens that of two suitors, the girl loves the one to whom her parents object. Sometimes she is right—sometimes they are. It dosen't necessarily follow that the rich one is the worst—nor is he always the best. All I can advise is for you to be fair with them and don't marry the one you do not love. Perhaps you shouldn't marry the other either—I am not sufficiently acquainted with his character.

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Anxious, Etowah, Tenn.—I don't think there is any set rule as to the age a girl should be allowed to go with a man. It all depends on the girl, the man and the parents. Personally I don't think it should be too early in a girl's life.

Puzzled, Kimball, Nebr.—If you are twenty years of age and the young man is respectable, I can't see why you shouldn't reply to his letters. I think it is more a question of whether you care enough for him to write to him.

Brown Eyes, Wakefield, Cal.—Have you a right to go walking with your beau on Sunday afternoon? Your parents say "no" and as you are only seventeen that would seem to settle the question for the time being.

swer will give 1918 a boost in the right direction for getting started right is what counts. And now good by until Valentine time. COUSIN MARION.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15.) would appreciate letters from all that will enclose LULA READT.

OREGON CITY, OREGON.

Dear Comfort Sistles:

I just can't resist the temptation to write. I've kept still just as long as possible. Comfort is a fine companion, especially when one is lore-some as I am. Glory! Mrs. V. M., don't you know that a man such as you have is an angel in disguise? I know of hundreds of women who would swap men with you if it were possible. Honestly, though, you should have stopped before you took the plunge if you realized you were doing wrong. Don't you think your husband wants love in his home life as well as you do? There are two sides to every phage of life. I was a trained nurse also before my marriage and my experiences seem to have helped to such a degree that during the three years of our marrial life my husband and I have never had a quarrel. Isn't that nne? It appears that to make the machinery of life rum without friction we must bear and forlear.

I fully agree with Etta Baker when she says that the temptations of city children are greater than are those of country children.

We have a squad of Oregon Guards guarding the government Locks and the girls, who by rights should be learning the arts of home and housewifery, are spending a lot of their time around the streets. Why can't homes be made attractive so that the girls feel free to invite their friends there instead of entertaining them on the streets? When will the mothers wake up? The soldier boys need true friends as well as we do.

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Sincerely, Mrs. S. F. Rosenbury.

Mrs. Rosenbury. You are quite right in your opinion and it is time that mothers awoke to the fact that home is the one and only place for their daughters to entertain their friends and if every mother could be made to feel that somewhere some mother is blessing her for opening her heart and home to her son and keeping him away from evil companions and temptations there would be more charity shown our soldier boys who surely need all the help and encouragement good women can give them.—Ed.

BILLINGS, 412 South 29th St., MONT.
MY DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
While looking over_an old paper a few days ago, I came across a poem written by Rudyard Kipling. It seemed to convey such a beautiful thought that I want to pass it along to others. I have been a reader of Comport for two years and shall continue to be as I enjoy it from cover to cover. Now for the poem:

If We Only Understood

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we would find it better,
Purer, than we judge we should,
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

"Could we judge all deeds by motive See the good and bad within, Often we would love the sinner. All the while we loathe the sin; Could we know the powers working To overthrow integrity -We should judge each other's errors. With more patient charity.

"If we knew the cares and trials, Knew the efforts all in vain, And the bitter disappointment, Understood the loss and gain— Would the grim, eternal roughness Seem, I wonder, just the same? Should we help where now we hind Should we pity where we blame? hinder? .

"Ah, we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grain of good,
And we'd love each other better,
If we only "understood."

Would like to correspond with any of the sisters who ever lived in Manchester, England.

MRS. J. A. SPURWAL.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

A little salt rubbed on the cups will take off tea stains.

Never rub lace curtains when washing. Always soak and sop out the dirt.

Salt moistened with-lemon juice will remove most stains from the hands.

Remove white spots from furniture by wetting a piece of flannel with turpentine and rubbing the spots hard.

Sait mixed with lemon juice will remove iron rust. Moisten spots with it and then hold over a dish of boiling water,

Salt thrown into the oven immediately after anything has been burned in it, will do much towards lessening the odor.

A round paint brush is very handy for dusting the corners of window sashes, or difficult corners. It is also good for dusting fine carving.

In placing a coat on a hanger the loop should be placed around the hook. This balances the coat on the frame. It should not be buttoned, as this causes wrinkles.

SMALLPOX.—Take sulphate of zinc one grain; fox glove one grain; one half teaspoon of water. Mix thoroughly and add four ounces of water. Take a teaspoon every hour. Smaller doses for a child, according to age.

WARTS.—A simple remedy is to rub Castor oil on the wart two or three times a day and at night wet with baking soda and vinegar. In a week the wart will begin to turn black and gradually disappear.

MRS. ROBERT KINCAID, Long Creek, Oregon.

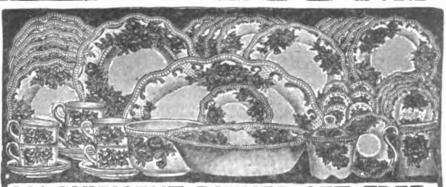
MRS. ROBERT KINCARD, Long trees, Oregon.

COUGH SYRUP.—Take sap from the black pine tree (the sap is between the outside bark and the wood) put in kettle with water and boil until the water is well colored, then drain the liquid off. To this add enough sugar to make a syrup and boil and boil till quite thick. Bottle and take in doses of one table spoonful five or six times a day, or more often if the cough is very bad.

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There, I've answered your questions the very best I know how and, wonder of wonders, I haven't fussed as much as usual either. Did you notice it? That's because my New Year's resolutions are taking effect. Here's hoping every are least stand this will be sufficient. After each dose, nothing is to be eaten for at least six hours.



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Requests

Would like to have some one send me the June number of "The Illustrated Companion."

Song containing the words, "Hurrah for old New England, and her cloud-capped granite hills."

M. B. L., Arizona.

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Mrs. Emery Chapel, Jenison, Mich., would like the October, 1916, number of Comfort. Will return favor.

Mrs. W. H. Clark, Quimby, R. R. 1, Mich. would like the March, 1911, number of Comfort. Will return other reading matter.

How the Portuguese put up what they call Toucinho, the fattest part of the hog, cut in blocks and put up in brine, but not as salty as salt pork. Also Chourico, which is a kind of sausage preserved in brine.

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stains from the hands.

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Mrs. Charles J. Skinner, Box 68, Plattekill, N. Y. Maurice Walker, Jellieo, Tenn. Mrs. J. C. Haywood, by an application of salt.

HIGHEST BRIDGE IN U. S.—The highest bridge over navigable waters is that over the Snake river in the state of Washington, 210 feet high. There is a bridge over Tunkhannock creek on the Delaware and Lackawanna railroad that is 240 feet high.

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Dimples, from Texas.—To the casual observer it would seem that if the young man loved you very much he would have written to you during the four months he was away but as a rule men don't like to make any rash statements. (2) Don't accept jewelry from a man unless you are engaged to him.

Anxious Brown Eyes, Okla.—Here's a girl who wants to wear a young man's ring and asks me how to get it. Sure, hit him on the head, or chloroform him if you want it done in moving picture style.

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The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16.)

"Ravenel," said a quiet voice in her ear, as some one took her hands away, "my dear child, what is the matter?"

It was Levallion, in a streaming mackintosh, his handsome face really old in his surprised concern. She would sooner it had been a mad dog.

"It's he, it's—" she caught her breath, steadied herself, "Captain Gordon! I've been in there, the nurse called me. Oh, I never saw any one in pain like that, or delirious! I couldn't stay."

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Levallion stripped off his wet coat and dropped it. How could any nurse be such a fool? He would settle with her presently. There were sights no-girl like Ravenel should see.

"You poor child!" he said softly. "No wonder you look queer. I'll go in and see him."

She caught his arm.

"No. no!" she cried frantically. "Don't go. He's off his head. He keeps calling for some woman, and it doesn't seem fair—oh, don't listen, Levallion! Take me away."

"Darling," Levallion was not given to endearments, but the word fell on deaf ears. He slipped his arm round her, furious that she should have been made so unhappy. His eyes, that were always bad to meet, blazed as he thought of that senseless fool of a nurse.

"Come away and rest. Here's Doctor Houghton; it will be all right now. And there's some one else come I've been to meet at the station." Some one else! And Houghton's step in the passage. Lady Levallion steadied herself with the courage that had never failed her. She even met Levallion's eyes.

"I'm silly, but it upset me," she said quite naturally. And above her voice came Adrian's loud one through the closed door, as he called her name. "Who else has come?"

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"Ravenel shivered, for Tommy's eyes were hard and stern on hers for all his careless voice. He had made sense enough of that reliterated cry that was Greek to Levallion.

"No, come on!" she answered hastily. "I was just speaking to the nurse. You come, too, Levallion. Doctor Houghton doesn't want you."

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which he did on a summons from Doctor Houghton.

Ravenel prepared for battle, and then felt wretched. Never in all her life had she really fought with Tommy.

"Look here," said he, and, to her surprise, quite coolly: "I suppose you can't help having Gordon in the house, but if I were you I wouldn't be found outside his own door looking like a sick cat."

"I couldn't help it," amgrily. "I was passing and the nurse came out. You needn't put on silly airs about it; nobody hates him worse than I do. And he hates me. He wasn't even civil that day he came."

"If I hated him, or anything else," dryly. "I'd keep my face straighter—before Levallion!"

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"I don't pine to talk about it," unpleasantly. "But other people than me have ears, and I heard fully well what Gordon was calling out," with ungrammatical force.

"Don't you ever dare to call me that!" she sprang up and caught his arm. "Listen to me. I tell you the girl Adrian called is dead—dead! Do you hear me?"

"R. I. P.," then!" said Tommy, with a curious catch in his voice. "Mind you, Ravenel, I'd sooner that was true than that you.

Lady Levallion forgot she was a countess.

"Shut up!" she said. "There's somebody coming, and you're making a fuss about nothing. I haven't any dark secrets, except that I was engaged to a man who—threw me over," quickly. "If you want to know, I hate him. There!"

"Then you'd better do it with less fuss," returned Sir Thomas in a casual tone of brotherly conversation, as the door opened on Levallion and Houghton.

"Do what?" the former asked idly, looking with a curious pride at the two handsome, flushed young faces.

"Argue," coelly. "Ravenel never will own she's wrong."

"A woman is never wrong, my good sir!" said

"You mustn't, you daren't think, here."
Dazed, she looked to see if Tommy had spoken; but Tommy was gaping silently at that long-lost ring. No one had opened their mouths. It was her own mind that had warned her.

In the sudden, causeless silence that had fallenon the room Levallion slipped the broken ring into his pocket.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE SIN OF SYLVIA ANNESLEY.

"My ring—it was my ring he wore all the time, with the stone turned inside his hand!"

Alone in her dressing-room, Ravenel's head

How to Prepare Furs for Market

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HE preparation of furs for market is almost as important as catching them. Even the most valuable skins may be ruined through ignorance or lack of attention to details.

Skinned as Clearer generally prefer the pelts skinned as Clearer generally prefer the pelts skinned as Clearer generally with the possible exception of the finer. Northern and Northeastern mink, all hides ought to be shipped fiesh side out and dried that way. Some buyers recommend the weasel dried and sent fur side out, so it will not be necessary to turn the pelt to ascertain if it is prime. When weasels are sent fur side out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along with other skins, it is best to wrap out along the skin of the fur does not differ the value, it has been my experience that appearance in skins offered for sale is frequently paid for in real money.

Use a sharp knife for skinning. Take long strokes so that the edges of the skin are not ragged. In "cased" pelts, start at the hind legs and work toward the crotch, loosening the hide Next, split open the tail as far as no sealed with the skin down to the ears, cut beneath and also around the eyes, then over the nose. The tails of the muskrat and opossum have no value so it is not necessary to skin them.

In giving these instructions, remember I am treating only the smaller animals. The lynx, bear, etc., must, if used for mounting purposes, be perfectly skins, employ steel stretchers or boards fashioned to fit. These should preferably be made of soft wood, the edges tapering and not sharp. If boards are employed the hides may be held in place with tacks or small nails. Be sure to remove all fat and fiesh. Unless this is done, the furs are liable to become "grease burned" skins. One way to avoid s

to her now. The work, whether her ladyship's or Adrian's, was done—and done thoroughly. And Levallion—she straightened herself as at a sudden wound—Levallion had been a friend of Sylvia's! But the thought passed as it had come, and left her ashamed. Levallion could have had nothing to do with Adrian's passing himself off for an unmarried man.

"Adrian lied to me and threw me overboard," she said to herself, "and Levallion picked me up out of the sea. That's all I dare remember mow out of the whole jumble. But I'll find out about the ring, anyhow. Even Levallion," clinging obstinately to that senseless trust in him that had grown up in her, "would not mind my knowing the truth—if Adrian can tell it." And, with that queer numbness in her that she did not know was despair, she went down-stairs to face the new world she had made for herself, which the sight of a battered ring had shattered in her very hands.

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"Argue," coelly. "Ravenel never will own she's wrong."
"A woman is never wrong, my good sir!" said Levallion piously. Ravenel, you'll be glad to hear Gordon's asleep."
"Oh," said Houghton, "that reminds me! I forgot to give you this, Lord Levallion. I fancy it is valuable, and it might be lost. I had to cut it off Captain Gordon's hand. I beg your pardon, Lady Levallion; I interrupted you!".
"I didn't speak," she said quietly, and she best knew where she got her composure. For Houghton was holding out to Levallion her own emerald-and-opal ring.

Bent, filed through, dulled by a fevered hand, she still could not mistake it. It was her very ring and no other, but how—a voice that sounded like a real voice was sudden, insistent, in her ears.

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But to get at the root of the matter was not so easy. There was Levallion, who had nearly aninilated Sister Elizabeth and forbidden her on pain of instant dismissal ever to allow Lady Levallion to behold horrors. And there was Tommy, dogged, cheerful and ubiquitous; his sister's aching impatience almost turned to hatred of Tommy, who drove and rode and talked with her—on indifferent subjects—till he nearly sent her frantic. And Adrian was her own mind that had warned her.

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Pale and big-eyed, Ravenel stood by the library window and stared out, so that her back was turned to the policing gaze of Sir Thomas. It was a fine day, but she never noticed. She twisted her ringless hands hard fogether that she might not turn round on Tommy and tell him, for Heaven's sake, to let her be for one half hour.

Levallion, coming in, spoke to her twice before she heard him.

"Yes," she turned guitely.

"Yes!" she turned guiltily, for of all the things that hurt her the most was the look on Levallion's face, where happiness and content seemed to have ironed out the sardonic lines. There was no guilty conscience at work in Levallion—and once she had thought Gordon a better man than he!

Alone in her dressing-room, Rayenel's nead whirled.

"But how did he get it, and why did he wear it after the way he treated me? I can't make the two things match."

All dressed for dinner, she stood looking at herself in the glass as being a ladylike and thoughtful occupation to be discovered in by Tommy or Levallion; and the silver-strewn luxury of her toilet-table suddenly reminded her of another table, in the one sumptuous room of a poverty-stricken house.

"Sylvia!" she gasped. "It must have been Sylvia."

A light flashed into her eyes that had not been there for many a day. Adrian was in the house, must get better, and the very first day he was fit she would have the whole story—his story—out of him. And then—

Lady Levallion, with a sudden numbness, a curdling of her young blood, dropped heavily into a chair. Not even God's own truth could matter



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The window was open, and to his lordship's nostrils came the dying aroma of his own tobacco, the while the pink and atrocious newspaper fluttered softly in the breeze.

"That gentleman requires occupation." In withdrawing his head Levallion bumped it, which did not allay his irritation. "I don't require my cook as an ornament in my private garden, nor his garbage papers on my lawn, and so I shall inform him. I wonder where the devil he's going! I'm certain he's got on my clothes."

Sir Thomas forgot he was Sherlock Holmes.
"Gorgeous, ain't he?" he observed rapturously.
"He can be as gorgeous as he likes—in the kitchen," Levallion drawled acidly. "Which reminds me, Ravenel; Houghton says there is no need to put off having people here any longer; Adrian won't mind a noisy house; he'll be quite recovered in a day or two. So I suppose we'd better ask some people for the pheasants—a house-party will be an excellent tonic for Monsieur Carrousel, and cheer up Adrian."

A house full of 'people! Ravenel's heart contracted. Farewell to all chance of speaking to Adrian then!

"Cowardly, cowardly custard!" remarked Sir Thomas, with more tact than elegance. "Ravenel is afraid of being a hostess, ain't you, my dear?" "I am. I'm ,terrified," snatching at anything that was true. "I don't want them much, Levallion!"

"I don't want 'em at all," returned his lord-ship dryly. "But, being over head and ears in debt for invitations to every soul I know, I don't see how we can avoid asking them. And Tommy and I can shoot all the pheasants ourselves."

"Thomas and the inestimable Mr. Jacobs"—who had killed two rats and broken three priceless to see in the business!—"will have to stay with us. Sad. isn't it?"

"You bet!" said Tommy cheerfully. "I'll help you birough, Ravenel. I like women; it's funny most women don't!" thoughtfully.

"Have I got to write the invitations?" her voice was curiously sullen, unguarded; for surely it was the very irony of fate that should make her summon a lot of people, under whose eyes she and Adrian would

Levallion chuckled, but his eyes were very sweet.

"You are not a beast of burden," he observed, in that slow, soft way of his. "I'll summon the heathem for next week, in your name. And I trust their requirements will occupy our cook—at least, what's left of him after I see him," looking with unabated annoyance at the scurrilous sheet the breeze had fluttered to the very window.

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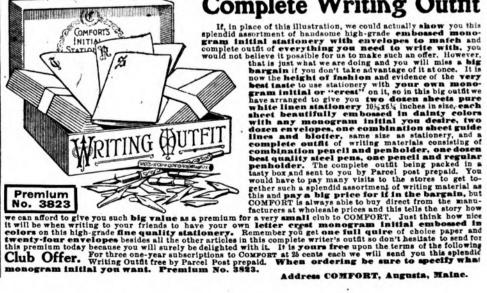
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Miss L. S., Pennsylvania—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a wife is entitled to be supported by her husband unless she abandoned him without good cause, or unless he leaves her for some good cause, except in cases where the wife has separate property sufficient to provide for her own support. We do not think the wife can compel her husband to live with her; we cannot advise you on the divorce question you submit, as it is against the policy of this paper to give advice on divorce matters.

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Mrs. R. S., North Dakota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a widow and one child, his property after payment of debts, and subject to homestead rights, would go in equal shares to the widow and child; we think the homestead would descend to the widow for life, or as long as she remains unmarried and occupies same, after which it descends as other property. We do not think that a wife has any interest in her husband's property during his lifetime, except that she is entitled to support from him unless she deserts him without just cause, or unless he leaves her for some good cause, or has separate property adequate for her own support; we think she can enforce this right either against him personally or against his property.

Mrs. J. H. C., Idaho. —We are of the opinion that

Mrs. J. H. C., Maho. —We are of the opinion that the length of time in which the rights of an heir at law to an estate, would outlaw in South Dakota would depend upon the nature of the property and upon just what was done in the estate, since the decedent's death.

Mrs. T. H., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a husband can be compelled to support his wife, unless she abandons him without just cause; we think that in order to enforce the claim for support it would be necessary to bring a support proceeding or action in the proper court.

support proceeding or action in the proper court.

Mrs. B. M. C., Florida.—We think that all the just claims against a decedent's estate must be paid before any distribution of shares to the next of kin or heirs at law; we think the claims for nursing and care of the woman who died would be a claim against her estate, which would include any and all of her separate property and her interest in her deceased husband's estate whether same had been divided or not; we think that in the absence of a will appointing an executor, the court will appoint an administrator upon the proper application of some party in interest. We think this application should be in the form of a petition setting up all the material facts and should be verified. We think it would be necessary to have some one with a legal knowledge to prepare this petition and make this application; we think the amount of a provable claim for care and nursing against a decedent's estate would depend upon special circumstances in each particular case.

Mrs. R. L. R., Texas.—Under the laws of your

in each particular case.

Mrs. R. L. R., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the husband may sell and dispose of his own separate property, or the community property of the husband and wife, without the signature or consent of the wife, except homestead

Mrs. M. S., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon default in the payment of a mortgage, such payment can be enforced through foreclosure and sale of the mortgaged premises and that if same is not sufficient to pay the whole amount of the debt, the payment of the deficiency can be enforced against other property belonging to the mortgagor.

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Y. A. D., Virginia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving husband and children, her husband would be entitled to receive all her personal property after payment of debts, and curtesy of a life use of her real estate, the balance going in equal shares to her children; we do not think the law can bar her husband's right to curtesy by will in case there were children born to the marriage. We think that during her lifetime she is entitled to the use and control of her own separate property.

Mrs. B. E. D., Idaho.—Under the laws of your

use and control of her own separate property.

Mrs. B. E. D., Idaho.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, his surviving widow is entitled to one half of the community property, and the other half is subject to his testamentary disposition in favor only of children or a parent and only one half to the latter. In absence of this, we think, the whole of #the community property descends to the surviving widow. We think the separate property of the husband, in absence of a will; if there be more than one child, would go one third to the widow and two thirds to the children in equal shares; we think the widow would be entitled to administer the estate, but that any person in interest could compel her to account after the termination of a proper period of time for administration; we think the children's interest in the case you submit would depend upon whether the property left was community property or the separate property of the husband. We think children can be disinherited by will, in case it appears in the will that such disinheriting is intentional.

Mrs. N. F., Georgia.—We think that if the treat-

ment of the child you mention, by the teacher, amounts to cruelty, such tracher could be prosecuted through some local magistrate or Justice of the Peace. We think, however, that if the punishment inflicted by the teacher was simply severe enough to discipline the child, you will receive scant attention in any court proceeding against the teacher.

mrs. J. F. B., Wyoming.—We think the liability of the company which insured your father's life would depend entirely upon the proof of his death. We do not think that seven years' absence is proof of death; we think it is simply a presumption of death and that the company's liability would depend upon something more substantial than this presumption. We think that the circumstances and incidents in connection with your father's disappearance might be important evidence in any action brought to substantiate his death and to collect upon his insurance policy.

H. J. S. Lower-We think persons of illegitimate.

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H. J. S., Iowa.—We think persons of illegitimate birth legally take their mother's name, but that in case such illegitimate has always borne the father's name, we do not think his widow or children could be punished for continuing to do so; we do not think illegitimate children have any rights of inheritance from their father's estate, unless some provision is made for them by will; we think the remainder interest of a trust created by will, would, upon the death of the life tenant, go to the person or persons named in the will to receive such remainder interest, if none such to the person or persons entitled to receive the next eventual estate.

Mrs. B. E., Colorado.— Under the laws of your state.

mal estate.

Mrs. B. E., Colorado. — Under the laws of your state re are of the opinion that a married woman may transect business the same as if single; may dispose of the personal or real estate without her husband's concent, and that her separate property acquired by her, or left to her by devise or bequest of any person except ter husband, is not bound for her husband's debts.

Mrs. M. H., So. Burgettstown, Pa.—If, as we understand your statements, the mine boss sent your husband in a dangerous place to work against his protest, and if he was not guilty of negligence in any way in connection with his accident, we think he would have been entitled to receive either compensation or a sum

of money for such damages as he suffered by reason of such accident, unless he has released the company in the document you state he signed. We cannot, of course, form any opinion as to this without knowing the contents of this document. Of course, this might be set aside in the proper action brought for the purpose in case jt was procured from him by fraud or in some other illegal method. We think you should take this matter up with some local authority who could go in greater detail with you.

E. G. N., Renovo, Pa.—We think that if you made a contract to sell your property with the improvements thereon, such sale would carry all improvements affixed to the freehold, and if your bathroom fixtures are installed in the usual manner, we think the purchaser would be entitled to receive same with the property.

Miss H. P. L., Georgia.—Under the laws of your

stailed in the usual manner, we think the purchaser would be entitled to receive same with the property.

Miss H. P. L., Georgia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, first; that the railroad company in a proper proceeding can condemn the right of way over private property in the proper proceeding brought for that purpose. We think the usual method would be to endeavor to buy the right of way from the owner at a private sale, and in case this could not be effected, the railroad company would then proceed to condemn the property in a court proceeding and that the amount of the owner's damages would be fixed in this proceeding. We think that the nature of the land condemned, the proximity to the buildings or the destruction of the buildings for swing purposes, would be elements of damages, and that the owner would be entitled to a just recompense therefor. We do not, however, think that an owner can compel the railroad company to build around his property or cross the same as he sees fit, provided, of course, the railroad company is not willing to do so. Second: We think that if the man who was to arrange the music to the song you mention, refuses to perform his part of the contract, you should bring action against him to compel him to, do so.

Comfort's League of Cousins

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able to work. Mother does laundry work for their joint support. Well recommended. Send them some assistance. James Allen, South Solon, R. R. 2, Ohio. Cripple. Unable to work. Has three small children. Give them a boost. Cawrie Hall, Strieby, N. C. Little crippled girl. Parents very poor. Would appreciate second-hand clothing and any assistance you feel disposed to send. L. D. Helton, Solo, Ark. Invalid. Has spinal trouble. Unable to work. Would appreciate second-hand clothing and any financial assistance you care to send. Mrs. N. C. Oldham, Samville, Va. Invalid. Has three small children to support. Send her some cheer. James Gilliam, Klondike, Tenn. Helpless cripple for 40 years. No means of support. Very sad and worthy case. Send him a greenback shower. Claude Shifflet, Richmond, R. R. 3, Ky. Crippled boy. Send him a word of cheer. J. W. Bennett, Jr., Northville, N. Y. Helpless invalid. No means of support. Well recommended. Send him a dime shower. James C. Shirah, Mineral Wells, Texas. Shut-in. Would appreciate cheery letters and cards. S. Tucker, R. R. 6, Box 46, Fayette, Ala. Cripple unable to work. Depends on charity for support. Send him a dime shower.

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nd angle.

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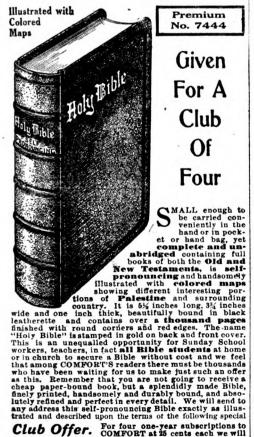






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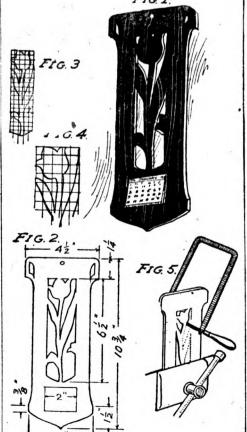
ISH you all a happy new year, and may it bring the end of this dreadful war which has dewastated Europe and is now extending its scourge over the greater part of the civilized world. Peace with victory within the year, let us hope, but it must not be a German peace. Rather must we fight on and endure any sacrifice in order to overthrow those despotic powers that have joined forces in a wicked attempt to conquer and enslave the rest of humanity.

This game and device is my own invention. It resembles bowling but is scored by innings like baseball. When pin No. 1 is knocked, it equals a base hit, No. 2, a two-bagger and so on. When all the pins are down, or when one clean miss is made the side is out. The greatest number of runs that can be made in a half inning is four. Before beginning actual work, study the drawings until you understand every point of construction. Fig. 3 is a top plan view, and Fig. 4 is a side view. Making the outside, shallow box is the first simple operation. It is made of one-inch pine boards, nailed to two by two corner braces. The bottom, or floor, may be one half-in h stuff, like that used for grocery boxes. Short pieces nailed crosswise will do. The center, or enclosed runway, is then made also out of pine boards. The top of run, or alley, is padded with despotic powers that have joined forces in a wicked attempt to conquer and enslave the rest of humanity.

The triumph of Germany and her allies, which include the unspeakable Turks, would mean the establishment of tyranny in place of liberty the world over, right and justice crushed by might, treachery and cruelty rewarded as virtues, and the moral standards of humanity degraded to the level of the dark ages.

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What might the man who raises and lowers the windows in a bank be called? The draft-clerk.

Good by for this time, but watch for our big Liberty number in February which will tell a lot of interesting things that every boy should know, UNCLE JOHN.

Cross Currents

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him to hold with some degree of acceptability, was through with her—wished to set her aside to me e room for a fluttering and rather silly woman far past her first youth.

Well, and why not? If her husband wished to slide over a precipice, was it her duty to hold him back? By letting him go, headlong to destruction, she could achieve her own happiness. And her garments would be clean! After it was all over, she and Waverley could marry and no one need ever to know.

She rose unsteadily. "I will think this over, Bentley," she said. "Of course I want you to be happy. Perhaps it can be arranged as you wish."

"Marcia! I knew you would understand. I told Lucy so. You are good!"

It was with difficulty that she kept her feet to a sedate tread until the door closed at her back. Then she raced up the stairs and into her room and having locked the door, she leaped to the telephone. She must see Saxon Waverley without delay.

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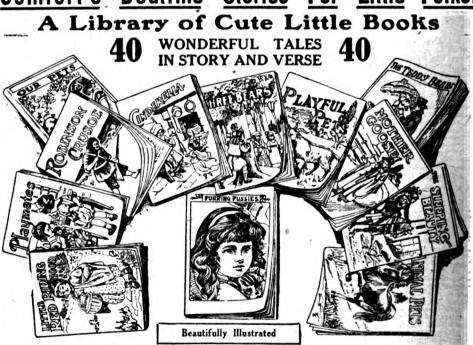
What does Marcia say to Waverley? What has he written her in the yet unopened letter in her hand? Read it in February COMFORT which will also tell how the sparks flew at the clash of flint and steel when Miss Canfield called on Marcia to "talk things over."

Fencing a Continent

The State of South Australia has, since 1891, erected 29,148 miles of "vermin fences," enough to encircle the globe and with the remnant build a double line of fence along the Southern border of the United States. When contracts now running are completed the mileage will be much increased. New South Wales has expended more than \$27,000,000 for rabbit extermination and has within its borders 98,000 miles of fence. One of West Australia's fences extends entirely across the continent.

Of late years the rabbit has been repaying in part for his keep—paying board as it were. He goes to swell the total of food exports from the Commonwealth. Along the country roads rabbits may be seen hung on the fences, awaiting the passage of the rabbit carts which convey them to the packing houses, to be prepared for shipment as frozen meat and hides. Practically all are exported, and during 1913 frozen rabbit and hare to the value of \$1,400,000 and skins to the value of \$3,000,000 were sent from Commonwealth ports.—National Geographic Magazine.

canvas. Between the raised central part just described and the outer fenced-like enclosure, inclined boards like "x" "y" are fitted to cause the marble or ball to roll back to the starting end. Fig. 8 is a life-like picture of the paddle used. Fig. 5 shows the size and how they are mounted. "R" is a bolt which passes through the holes in the tin clip "e." Fig. 2 shows the lever device by means of which the pins are set up. When the lever "l" is pulled the strip "b" pushes back "f" against the base of the pins and they are raised. When the pins are upright, press forward on "L" to raise "F" out of the way so that the pins can fall when struck. All of this work should be neatly done. In bowling, the runway is presumed to be perfectly level. Comfort's Bedtime Stories For Little Folks!



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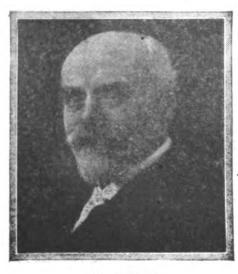
Besides, they may upset the digestion, disturb the secretions and thereby do far more harm than good, and that Health Officials and Physicians everywhere should caution the public against accepting these inferior products.

The widespread publication of this information has been suggested by Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital, New York and the West-chester County Hospital, Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author,



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Dr. H B. Vail, formerly Physician in the Baltimore Hospital and a Medical Examiner and others, so that the public may be informed on this subject and protected from the use of metallic iron under the delusion that it is Nuxated Iron, or at least something as good as Nuxated Iron. In regard to the value of Nuxated Iron Dr. Sullivan says: "In my talks to physicians I have strongly emphasized the great necessity of their making blood examinations, of their weak, anaemic, run-down patients. Thousands of persons go on suffering year after year, doctoring themselves for all kinds of ills, when the real and true cause underlying their condition is simply a lack of underlying their condition is simply a lack of



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AREFUL investigation by physicians among druggists and patients has revealed the fact that there are thousands of people taking iron who do not distinguish between organic iron and metallic iron and that such persons often fail to obtain the vital energy, strength and endurance which they seek, simply because they have taken the wrong form of iron. They seem to think iron is iron on the same theory that a potato would be a potato whether cooked or raw, entirely ignoring the fact that the cooking process makes certain important cellular changes in the potato that renders it far more easy of assimilation by the blood and tissues. No one would hardly expect to derive the same strength from eating raw potatoes that he would from eating cooked potatoes, yet according to the opinions of physicians who have made careful study of the subject, taking raw, unprepared, metallic iron is a good deal like eating raw potatoes.

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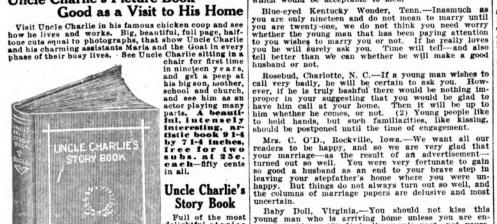


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In order to meet the demand for information made by COMFORT subscribers on the kindred subjects of Etiquette and Personal Appearance, this column will be devoted to them, and all questions will be answered, but no inquirer shall ask more than two questions each month. We would suggest to readers to cut this column out and paste it in a scrap book. Address letters to Etiquette Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Mains.

Oregon Wild Rose, Stayton, Oregon.—Write a simple friendly note to your boy friend offering your congratulations and good wishes upon his completion of his course. Avoid any set or stilted phrases; remember that you are writing to a friend, and say simply what you feel and think in the same manner that you wrote your well-expressed letter to this column.

Alabama Girl, Corona, Ala.—It is the gentleman's part to offer his arm to the lady when occasion demands. (2) It is perfectly possible for you to ask this boy to call, and to say that you would be glad to see him at your home—but we think that if he wants to come very bad that he will find some way of making his wish known.

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Brown Eyes, Quakertown, Pa.—We certainly think that you should refuse to continue to receive the attentions of a young man who has started to drink during the past year, and whom you have seen overcome with liquor. To go on further with the affair would only make sorrow and trouble for yourself. We cannot imagine your mother advising you to still receive serious attention from this man if she really knows of the true facts in the case. There is generally no more unhappy wife than the one who marries a man expecting to reform him. Exceptions occur, but they are does not get drunk.

Worried Jane, Anthon, Ia.—We think, even though

does not get drunk.

Worried Jane, Anthon, Ia.—We think, even though your parents permit it, that fifteen is too young an age for a girl to be going to and from an evening's amusement with a young man—and unchaperoned too. (2) It is sufficient to say: "Thank you, it's very kind of you to offer to go home with me," when a young man pays you this courtesy. When he leaves you at your door, thank him for the pleasant evening you have had.

June, Pomona, Ill.—Most assuredly it is proper and necessary that a young man should speak to a girl's parents regarding his desire to marry her. (2) The engagement ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand.

hand.

Dorothy, Brooklyn, N. Y.—When a girl of fifteen is introduced to a man considerably older than herself it is sufficient for her to bow and smile pleasantly while shaking hands. The man will undoubtedly have something to say if you give him the opportunity to say it first. (2) The young man you write about is only one more of the type who only wishes to go about with girls that he can hug and kiss. You were quite right to speak to him as you did, and also in your belief that kissing should only come after an engagement. If he does not speak to you now you are well rid of a man of his sort, and he will be able to find a girl of his liking.

Lowaka, Oregon.—It is permissible to remain talking

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Iowaka, Oregon.—It is permissible to remain talking for a few minutes at the gate or doorway of your home with the young man that has escorted you back from some place of amusement; but we would not remain longer than a few minutes—and if it were very late we would not lengthen in any way the farewell. (2) Yes, you may accept a box of candy from the second young man.

man.

Aloha, Parkersburg, Oregon.—No, Aloha, "ragging" is not a proper way to dance—even if you are one of the "belis" of your village. (2) We could not say without seeing you what would be the most becoming way te wear the hair, but at a guess we would say to fix it in the same way that has made you a "bell."

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Hazel Eyes, McAlester, Okla.—You say that your mother is too strict with you, and then you go on and say that you are corresponding with a boy that you have never seen. Your mother is quite right, Hazel Eyes, to object to any such conduct on your part. And life must be very dull and strange in McAlester it writing letters to this unknown boy is "the only pleasure" you have. You have asked our advice, and we have given it, and some day you will realize yourself how right your mother was, and be willing to thank her-for her kind strictness.

Tulio. Jackson. Miss.—If the young man you are

Tulip, Jackson, Miss.—If the young man you are engaged to is the right kind of a young man—and we are very sure that he is,—we think that he would like nothing so well as something you had made for him with your own hands.

him with your own hands.

Society Seeker, Wardville, Okla.—Your description seemed attractive, and we are sure there are many charming girls in Oklahoma. (2) It is perfectly allowable, and also good common sense, to ask again the name of a person to whom you have been introduced and whose name you have failed to catch.

R. O. H., Holdenville, Okla.—You may send the soldier boy with whom you are corresponding some small gift—preferably an article which you have made yourself. Initial handkerchief, a knitted muffler or a crocheted necktie are all appropriate hand-made gifts which would be acceptable to men.

Blue-eyed Kentucky Wonder, Tenn.—Inasmuch as you are only nineteen and do not mean to marry until you are twenty-one, we do not think you need worry whether the young man that has been paying attention to you wishes to marry you or not. If he really loves you he will surely ask you. Time will tell—and also tell better than we can whether he will make a good husband or not.

Baby Doll, Virginia.—You should not kiss this young man who is arriving home unless you are engaged to him. (2) It is the man's part, not yours, to make gifts. If you give him anything, it must be some very simple, inexpensive article—preferably of your own handiwork. When you are engaged it will be a different matter.

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P. E. T., Ohio, Ill.—It is sufficient to say to a young man who has taken you to some evening affair: "It was kind of you to take me; I have had a very good time." Or you can make it stronger if you like. (2) Shake hands with the couple who have been just married and say: "I know you are going to be very happy," or to the couple you meet sometime after the ceremony you might say: "I want to congratulate you both very much. I am sure you are very happy." And always say it as if you meant it.

Curlyfiead, Malden, Mo.—You are the best judge as to how much this young man resembles his father, or is liable to follow in his footsteps. But remember when you marry a man you to a certain extent marry his familly, and will be connected with it. Think the thing over carefully, and have good advice before you decide.

Brown Eyes, Brooklyn, Miss.—The girl should al-ways enter her own home ahead of the young man who is with her.

Peggy, North Manchester, Ind.—We would be careful of any intimacy with or too many presents from a divorced man of forty-three. (2) If the two young men you write about insist upon following you against your wishes, speak to your parents regarding the matter. A father is an useful affair in such cases.

Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10.) "Yes; but it is empty," Raymond returned,

"Yes; but 'tt is empty," Raymond returmed, laughing.

"Oh! Is that all?" she asked, blushing and laughing, too, as she remembered.

Then she added:
"But I do not need any money, since you and Lady Prescott give me everything."
"You know that you are expected to learn a great deal, now that you have come to live with us, and, among other things, you must begin to learn how to spend money judiciously."

He spoke gravely, yet there was a spark of mischief in his eyes.

Sibyl did not reply, though she looked a triffe disturbed at his reasoning.
"Sibyl, will you let me put some money into your purse?" he asked, studying the fair, downcast face.

She hesitated a moment; then, with a visible effort, she held it out for him, open.
"A little, if you wish. I do not think I shall mind it quite so much today as I did then," she said, as a sort of apology for her former rejection.

He took a handful of coins from his pocket and dropped in, one at a time, two gold pieces and several pieces of silver, until she suddeally stopped him by shutting the purse, and, with a very red face, saying there was enough.
"When that is gone, come and tell me; will you, little one?"
She looked up at him, her expressive face telling him that she would not like to do that; and, in her heart, she knew that she never could ask him for money.
"Will you, Sibyl?" he persisted, determined to have her promise.
She thought a moment, and then replied, in low, rather uncertain tones:
"Yes—sir."

And yet she knew the time would never come, for she had resolved to keep those golden coins as long as she should live.

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They were the first she had ever possessed, He had given them to her, and they would always seem like some sacred treasure to her.

"And now there is one other little matter to be settled. Are you always going to address me as if I were an old man?"

"What shall I say, sir—I mean Mr. ——" and she stopped in confusion.

"You are to be like a little sister to me after this, and I would like you to call me Raymond, or lay, for short. Will you?"

"I'm afraid I—can't."

"Why not?"

"Because I am so young, and you are so old," was the naive reply.

Raymond's laugh rang out clearly and musically.

"Thank you, little princess, for your kindness; but did you never know any little girls who had 'old' brothers?"

"No, sir."

"Well, then, what will you call me? I won't have that horrid formal 'sir'," he said, impatient

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"Lady Prescott told me to call her 'auntie.' Perhaps you will let me call you 'Cousin Ray,' 's she said, sweetly, after a few moments of puzzled thought.

"Yes, little one, if that will suit you any better," was the laughing response.

And thus Sibyl, the little wayside waif, was taken into their hearts and made one of them.

Sir Athelstone Prescott welcomed the return of his wife and son with much rejoicing.

The former had improved wonderfully in health and strength, and, now that she had a new object in life, she seemed to take a fresh interest in everything about her.

As to her intentions and desires regarding Sibyl's future, Sir Athelstone told her, even as Raymond had predicted, "that she should do with the child just as her kind heart dictated."

"Then, from this day she shall be called Sibyl Prescott, and be reared as we would rear our own daughter." she said.

"As you will. The child certainly is one of great promise."

"I thought at first," his wife continued, that, for mere humanity's sake, I would only take her away from that dreadful place, and put her in some school, where she could get the education she so much desired," but the dear child is so sweet, bright and lovable, that I cannot bear to part with her now."

"Then, you shall keep her, my love," Sir Athelstone replied, smiling fondly upon her.

"You know, Athel," she went on, a little bit of pain creeping into her eyes, "that I have always wanted a daughter so much, and Sibyl is so beautiful and spirited, as well as good, that I feel she will be very companionable, and help make our home very bright while Ray is away."

"I am very glad, dear, that you have chosen to do this thing; the object and occupation are just what you need, my wife," returned her husband.

"I feel better about adopting her since discovering about that jewel. I think she must belong to some high family."

"It seems so to me, both from her own appearance and her remembrance concerning the jewel. But, Annie," he added, "if such should be the case her parents may discover

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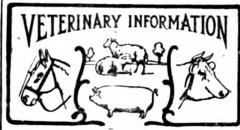
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I am writing to you for advice. I lost a sixyear old cow a few days ago, that was fat enough for beef. The cow was with the other cattle in a mountain country. The feed for the last three months was brush, such as birch Azel, black oak and other small brush. The cow was sick three days. She began to pant hard as though she had run a long distance and then for a second or two she would grunt loud and then pant again and she did this until she died. Before she died she acted as though she was choking. After she died I opened her and found her lungs twice as large as the normal size. I think they weighed over 60 pounds and they were spotted light pink and dark spots. I took a piece in my hand and squeezed it and it seemed to be soft and foamy. The liver was very large and the gall was large and had about one gallon of green liquid; her kidneys seemed to be all right. The food in her stomach was hard almost like wood. When I first noticed the cow was sick I gave her one quarter of a pound of Epsom salts and one pint bottle full of olive oil and then I gave her two or three times, camomile tea but it did not help her any. Her bowels moved the first day but not after that. She passed urine all right. Please let me know what was the matter with the cow and if there is any cure for the same. One of COMPORT's old subscribers.

A.—The symptoms indicate broncho-pneumonia but we think it quite likely that the cow had a simpler trouble at first and that the fatal condition was caused by the medicine you gave her flowing into the lungs at time of administration. It is an easy matter to kill a cow in that way. We suspect that the sickness at first was a stoppage of the bowels, caused by so much dry forage and oak leaves which are constipating or even poisonous.

Sick Calef.—I would like information regarding a seven-months old steer calf. He bleeds at the nose

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Sick Calf.—I would like information regarding a seven-months old steer calf. He bleeds at the nose and slobbers nearly all the time; breathes hard and wants to eat but can't get his mouth open. S. D. A.—It is likely that ulcers will be found upon the lining membrane of the mouth and throat, the disease being necrotic stomatitis which used to be called Calf Diphtheria and which is contagious and commonly fatal. Treatment consists in scraping each ulcer clean, swabbing with tincture of iodine a few times and then twice daily applying a two per cent solution of permanganate of potash.

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WOUND.—I have a two-year old colt that was cut about five months ago by barbed wire on the inside of the hock. It is straight to the bone. One side healed apparently all right; on the other side proud flesh appeared. He walks all right, but limps when he trots.

O. M.

A.—Apply a mixture of equal quantities of finely powdered sulphate of copper, burnt alum twice daily until the growth is cut down level; then apply oxide of zinc ointment daily. Such wounds, in the location described, do not well respond to treatment.

PARALYSIS.—I want to know what was the matter with my sow and what should have been done for her. She became weak in her hind parts last spring, while being fed on corn, but when turned out to pasture seemed better, then she got so she could not walk. I gave arsenic and turpentine for kidney worms. When examined, after she died, I found her liver full of boils, her gall as large as a man's fist and her bladder as large as a quart measure and no kidney worms present. I am a subscriber to COMPORT and think it is a good paper.

A.—Kidney worms do not cause parslysis of the hind quarters in swine, common belief to the contrary. The condition often is due to constipation sfrom stuffing with corn and allowing too little exercise. If taken in time such cases are remedied by physicking with Epsom saits and then feeding slop containing raw linseed oil. The sow in question had tuberculosis as shown by the diseased condition of the liver. Parasitic disease of the liver also may cause a similar condition. Such troubles are incurable.

NOSEBLEED.—I have a Poland China sow, eight months old, that takes spells bleeding at the nose from the right side. She eats but little at such time. It makes her sick. She also has a cough.

A.—As the bleeding causes cough and sickness it probably comes from the lungs, but it may come from a growth-in the nostril. Treatment will not be likely to help so

berculosis, is found present.

Cowrox.—Can you tell me what alls my cows?
They have wax-like sores on their teats. The teats will be smooth then fill full with scabs. I bought a cow last spring that had scabs on her teats. Is it carried on milker's hands?

A.—Isolate and milk last cows so affected or have them milked by one who does not go near the other cows. Twice daily bathe the teats with a warm saturated solution of boric acid or immerse them in the solution for a few seconds. Then apply glycerite of tannin to the sores as often as found necessary. If any sore proves obstinate, apply strong iodine ointment twice-daily.

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Sore—I have a horse four years old that was hurt on the hip when a colt. It healed but the hair does not grow over the sear. Can you give me advice?

F. A. S.

A.— Hair cannot be made to grow where the hair roots have been destroyed. Wet the wound several times a day with "White Lotion," composed of one ounce of sugar of lead and six drams of sulphate of zinc in a pint of soft water. Label the bottle "poison" and shake it well before use.

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FISTULA.—I have a mare that has had a sore on her shoulder for two months. It runs all the time. It was caused from a flat saddle.

A.—It would be best to have a qualified veterinarian operate by laying open each pocket and pipe to secure for drainage for pus and to remove all dead or diseased tissue. He should then swab the wound with tincture of iodine. Afterward it may be packed daily with oakum saturated with a mixture of equal quantities of turpentine and raw linseed oil. If you cannot employ a veterinarian treat the case with a proprietary fistula cure used according to directions given by the manufacturer.

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WART.—I have a seven-months old colt that has a wart on his front shoulder, about the size of a small walnut. It appears to be sore and is red the most of the time. It forms a scab, but rubs off easily and becomes sore. What can I do to remove it?

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A.—You should have the wart dissected, but by a veterinarian, then treat as a common wound until healed. If you cannot have this done smear lard on the sound skin and twice a week apply nitric acid to the wart with a flat stick.

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LAMINESS.—I have a six-rear-old horse that I drive.

There is a knot on one of his fore legs on the outside just below the knee. After he has stood all night he is lame in that leg. The knot is not quite as large as the end of your thumb and seems to be grown on the bone and very hard.

A.—A small splint is present but it may not be the cause of the lameness. Splint lameness is not present at starting a trip but comes on and aggravates with exercise. If you cannot find another cause of lameness blister the splint once a month with a mixture of one dram of biniodide of mercury and one ounce of lard.

Firs.—Please tell me what is the matter with my dog. He takes spells of running and stretching. His eyes turn red about three days before he is sick, which lasts twelve hours.

A.--Give the dog a dose of Epsom salts once a week in water, one small meal each evening and make him live an outdoor life so far as that is possible. Get him into muscular condition instead of having him fat. If the trouble then persists give him worm medicine to be bought ready for use at the drug store.

The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20.)

Sir Thomas, seeing Levallion in possession, had retired on business of his own; and Levallion laid his fine hand, that, if it were not young, was still beautiful, on his wife's bronze head.

"You're not really afraid of your party, are you?" he said with a tenderness that sat oddly on him. "For you know it is I who should be that.' If I were wise I'd shut you up alone with me, and save trouble. You're too good-looking, little mouse, for women not to hate you, and men"—he shrugged his shoulders—"and you're only my battered old bones between you and a somewhat overrated civilization." There was something wistful in his voice, despite it's cynicism, and it hurt her.

"Don't speak like that!" she cried sharply, passionately. "It wasn't that I meant. Only that I'm eighteen and an ignorant fool. How do I know how to entertain people? Suppose I disgrace vou!"

He laughed, still stroking her hair; and the laugh had the ring of Adrian's, and hurt her.

"I will frown at vou when I see you eating with your knife. Dearest, I wish you would do a little now in the hostessing way, if you don't mi d! Go and see Adrian; he's up. and it does. I't seem kind not to take any notice of him. Would you go? I know you hate illness, but he really does not look very dreadful. And would you give him this?" drawing something from his pocket. "I dare say he would rather you knew of his love-tokens than I." smilling.

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"He will think it odd if you never go near him, I fancy. But just as you like!" and his hand with the ring in it moved toward his pocket.

"I'll go," she said quickly, involuntarily; for after all she was not brave enough to let the knowledge she longed for go by forever. She dared not look at Levallion's face, lest she should forget herself and pour out the whole reason of her reluctance to be sent—by him—to Adrian. An appropriate and delightful confidence it would be, too, for her husband's ears. But if she did tell he would not hear her; he had no opinion of confessions. Had he not said once that "he wanted to know nothing about her that he did not know already—nothing!"

She held out her hand for the emerald ring.

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"Come in," he said impatiently, wishing Sister Ellizabeth and her messes elsewhere.

But it was not Sister Ellizabeth.

Gordon jumped up and sat down again, furious at finding how weak he was, and how his heart jumped at the sight of her face.

For Ravenel stood in the doorway; and yet not Ravenel, but Lady Levallion. His eyes went over her, losing not a point of the dainty, artificial look she had in her fine clothes.

Her bronze hair she had been used to twist carelessly was dressed exquisitely, in the rippling smooth yet fluffed outlines that were the fashion; her gown, that had been cotton, was finest white serge now, and the fron-frou of its silk lining reached him as she closed the door behind her; her little feet—but he could not look at those little feet. Truly, she had done well to leave him for Levallion; he could never have given her shoes with silver buckles like those!

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"This is extremely kind of you," he said awkwardly. "Will you excuse my not getting up?" and even as he forced out the words he was thankful he had let Levallion's man shave him clean of his scrubby, week-old beard, and bring him decent clothes instead of a dressing-gown. But Lady Levallion's eyes were on his haggard, weary face and not on his toilet.

"Are you better?" she asked, standing yards away from him, and he remembered how she had come closer indeed last May. Is the nurse here?"

"No!" wonderingly. "At her tea. Won't you—Sit down?"
She shook her head, and he saw with a quarter.

She shook her head, and he saw with a queer listlessness that she was shaking from head to

foot.
"I didn't want to come," she cried, as if his

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indifference had thrown her back on herself. "Levalilon sent me. I was to ask how you were, and —give you this!" Flushing, trembling, she held out his ring.

Gordon held his tongue. No wonder she had not wanted to come. And then his temper nearly betrayed him.

"He could not have found a messenger more charming," he said, with icy politeness.

Ravenel caught her breath.

"Oh, I know you hate me!" she cried, "I know how you changed your mind at the last minute—though that was the only decent thing you ever did—and never came for me; left me like an old shof for any one to pick up after you had made my name a by-word. But I mean you to tell me one thing in spite of my—self-respect." Her voice shook like her body. "Where did you get my ring?"

He gazed at her in blind stupefaction.

"You sent it back to me." he said bluntly, "In your anger. I can't see why you ask."

"I!" said Lady Levallion. "I sent it back to you!" The ring fell from her hand and rolled where it would on the floor. Her gray eyes seemed suddenly to come alive, to blaze in her pale face.

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"I can't; it's in town with my thinge, God knows why I was fool enough to keep it, but I was. And more fool still, for I know it by heart. But you can't need to hear it."

"Say it!" She stamped her foot.

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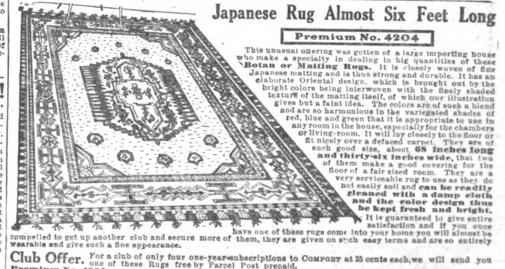


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Mrs. P. R., Stamps, Ark.—Mildew is one of the most difficult stains to remove, and we believe that to remove it with complete success from a reed baby carriage would be difficult or impossible. The weaving of the reedwork, and the interstices thus formed, would make the use of a cleansing fluid of small effect. We think it would be a good plan to paint this carriage, or give it a coat of some light colored enamel. paint this carrelolored enamel.

A. E. W., St. Paul, Minn.—Read the answer to Mrs. R. O. in this column. It is always necessary to have the best of health to endure the strain of nursing, and to have the strength to accomplish the required work.

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C. C. Vinson, Oakwood, Texas, writes to this department to say that he believes that the Mrs. M. P. of Oakwood, Texas, whose inquiry regarding a "piece of jevelry" was answered in this column in September has found a diamond ring which he lost and that he advertised for in vain. Mr. Vinson states that he will gladly pay a reward of one hundred dollars for the return of this ring, and if Mrs. M. P. has really found this valuable and lost article we hope she may read these lines and communicate with Mr. Vinson.

Mr. E. J. V. Oakley, Kan, says that a cup of

Mr. Vinson.

Mr. E. J. V., Oakley, Kan., says that a cup of gasoline mixed to a paste with three tablespoons of corn-starch makes a fine cleanser for a white felt hat, and this is called to the attention of several Comfort readers who have inquired in former months regarding the best method of cleaning such headgear. The paste should be rubbed well into the hat, and the surplus powder afterwards brushed lightly off. Mrs. E. J. V. is another of those of our subscribers who are interested in the question of chicken gizzards and is anxious to know of a market for these articles of poultry anatomy. This department knows of no such market—other than the soup kettle or the gravy-boat. If Comfort readers of this column know of a firm that is buying gizzards for purposes of pepsin extraction or otherwise, we would be glad to have the information forwarded to this department.

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Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24.)

"My own. unselfish wife!" Sir Athelstone responded. Then he added, playfully! "What a pity it is that you missed your calling, Annie. This one act of yours proves to me that you ought to have been a missionary."

"Why, Athel! I have been one for the last twenty-two years. I regret that you have not appreciated my efforts better," she retorted, archly. With a hearty laugh at her repartee, Sir Athelstone bent his lips to her brow, and then went away to visit a patient.

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masters.

At the end of a year, when Raymond returned from college, she had mastered grammar, geography, and arithmetic, besides beginning algebra, French and Latin.

She had improved in appearance, too, having grown tall, and more cultivated and refined in her, manners, and he was glad to see that she was

beloved in his home even as an own daughter

would have been.

After a few weeks spent in resting, the young man left home again for Germany, where he was to spend two years more in study, at his own desire.

CHAPTER VI. BIRTHDAY PRESENTS.

Five years!
How much is comprised in the time represented by those two short words!
Raymond, who had only contemplated remaining away two years, had been gone all the time, excepting a vacation of three delightful weeks. His two years of study he supplemented with another at the same university in Germany, after which he had been induced to join a party who were to travel for a couple of years.
We find him now just returned, in the full vigor and pride of his manhood—handsome, well-proportioned, cultivated, and refined—a man calculated to attract, please, and command respect wherever he went.
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Lady Prescott also seems not a day older, and her fair face just as fair and lovely as ever.

The greatest change is manifest in Sibyl, who, from the neglected and sorrow-laden child found in the fisherman's inn, has bloomed into glorious and perfect womanhood.

It is just six years today since Lady Prescott mentally shook the dust from her feet, and brought her little protegee away from the old life into the new; and Sir Athelstone Prescott's elegant mansion is brilliantly illuminated to celebrate Sibyl's nineteenth birthday.

The poor child had never known what it was to have a "birthday" until she came to Lady Prescott, and, as Mistress Sloan had told her that she was apparently about three years old when she was thrown upon her care, and had remained with her ten years, her ladyship told Sibyl that they would call the day on which she left the old life her thirteenth birthday; and every year since, when the day came round, she had celebrated it in some way for her.

Now there was double cause for a celebration, for Raymond had returned, and Lady Prescott had resolved to give a large party in honor of the two events.

Just a little while before it was time for their friends to assemble, she sought the young girl's rooms.

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Sibyl, now grown into a tall and graceful woman, was standing before a double, full-length
mirror, clad in trailing robes of softest and
mistiest of lace, over which a maid was fastening beautiful wreaths of rich green leaves covered
with a glistening imitation of frost.

She looked regal, standing there in all the pride
of her fresh, young beauty, but no conscious
vanity marred its effect, and Lady Prescott gazed
upon her with delight.

"Raymond will surely call you the 'frost princess' tonight, my love," she said, as her jeweled
fingers caressed some of the rich, glistening
leaves.

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"Has he gone down yet, auntie?" Sibyl asked, the flush deepening upon her cheek at his name, and the dusky lashes quivering just a trifle.

"No, dear; he is still in his room."

Lady Prescott smiled, and, bending forward, kissed Sibyl, tenderly.

"You are nineteen tonight, my dear—this is to be your debut, or introduction to society, and I could not think of anything more fitting to bring you for a gift than this."

She opened a velvet case, while she spoke, and took something out. It was a rich, though delicate, chain of finest wrought gold, with an ornament of some kind suspended from it.

Lady Prescott clasped it about the beautiful neck, and then stood a little distance, to note the effect.

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She uttered a little cry of delight; then her lips began to tremble, and her eyes to fill with tears.

"Oh, auntie, how kind of you! And what a lovely chain! May I wear it always now?"

"Always, dear child, for I know you will prize it more than any other thing in the world."

"Not more than the love that prompted it, I can assure you." Sibyl exclaimed, as she gave her a hearty, grateful kiss in return.

"But." she added. "I have always longed for the time to come when you would think it proper for me to wear this, for I believe my mother must have worn it, and it seems very precious to me."

The ornament suspended from the chain was none other than the one which Sibyl had taken from the old trunk in Jem's and Nell's room on the morning of her departure from their roof. The diamond glittered and flashed like a thing of life, with every gentle breath that she drew, while those three letters, so curiously formed by the gleaming pearls, seemed to her like mystic characters, through the solving of which the secret of her life could alone be revealed.

"This must have cost a great deal of money, auntie," Shyl said, meditatively, and still examining the ornament.

"Yes; that diamond alone must be worth a hundred pounds, and the pearls and setting nearly as much more. But it is more valuable to me, Sibyl, from the fact that I believe it to be the missing link in your life. It probably belonged to some

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in by them or by their friends for them.

Howard C. Cannoy, Kingsport, Tenn., 170; Dixie
Marie Wallace, R. 2, Sebree, Ky., 127; Mrs. Emily
Dougherty, Dover, N. C., 120; Gertrude Robinette,
Sales, La., 107.

Howard C. Cannoy, age six years, has never been able to walk because of spinal trouble which also makes his hands nearly useless. His mother, who has worked to get the subscriptions for his chair, writes, "He has to sit in his little chair all the time."



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Dixie Marie Wallace, age II.—This poor little girl is crippled by rheumatism. For lack of a wheel chair or other adjustable chair she has sat for weary weeks and months in a common chair in one position which has resulted in her legs stiffening in a sitting posture so that now she is unable to straighten them.

Mrs. Emily Dougherty, age 73, a widow dependent on her children, has been a long-time sufferer from rheumatism which has crippled her knees so that she can not walk. The wheel chair will be a blessing to her and to her daughter who takes care of her.

Gertrude Robinette, age II, has been paralyzed in her lower limbs the past six years so that she is unable to walk, but as she can use her arms and hands she gets about some by crawling over the floor. She lives on a farm with her parents who are renters. Si will enjoy rolling herself about in her wheel chair. She

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Four Wheel Chairs in December Children's Happy Hour

Alice's Snow White Cloud
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LICE loved to play at the edge of the big ocean. You can see her standing, with her bathing suit on, ready to take a plunge. Sometimes she just wades into the water, and of course you don't have to have a bathing suit for that; all you have to do is take off your shoes and stockings and tuck your dress up a little.

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Alice shouted for help but no one seemed to bear her. The paddle was still in her hand but the canoe had drifted quite a distance away.

Oh, how the seconds dragged. How her heart thumped and how quickly the water did rise. Pretty soon the only dry spot for Alice to stand on was hardly as big as a pancake. The ocean was all around her. It was getting higher and higher. Before long it lapped over her toes, then crawled to her ankles and then up and up, chilling her legs and wetting the bottom of her dress.

The poor child. could stand it no longer. She was too scared to do a single thing but pray and was just about to give up and lie down in the big, cold water when something in her heart

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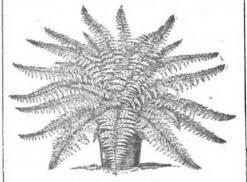
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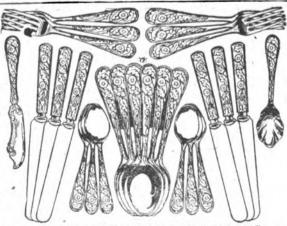
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Annie Shaw, Boyd, Wis.—Your trouble is akin to writer's cramp, and probably of occupational origin. The ulnar nerve or some branch of this nerve is at fault, and needs the stimulation that can be obtained by the use of electricity or cold douches to the spine. If you have no other means of using the douche, employ a sponge soaked in cold water, and let the cold from the sponge run down the spine. Do this just before you retire. Massage also of the arm and fingers at night would be beneficial. There are also remedies that might be used to advantage, but these must be prescribed by your local doctor.

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Mrs. H. H. C., Osawatomie, Kan.—The growth mentioned is probably congenital, and can be removed in several ways. The best way to remove it, or similar small pigmented growths, is by the use of the electric cautery. This means will not scar the face and will prove very effectual. The next best way is the use of the "snow" as mentioned in your letter, and a remedy recommended in COMFORT. The growth is probably a small angioma, or bloody growth. It should be removed as soon as you can afford to have it done. The local physician can remove it all right.

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Ida H., Evant, Texas.—Red nose is due to some diatetic error, of the use of stimulants in excess. It is known medically as acne rosacea. It is extremely chronic, and must have a prolonged diatetic and, medicinal treatment. The diet should consist largely of vegetables, avoiding meat and pastries of all kinds. Frequent hot baths, exercise in the open and a general healthful regime is indicated, but all may fail. The condition is essentially chronic and not easily cured.

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Sibyl's Influence

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thing which your mother used to wear, but how it became detached and in your possession, it puzzles me to imagine."
"I think it is very singular," returned the young girl, thoughtfully.
"I firmly believe," Lady Prescott continued, "that if the ornament, whatever it may be, to which this belongs could be found, your life's mystery would be solved."

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Little did either think that that very night was to be the beginning of the unfolding of the great

mystery:
Winding her arm about Sibyl's waist, the two
beautiful women passed out into the wide upper

hall.

Raymond, tall and kingly—a veritable Lancelot for manly beauty—was awaiting them.

One glance at Sibyl made him draw å deep, long breath.

"I hasten to do homage to the queen of the evening," he said, playfully, as he bowed low before her.

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"Don't pronounce your verdict yet—you will have many to pass judgment upon ere long; and you may have the mortification of discovering that you have been premature in your decision," returned Sibyl, laughing, yet blushing, beneath-his admiring eyes.

"My mother, also, does honor to the house of Prescott tonight," Raymond added, as his quick eye noted the rich robe of garnet silk, with its point lace triminings, which she wore, and which set off her handsome figure finely.

"Thank you, Ray; but it does not matter so much about my charms, you know—they are of rather minor importance at this late day," she said, laughing.

"It is somebody's birthday today, I believe. Do you feel so very young tonight, and do I appear so very old?" Raymond asked, with a wicked look at Sibyl.

"If one's appearance is any criterion of age, I am free to confess that I think I am fast overtak-ing you in the race" she returned.

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"If one's appearance is any criterion of age, I am free to confess that I think I am fast overtaking you in the race," she retorted.

"I don't know whether to say thank you or not," Raymond said, with a hearty laugh. "But," he added, "allow me to lay my offering on the birthday shrine."

He produced from one of his pockets a little package folded in soft, white paper, and presented it to her.

Sibyl unrolled it, and found a costly fan, composed of lace, feathers, and curiously carved ivory.

"What a little gem! And how thoughtful of you! Thank you, Ray!"

"Thank you, Sibyl," he returned, with a pleased though meaning look.

"You have made an exceedingly pleasant beginning of the evening for me, Sibyl," Raymond whispered, as they passed down the wide staircase together.

"I am sure I am very glad, but I was not conscious of having achieved anything so gratifying. Please tell me how I have been so fortunate," she replied, not understanding what he meant.

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HE introduction of a religious motto or device for the coinage of our country had been suggested, more or less indirectly, several times, but the suggestion that was finally adopted came from a farmer of Maryland.

In 1861, when Mr. Chase was Secretary of the Treasury, he received a letter from this old farmer, who suggested that we should findicate our profession in our coinage. The letter was referred to the director of the mint, James Pollock.

In Mr. Pollock's report for 1862 he discussed the question of the recognition of the sovereignty of God and our trust in Him on our coins. The

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She knew that he referred to her dropping the obnoxious word "cousin." but, what the other barriers were, she could not imagine.

"L am sorry, Ray," she said, with a look of regret, yet speaking playfully, "to know that I have unconsciously encompassed myself within such an impassable barricade." If you are aware of what it consists, won't you please help me pull it down?"

it down?"

"With the greatest pleasure in the world, princess; and now, to test your sincerity, I am going to take you into the conservatory, where you are to arrange for me a floral favor, in the very choicest manner possible," he said, giving her a look which brought a richer color to her cheek.

"You shall be the said."

neek.

"You shall have the very prettiest flowers, Ray.
want to make an aperture in that barricade,
ou know. How large a one do you need?" with
wicked look into his handsome face,
"What—the bouquet or the aperture?" he askd, with mock gravity.

"The latter, of course; the bouquet, according
ony taste, must be limited to very small proortions."

ortions."
"Well, then," Raymond replied, with a very earnest look into the bright sparkling face, "I shall not be satisfied until the whole structure to which you refer is demolished, and thrown to the ground."

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Sibyl's eyes fell—there was something in that
earnest glance which made her heart flutter

earnest glance which made her heart nutter strangely. She fastened her lovely favor upon his coat without replying; while he, watching her delicate fingers at their pretty task, could see that they trembled just a trifle. Then together they sought the brilliantly lighted drawing-rooms to await their friends.

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proposition to introduce a motto on our coins, he said, had been considered by Mr. Chase, and he did not doubt, but believed, that it would meet with approval by an intelligent public sentiment. But Congress gave no attention to the subject, and in his next annual report he referred to the suggestion and said:

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A two-cent bronze piece was authorized to be coined by Congress the following year—April 22, 1864—and upon this was stamped the motto: "In God We Trust." In his report of that year Mr. Pollock expressed his approval of the act and urged that the recognition of trust be extended to the gold and silver coins of the United States. By an act of Congress of March 3, 1865, the director of the mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, was authorized to place upon all the silver and gold coins of the United States susceptible of such conditions thereafter to be issued, the motto—"In God We Trust."

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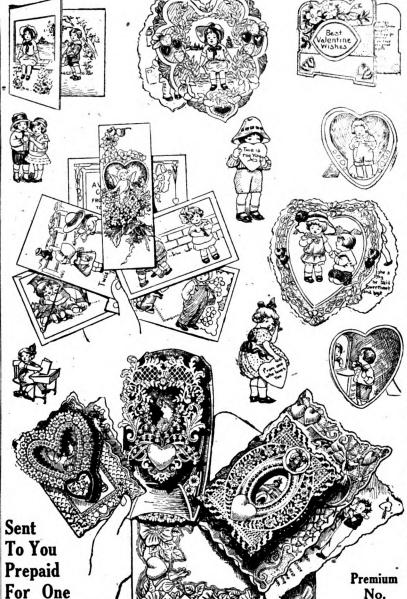
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We Shall Face Starvation Next Winter if the Farm Labor Problem Is Not Solved at Once

HE guns and ammunition we are making and the soldiers we are training will be useless if we fail to produce the food requisite for our people and our army and a surplus sufficient to supply the needs of our allies. All our tremendous war preparations will prove a worse than useless sacrifice if so mismanaged as to impair the productiveness of our farms by drawing away from them the laborers necessary for their efficient operation, and thereby cause a world famine. Precisely that danger is threatened by the present chaotic labor conditions in America. This alarming situation must be intelligently and vigorously dealt with and effectively remedied at once if we are to raise sufficient crops the coming season to avert the double calamity of defeat by starvation.

Europe already is on the verge of starvation despite the immense food shipments from America, and while the war lasts we must continue to supply our allies and, if possible, increase the allowance we send them—they can not do with less. In view of the stringent regulations for food conservation and the fact that we are already on short rations with respect to some of the most important articles of diet, nobody need be told that the present food supply in this country is inadequate. There is every reason for our Government's urgent request for the farmers to raise larger crops the coming season. Our basic hope of victory in the present war depends on our farms and farmers, and yet, since entering the war, our Government has permitted and in a way encouraged an industrial policy that is crippling our agriculture by causing a deficiency of farm laborers and a wage rate so high as to be well-nigh prohibitive to the farm owner or renter.

There is a general shortage of labor but of farm labor most of all. The calling of nearly one and one half million men from civil life to the army and navy unavoidably caused a large depletion of the ranks of industrial workers, and the progress will be repeated in still other drafts to follow in rapid succession. But men necessarily employed in the manufacture of war material are exempted from military service, and there is equal if not greater need of exempting those who are working the farms.

The enormous expansion of ship-building, munition plants and factories engaged in making various other kinds of army supplies has suddenly created a largely increased demand for labor, which could be supplied only by robbing other industries of their help. The huge profits of the munition makers enabled them to offer wages that attracted hosts of laborers from other industries which in turn had to raise wages or lose all their help. This competitive bidding for labor, together with numerous strikes and threats of strikes, has raised wages even of unskilled labor to a rate that the farmers cannot pay and has caused such an exodus from the country to the cities that farm help is almost unobtainable.

You labor men, please don't take offense at what we have said. Don't misunderstand our position. Don't assume that we are hostile to your interests. We are heartily in sympathy with all proper efforts to improve the laboring man's condition. We are merely calling attention to known facts and pointing out the natural consequences which all must suffer unless an effective remedy is found and applied before it is too late.

Even this winter, when there is little doing on the farms, laborers in many rural sections are receiving \$3.00 to \$3.50 a day. The farmers say that, at present prices of farm produce, they cannot pay such wages; that the labor cost with the high price of fertilizer and other increased expenses of operation would make it a losing venture to hire help for farming even with a favorable growing season and good crops and would mean ruin in case of bad weather and short crops. There seems to be a prevailing disposition among

the farmers not to take the chance unless the Government will guarantee them a fair margin of profit as it does the shipbuilders and manufacturers of war materials. And who can blame them?

We are personally acquainted with some, and have reliable information of many farmers, previously accustomed to employing hired help, who are planning to plant no more than they can cultivate by their own personal labor for the reasons already stated. Even those who have sons at home dare not rely on their help because of their liability to be drafted for the army before the crops are harvested. So far as we can discover present indications point to a serious curtailment of agricultural operations in this crisis which demands the largest possible production. One of the most prosperous farmers in this vicinity, who has recently sold his large herd of cows and purposes to reduce his farming to what he can handle without hired labor, remarked: "People are complaining of high food prices, but, unless the Government takes action-and it can't come too soon—to provide a sufficient supply of farm laborers and a guaranty of living prices for produce, next winter it will be a question not of food prices but of starvation."

To hasten the building of ships and the production of munitions the Government is loaning the owners money to enlarge their plants and increase their output, and, because of the rising prices of materials and labor, is guaranteeing them a net profit of ten per cent over and above the cost of production. To the extent that this guaranty makes the manufacturers indifferent to the scale of wages they pay, the Government has helped to bring about the farm labor situation. If we are to escape famine next winter the Government must give the farmers some more substantial encouragement than merely urging them to raise larger crops as a patriotic duty. However patriotic they cannot accomplish the impossible; and, if handicapped by the present shortage of farm labor, it will be impossible to even approximate last year's production. There must be an ample sufficiency of farm laborers even if the Government has to draft men for this service which is no less important than that of the army.

Labor Imperils its Own Interests by Taking Advantage of the War

THAT labor agitators have taken advantage of the war to promote their selfish interests is evidenced by the largely increased number of strikes for higher pay and shorter hours. In many instances it has been proved that the strikes were instigated, engineered and financed by agents of the Kaiser. The exigencies of this war require the utmost efforts of every man and woman physically able to work. It is no time to shorten hours of labor, but rather they must be lengthened to the limit of strength and efficiency, for there is vastly more work to be done and fewer workers to do it because of the men drafted into the army and navy.

In France every able-bodied man is in the army and, so far as possible, the work they had to quit is being done by women. Everybody there works to the limit of endurance and yet France has had to import more than a hundred thousand Chinese coolies to relieve the pressing necessity for more laborers. Much as we should dislike to see it done, our country will be forced to resort to the importation of Chinese laborers if American laborers persist in impeding the war work by strikes and demands for shorter hours and more frequent holidays. In a recent speech Judge Gary, the head of the U.S. Steel Corporation, strongly urged that our Government arrange for or at least permit the importation of Chinese coolies to make good the labor shortage which imperils our food supply and the outcome of the war.

We should regard the opening of the door to Asiatic immigration, which we have always opposed, as a national calamity, and we hope that organized labor, in its own interest, will take care that there shall be neither need nor excuse for adopting such a remedy. Policy and patriotism run parallel as incentives for labor to do its utmost to help win the war.

Will You Stand for Magazine Postage Rates 3 to 20 Times the Canadian Rate?

THAT the American people have to pay so much higher second-class (newspaper and magazine) postage rates than their neighbors across the line in Canada pay for better service is an outrage that is apparent on glancing at the map and considering the difference in the conditions of the two countries. There is every reason-shorter distances, larger and denser population and greater wealth on our side of the border—why the rates should be lower instead of higher in the United States than in Canada, except one; and that one reason is that the Canadian Government is more progressive than ours, and the Canadian Parliament has a broader and wiser conception than our Congress has of the people's interests and the national welfare.

More than thirty years ago a wise Congress, for the purpose of promoting the dissemination of knowledge by enabling the people in every section of the land to have their magazines and newspapers at small cost, established our second-class postage rate at one cent a pound throughout the length and breadth of the land regardless of distance. This uniform, level rate has been in effect ever since, and has been the means of building up the magazines of nation-wide circulation which have given the people better reading matter than the small local papers, besides serving the higher purpose of broadening their views, breaking down sectionalism and upbuilding and unifying national sentiment. But the Canadian Parliament was still more progressive and more appreciative of the inestimable benefit and national importance of the wide distribution of periodical literature, and made a level rate of half a cent a pound throughout Canada, just half our present rate, and from a third to a twentieth of the rates Congress has doomed us to pay.

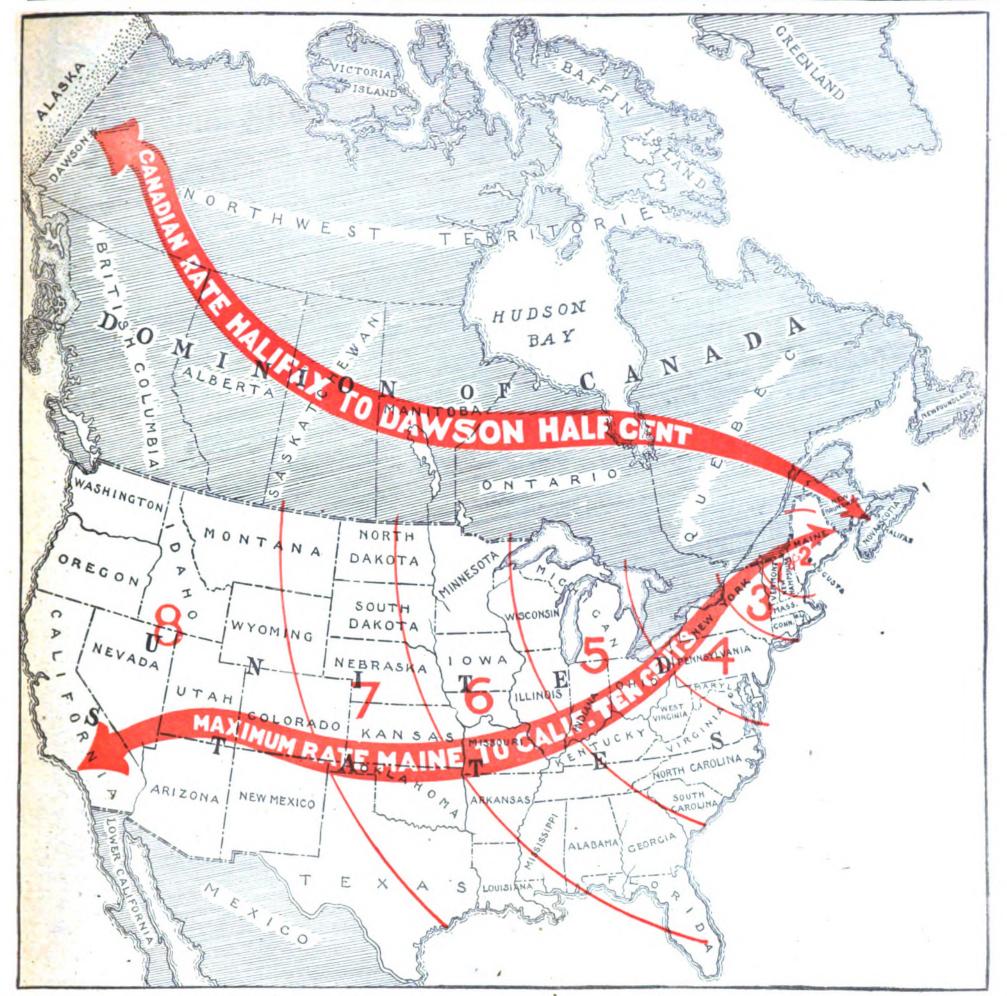
No country has made more rapid growth or greater progress than Canada during the last twenty years. She has done her full share in the world war without making any fuss about it and without any public scandals. She has raised and equipped a half million soldiers famous as among the best and bravest on the battle front in France, and the world has heard no charges of inefficiency in her War Department - nor in her Post-Office Department. We should have to raise an army of six million men to equal Canada's stunt in proportion to our population. Though Canada has been in the war three and a half years she finds it unnecessary, unwise and inexpedient to raise her second-class postage rate. Why should our Government raise our rate which is already double the Canadian rate? Is it not foolish to make it three to twenty times the Canadian rate? Is it not a crime to chop our country into magazine zones with prohibitive rates in the larger

At present we have the old cent-a-pound level rate, but soon we shall have much higher rates, in fact eight different zone rates after the first day of next July, unless Congress can be induced, before that date, to change its mind and repeal the recently adopted zone rate law. These rates are so high that the increase will have to be added to the magazine subscription price; and as the rate increases rapidly with distance the burden will rest most heavily on the people in the rural sections remote from the place of publication. If, after studying the map and reading the explanation on the opposite page, you favor a level rate not over three times the Canadian rate, sign the petition to Congress printed on page 29.

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Lady Annesley, stepmother to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disappraves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, held near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is unsuspicious of intrigue, but Sir Thomas, only sixteen, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenal prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, who fails to meet her. Going home she enters the drawing-room, where she finds Lady Annesley and Lord Levallion, the latter telling her of his cousin Adrian Gordon's departure for India. The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion and at the instigation of Lady Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Believing Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion. Coming from the altar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported missing. Lord Levallion goes to the War Office to learn the truth. Sitting alone on the lawn Ravenal sees Adrian Gordon and Lord Levallion is unable to determine where

CHAPTER XVI. (CONTINUED.)

HANK you very much for your present." In spite of his puzzled anger, he obliged her, in a voice utterly flat and lifeless, "But I don't want to keep your ring. I send it back in this. You had better wear it yourself.

"And, as you see, I did, being, as I said, a

"And, as you see, I did, being, as fool."

"Lady Annesley! It was Lady Annesley's ring," she said, standing as if her wits had gone from her, wild, shamelessly truthful. "Listen! I never wrote to you; I didn't know your address, since you never gave it to me. And if I had written I couldn't have sent you back your ring, for I lost it the day before the duchess' garden-party. Yes, two days," marking them off on her fingers, "before that afternoon I waited for you and didn't know you'd thrown me over to sink or swim!"

Yes, two days," marking them off on her fingers, "before that afternoon I waited for you and didn't know you'd thrown me over to sink or swim!"

"You waited—you!" Sister Elizabeth would have screamed with wonder to see the invalid get up like another man, cross the floor between him and his hostess in three strides, and catch her by the shoulder with his sound hand. "For God's sake, Nel, speak out, since you've begun!"

The old name, the old voice with the passion in it broke down her courage, made her forget for one short while that more than lost rings lay between him and her. With a lump in her throat that made her hoarse, she told him all the sorry little story in quick, husky whispers, lest some one might overhear.

"So when you said in your note that you'd be at the duchess'. I went. Lady Annesley gave me a gown. You were not there, and I came home. You said you would come the next day and you never did. And Levallion told me you had sailed—without a word to me. And I'd lost that ring," passionately.

"Levallion! How did he come across you?" with a ghastly wonder if Levallion were quite clean of the business, and heedless that he had never said why he was not at the duchess'. But Ravenel noted.

"He was at the party and was kind to me." With a sudden aside she remembered, and faced him stonily. "But there's no earthly sense in all this! Of course, when I heard you had a wife already I knew you had excellent reason to leave me. It was the first honorable thing you ever did."

"A wife—me!" His hand on her shoulder relaxed suddenly. "Who told you all a lie like that?

"A wife—me!" His hand on her shoulder re-laxed suddenly, "Who told you a lie like that? And how in the name of God did you dare to be-lieve it?"

lieve it "Mrs. Murray—Hester Murray—told me. As for believing it, it seemed all of a piece." "Hester Murray told you—Hester!" His face had been pale enough, but it was blanched now. He remembered suddenly that he was in Levallion's house, talking to Levallion's wife—that at any cost no one must come in and find her like

this.
"Sit down," he said. "And I can't stoop; would you mind picking up that ring?" for it looked like a glove cast down for battle. "Now, tell me about Mrs. Murray. What did she say?" "That you found Mrs. Gordon very expensive and a drain on you, and that it had been a boyish folly of yours." she said from her chair at a decent distance from his. "Who did s'e mean, if not your wife?"

Adrian Gordon was dumb. In Levallion's house Levallion's wife asked him this!

CHAPTER XVII. THE SEALED LETTER.

"Sle was not my wife," Gordon said at last, for there was no reason he should not clear himself, if he dared not answer her plain question. "I never had a wife and never will have. The woman Hester Murray meant was nothing to me, though it was true she was in trouble and I helped her, till I found out she was a worthless liar. If Mrs. Murray dared," he hesita d, "to tell you that, some one must have made it very much worth her while."

"Adrian," said Ravenel, her eyes straight on his, "you mean that? Because we're just as if we were dead, you and I. We've got to tell the truth."

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"You know it's true," he answered heavily.
"That woman lied to you. Only I can't see how
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"Never mind that, it doesn't matter." Since it was too dangerous to touch on! "You say I didn't go to the duchess". Well, I wrote to you that I couldn't go; that it was my only day to marry you." She could hardly hear him, saw him as in a mist through sealding tears of relief that was yet worse anguish. "I waited all day. I came back that night and threw gravel at your window, tried every door in the house, and couldn't wake you or Tommy. Jacobs came out to bark, and found it was a friend—but no one clse. And at dawn I had to go. Surely you must have heard or Tommy must! I made all the noise I dared."

"I never heard," she answered, with a tearless sob, "and Tommy could not have heard any one in the garden, for he slept on the other side of the house." She would not tell him how she had cried herself to sleep on the floor that night, and never waked till dawn. She went on sharply: "If I had heard Jacobs bark I should never have thought of you, because we well etter said the next day was—was when you were coming for me." Not the pains of hell could have made her say "our wedding-day." "I was only wretched because I'd lost your ring and had such a dreadful disappointment at the party. I never dreamed you had come for me while I was out."

"But, of course, I came! I wrote I should." He stared at her with a puzzled frown. "And you said you got my letter?"

"Oh, I got it," slowly. "But you must have made a mistake in it. It said you would come for me on the 14th, and be at the duchess' on the 13th. Look!" with an uncontrollable impulse she did-what she had meant not to do, and threw on the table that lying letter she had kept because she was not brave enough to burn it. "Read for yourself."

Tear-stained, rubbed out with long pouring over, it lay in his hand, but he was looking at

the envelope instead of the enclosure.

"You see it was sealed!" she cried. "No one could have opened it."

"That is just it," said Gordon quietly. "I never sealed a letter in my life. I never owned a seal with 'A' on it. That was some one else's work, Nel, not mine." He shook the letter out painfully with one hand and let the light slant across it. "Look," he said, "the dates have been rubbed out and altered. Just five minutes' work and a bit of sealing-wax, but they've ruined you and me. See, I wrote, 'I can't go to the duchess'! And one flick of a rubber made it, 'I can god' But who could have done it? Who could care?"

"Lady Annestey." There were no tears in her eyes, just as there lurked no doubt in her heart. The letters all went to her first. I thought it had escaped her notice, because of the London postmark, and the seal—like a fool!—for in an Annaka and the seal—like a fool!—for in an Annaka lock is a seal with the dates have been rubbed in the properties of the duches in her learn the seal—like a fool!—for in an Annaka lock is the first in the letters all went to her first. I thought it had escaped her notice, because of the London postmark, and the seal—like a fool!—for in an Annaka lock is the first in the late.

"You can't go. It would kill me!" she said quietly. But she drew away from him so that her lace was out of his reach. If he touched the flesh

nesley house there must have been plenty of seal's with 'A' on them. And Tommy warned me that very morning that he thought she had her eyes on you and me. I might have known it—when her ladyship was kind!" bitterly. "She couldn't have dared to do it. She had no reason."

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"She is allowed a thousand a year now, and a house," she said, in a voice like her laugh, "She has be. able to shake the dust of dullness and Annesley Chase and mortgages off her feet. Oh! she had reason enough. Tommy said she meant Levallion to marry me, but the funny part of it is that in the end she had nothing to do with it."

"What do you mean?" with a dull horror at the look on her face. "And what did you mean just now about Lady Annesley's ring, when I said you sent mine back?"

"I meant just that," she answered bitterly. "I thought I lost your ring, but I never did, since it's here in mv hand. Who could have sent it to you but Sylvia? And I know now how she got it. She cut the ribbon off my neck when she tried on that wicked dress she gave me. She pretended to arrange the train just to pick the ring off the floor thought even then I must have dropped it in her room, but I was afraid to ask. And then when I was going to stay with the duchess she gave me a ring of hers—and it was the note I sent that ring back to her in that you know by heart. She simply enclosed my ring in it to you. Oh"—she was getting out each jerky sentence breathlessly—"I see it all now! Just like A. B. C. one thing after another. Except," listlessly, "how she found out about it in the first place; but she was allways suspicious. It all began with my trying on that dreadful dress—that I only took for you to see."

"And Levallion saw you instead," quietly.
"You're wrong!" she cried. "It was all Sylvia. Levallion had nothing to do with it. It was I! I, who, affer you went, got wicked. Married him with my eyes open, to hurt you." She covered her face.

But all he said was almost to himself.
"Nel, my Nel all the time!"
"Not now," fiercely, "nor ever! Adrian, can't you see it? We're done for, just as though we were dead."
"You can't!" she whispered. "Not now.

saw nimself as he had been at anything you did.
Tell me, is Tommy also thinking me a scoundrel?"

A penciled letter seemed such a little thing to be able to drag a man's honor in the dust, and take away from him all that life held. There were both dismay and anger in his eyes as he waited for her to answer.

"Tommy only knows I was engaged to you, that I lost my ring and you left me without writing. You needn't think I told any one the rest," simply. "Adrian, what are we going to do? Levallion—he's been good." She faltered, stopped. Yet he knew her white lips were not for Levallion.

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"We can't do anything. I must go away," and he touched the lace at her wrist as if the very hem of her garments were sacred to him; his eyes yourself."

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of her wrist she knew that not Tommy, nor hon-or, nor Levallion, could keep her from following him to the end of the world.
"I must. I can't stay here!"
"I could nurse you, take care of you!" wildly, her face bloodless over her lace tie, her collar of Levallion's pearls.
"Any one on God's earth but you!" said Gor-don, with a quick shudder. He leaned back in his chair as if he were faint. He had known the light-of his life was gone out, but he had not known alien fingers had extinguished it against Ravenel Annesley's will.

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The hard words, the exhaustion in his face, steadied her, as pain always did.

"You're worn out. I had no right to tell you," she said miserably. "I've only hurt you."

"You've shown me heaven," he answered, and bravely, for all his pain of body and mind. "Just that, after being through hell and out again. Go now, Nel. They'll wonder—you've been so long! Give me the ring. I can keep that, can't I? It's all I have, you know."

"But I'll see you again?"

"Not alone," gravely. "It isn't likely. So this is good by."

Good by. After today, then, she would see his face no more. Would never hear his voice, that could mov; her as no voice on earth would ever do; would be alone till she died, the ungrateful, unloving girl Levallion had been good to. And he would be alone, too, but out in the world where he could forget her, as men forget and women never.

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Ashy pale, she put that unlucky ring in his hand; silent, broken-hearted, turned away from him; and had never loved him so much as now, when he bade her go.

"Nel!" he said, and she turned at the door. But not to go back to him, not to touch his hand not to kiss him but once before she went, for she read his face aright and knew he would have died a thousand deaths first. Only to stand and look at him as he at her, the truth for the first and last time spoken between them. After this it would be Levallion's wife who met him, never Nel Annesley who had loved, him neither wisely ner well, but madly and in the bitterness of her soul.

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"Good by, sweetheart," he murmured. "Be good. Don't forget me," and shut his eyes that he might not see her go.

And neither of them heard the quiet breath-ing of Sister Elizabeth, where she stood goggle-eyed in Adrian's bedroom.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A GROWING CLOUD OF WITNESSES.

"My dear child, how are you?" cried the duchess and kissed Ravenel on both cheeks.

She was the last arrival of the house-party, and she sank into a low chair, by the fire and surveyed the scene, covertly and without her long-handled glasses.

The big hall of Levallion Castle was lit by two fires and a sufficiency—no more—of shaded lamps. There were plenty of cozy corners and secluded chairs behind the great square pillars supporting the low roof, where dull gold gleamed fitfully in the fire flicker. Among the orderly disorder of chairs and tables and palms, people were sitting in twos and threes—occasionally drinking, tea, laughing, warming themselves, and wondering what sort of a married man Levallion made. His past record happily did not point to a dull sojourn under his roof.

But the duchess, like Gallio, cared for none of these things.

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Her red, comfortable handsome face was turned to the sumptuous figure at the tea-table, all white velvet and Russian sable and floating, wavy

chiffon. "I am Annesley's little girl, turned into an ac-cordion-plaited angel!" thought her grace. blind to everything but surprise. For Ravenel under her wing had been only a remarkably pretty girl, rather quick, almost shy. And here stood a beau-tiful woman, utterly self-possessed, and a work of art from her carefully dressed hair to the way her great gray eyes looked up from her tea-mak-ing.

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"A maid, that's the reason of those beautifully done waves!" thought the duchess. "But how much prettier she is than I imagined. A woman with those eyebrows and that upper lip might do anything. But what color there is in her face, with those gray-blue eyes and black eyebrows and that surprising bronze hair! She looks—eh, what—Levallion? Oh, tea!"

"It's usual at this hour—or would you rather—"

"It's usual at this hour—or would you rauner—"
"Don't worry me, my good man!" smartly.
"She looks well, Levallion; happier, I think!"
"She is very well." He glanced at his wife across the buzzing room. The duchess was right, she did look happier. The queer, stony look that had been in her eyes was gone. It seemed to him that the change in her dated from one evening when he had found her sitting alone in her room, with a burning color in her cheeks and quick unwonted questions on her tongue. He remembered them now. "Levallion, you really love me? You didn't marry me because Sylvia arranged it—nor just to have a wife? You would have married me all the same even if I'd told you why
—" but she had never finished.

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PROPOS of nothing in particular, (and these stormy, blustery February days—the kind we get here occasionally—aren't especially conducive to deep thinking) but bearing in mind the need of every cheering sentiment possible to tide us over these troublesome war times, the days of scarcity and nights of anxiety, I am giving you a little poem which has been of great help to me, and as such I want to pass it on to others.

Today

BY DOUGLAS MALLOCH.

"Sure, this world is full of trouble-I ain't said it ain't, Lord! I've had enough and double Reason for complaint, Rain and storm have come to fret me, Skies were often gray;
Thorns an' brambles have beset me
On the road—but, say,
Ain't it fine today!

"What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine,
Life it ain't no celebration.
Trouble? I've had mine—
But today is fine!

"It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago,
Havin', losin', takin', givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain but, say,
Ain't it fine today!"

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Comfort Sisters:

As I have never seen any letters from this part of Ohio, I will speak up. Mrs. Pearl Lackey, please more over just a wee bit so I may sit beside you, as I want to ask some advice about adopting a child. We have been married quite a long time and we want a little one to share our home with us. My sister was, at one time, a nurse in a children's home, and she has told me much about the dear little ones wishing for a father and mother to love them. I know of one home, but you have to pay \$300 before you adopt a child. I don't think that is right, do you? I had rather spend that amount on the child's education or something that would do the child good. We would like a little boy between two and three years old. My husband is away all day and I get lonesome staying by myself, and think a child would be company for me. My husband and I dearly love children. Well, Mrs. Lackey, I will say good by to you and go over and sit beside Mrs. V. M.

My dear Mrs. V. M., I can sympathize with you because I know just how you feel. I was quite young when I was married and I do not think I loved my husband as a wife should, and, like you, I married to get a home, as my mother was dead, and missing her love, I wanted someone to love me. My husband hasn't a very good education, either, but just think of the many worse faults some husbands have. Whenever my husband says a word incorrectly I tell him the right way to say it and in such a way that he doesn't become offended and he says I have helped him a lot. He has always been good to me and I got ashamed of myself to think that I didn't love one who was good and kind when I was so hateful in yeturn. My dear, I wouldn't wait for that true love for you may wait in vain. I would give all my love to the one who was trying to make me happy. Cheer up and get all the joy out of life that you can for the years are short.

COMFORT SISTER AND READER.

COMFORT Sister and Reader. It is quite out of the ordinary to be obliged to pay a certain sum of money to the home upon the adoption of a child and there must be other homes near you where it is not necessary and where you have only to prove your financial and moral fitness to care for the child. Instead of thinking how much company the child will be and how much good it will do you, can't you make yourself feel, first of all, how much good you are going to do the child? But you meant that all the time, didn't you?—Ed.

NEW YORK. __
DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

As I was reading the sisters' letters tonight my heart was stirred with pity for the husband of Mrs. Y. M. God pity the man who is worthy and is still denied the love of a wife who took the marriage tows and is now asking the advice of strangers as to leaving him until she knows whether she cares to spend the rest of her life with him or not. Would you be willing he should do the same by you if you were the one that loved? Be warned before it is too late. You have married a good man and now stick to him, respect him, and pray that you will learn to love him. Many wives have made the mistake you are about to make and repent when too late. Do your duty and trust to the Father in Heaven and I am sure you will never be sorry. Let us hear from you is the future.

With love to Mrs. Wilkinson and the sisters. in the future.

With love to Mrs. Wilkinson and the sisters,
Mrs. E. B.

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

IKE the woman who ordered a can of sardines and a box of crackers from her grocer, explaining that she "always liked to have something on hand in case she had company," so do we like to be prepared for the unexpected guest, and if our cellars and storerooms retain part of their original supply of canned goods, and the common, every-day vegetables and fruits are obtainable, we need not mind if meats are soaring as high as the cow of our childhood days, who performed the seemingly impossible feat of jumping over the moon. Just get busy and invent new and appetizing ways of preparing common foods. foods.

LIVER LOAF.—Parboil liver and put through chopper or sieve. To each cup of liver add one half cup bread crumbs, one tablespoon butter, one teaspoon of salt, a little sage and two eggs, well beaten. Mix well, pour into buttered baking dish and bake one hour in slow oven. May be served hot with gravy or eaten cold.

MEAT PIE.—Line bottom and sides of baking dish with pie crust. Into dish put a layer of meat, chopped into small pieces, and covered with a few slices of thinly chopped onion. Over this put a layer of thinly sliced raw potatoes, season with sait and pepper, add another layer of meat and so on till dish is nearly full, having a layer of potatoes on top. Season, add small pieces of butter, dredge with flour and full dish with milk or water. Cover with thick crust and bake about an hour and a half. Any left-over meat can be used.

SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH CHEESE.—Peel and cut raw potatoes into thin slices. Butter a baking dish, cover bottom of dish with layer of potatoes, season, add a little butter, and sprinkle with grated cheese. Add another layer of potatoes and cheese, as before, and so on till dish is full, having grated cheese on top. Pour in enough milk to nearly cover and bake in moderate oven three quarters of an hour, then uncover and let brown.

SCALLOPED HAM AND POTATOES.—Fill buttered baking dish with alternate layers of cold mashed potatoes and thinly sliced or chopped ham, season to taste. Cover with bread crumbs and grated cheese, dot with bits of butter and bake about half an hour in moderate

CORN MEAL MUFFINS.—To five cups of boiling water, add one teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons of sugar, one tablespoon of butter, and slowly stir in one cup of corn meal. Cook one hour in double boiler. Pour into mixing bowl, smooth the top and cover with a few tablespoons of cold water to prevent a



CORN MEAL MUFFINS.

crust forming. Let stand until cold, and then beat well, and mix in one cup and a half of fine cornmeal, one cup and a half of whole wheat flour and two even teaspoons of baking-powder. Add one well beaten egg, and beat hard. Drop the mixture into hot gem-pans and bake in hot oven.

MEAT LOAF.—Two and one half pounds meat, ground through chopper, moisten with one cup milk, add one egg, well beaten, one cup bread crumbs, sait, pepper and sage to taste. Mix thoroughly and bake one hour in greased tin.

CARROT CROQUETTES,—Boil carrots till tender, drain and rub through sieve, add thick white sauce to oisten, season to taste, shape into croquettes and the control of the co

STUFFED ONIONS.—Peel onions and place in sauce-pan of boiling salted water and cook till tender. Leave uncovered while cooking. Remove the hearts of the onions and chop with bread crumbs; season with sage and a little butter. Fill the onions with this and place in oven to finish cooking. Serve with mashed potatoes.

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Baked Onions with Cheese.—Peel, slice and parboil the onions. Drain and arrange in buttered baking dish, in layers, sprinkling each layer with bread crumbs, seasoned with sait and pepper; dot with small pieces of butter. Fill dish nearly full in this way and bake half an hour. Cover top with grated cheese and return to oven till cheese is melted.

Onions and Tomatoes.—Peel and cook onions, cut in slices and arrange in layers in buttered baking dish. Pour tomatoes over onicos and cover with bread crumbs; season to taste, and bake till brown. PARSNIP CROQUETTES.—Mix a cup and a half of hot mashed parsnips with two tablespons of butter, sait and pepper to season, and one egg, well beaten. Cool, shape in balls, dip in beaten egg, roll in crumbs and fry in hot fat.

APPLE FRITTERS.—Make a batter of two eggs, one cup of milk and a little flour. Have ready apples cut in thick slices. Dip the slices in the batter and fry in deep, hot fat. Serve with sauce.

POTATO AND CHEESE BALLS.—Season left-over mashed potato with sait and pepper, moisten with milk. Add one egg, well beaten, and half the quantity of cheese as you have of potatoes. Form into cakes and bake in hot oven.

LAYER CAKE.—One cup sugar, one half cup lard, three eggs, one cup milk, two teaspoons baking powder, three cups flour and a little salt.

FILLING.—One pint of milk, one cup of sugar, two eggs and one tablespoon corn-starch. Let boil till thick.

MISS LETITIA BURTS, Del Rio, Texas.

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CREAM CAKE.—Two eggs, one cup sugar, one cup
sweet cream, pinch of sait, two cups flour, two
teaspoons baking powder, and vanilla or any desired
flavoring.

MRS, FRED A. NEILSON, Maple Plain, Minn.

RICE OMELET.—Beat one cup of boiled rice with one and one half cups milk to a smooth paste. Add two eggs, well beaten, and salt and pepper. Fry till brown and dust with powdered sugar.

LEMON HEARTS.—Chill five tablespoons each of lard and butter, and chop into two cups of chilled flour until like meal. Make into a stiff dough with ice-water. Turn onto a floured board, roll half an Inch



LEMON HEARTS.

thick in a rectangular shape, turn corners toward center, double and roll again to third of an inch thick. Cut into heart shapes; cut centers from two top layers, placing them on one whole heart for bottom crust, with ice-water between to stick them together. Bake in very hot oven thirty minutes, decreasing heat the last ten.

With love to Mrs. Wilkinson and the sisters,

Mrs. E. B.

PASCO, WASH.

DEAR SISTERS:

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BOILED ICING.—One and one half cups powdered sugar, one half cup water, let come to a boil, and boil a few minutes until it drops heavy and forms threads; then pour on the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs. Use any flavor preferred.

MISS MARY BROWN, Branon, Texas.

Onions in Puffed Potato Ring.—Boil potatoes, mash and season with salt. For two cups, add one third cup of hot milk, two tablespoons of butter, white pepper, and the beaten yolk of one egg. Beat,



ONION IN PUFFED POTATO BING.

add the beaten white of egg, and form in a ring on a serving plate. Bake until puffed and brown. Boll small onions, drain, and heap inside of ring just before serving. Any other kind of vegetable can be used in place of onions.

CARAMEL.—One cup of sugar, two squares of choco late, one teaspoon butter, one half cup milk or water Set dish in boiling milk and stir until thick enough.

spread.

GINGER SNAPS.—One cup sugar, two eggs, one cup lard, one cup molasses, one tablespoon vinegar, two teaspoons cinnamon, one teaspoon cloves, one teaspoon ginger, one third cup sour milk, two teaspoons soda, dissolved in milk. Flour to roll very soft.

MRS. E. F. LANTOW, Sumner, Iowa.

BUTTER SCOTCH PIE.—One cup boiling water, one cup brown sugar, three tablespoons flour, one heaping tablespoon butter, yolk of one egg beaten with a little water, and one teaspoon vanilla. Mix sugar and flour together, add boiling water and place on stove till mixture boils. Stir in egg and butter, cook till thick and remove from stove and flavor. Pour in baked crust. Add beaten white of egg, with sugar, to top of pie and put in oven to brown.

MRS. M. COLE, Conway Springs, Kans.

PUMPKIN PIE.—Two cups of pumpkin for each pie,

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BANNA PIE.—Fill crust with slices of bananas and cover with the following: One beaten egg, one half cup cream, one half cup sugar, a few specks of butter and a little cinnamon. Bake.

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EGGLESS CAKE.—Two cups sugar, one half cup butter, two cups sweet milk, three cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder and one teaspoon vanilla. Cream
butter and sugar together, add one cup of milk, then
part of flour and beat well. Add the other cup of
milk and rest of flour and beat 10 minutes. Flour
and baking powder should be sifted four or five times
before mixing. efore mixing.
Mrs. WILLIE HOLZHEAUSER, Inez, Texas.

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SPONGE CAKE.—Two eggs, one cup sugar, one cup flour, one teaspoon baking powder, one teaspoon lard, one half cup milk and one teaspoon vanilla. Beat eggs with sugar, stir in flour sifted with baking powder. Put lard in milk on stove till lard is melted, add to batter. Add vanilla last. Bake in loaf and spread with icing. Some may think this cake will not be thick enough but the flour mentioned is sufficient.

MRS. WALTER ALVERSON, Detroit, Mich.

MEAT BALLS, BOILED ONIONS AND LIMA BEANS.—Chop one pound of clear meat with one onion and season with pepper and salt. If there is no fat on the meat, add a little beef suct or pork fat. Form



MEAT BALLS, BOILED ONIONS AND LIMA BEANS.

into flattened balls and brown slowly in hot fat. raw meat is used, cook in hotter pan, and turn often until brown. Arrange on platter, alternating meat cakes with boiled onions, and in the center heap stewed and seasoned Lima beans.

CARBOT PIE.—Scrape carrots and boil until tender. Mash, and to one cup of carrots add a cup and a half of milk, one well beaten egg, sugar to sweeten, and sait, cinnamon and ginger to taste. Bake in one crust like custard pie.

PRUNE TURNOVERS.—Cook prunes, remove pits, sweeten, and add lemon juice according to amount of prunes. Have ready a pie paste cut into circles or squares; place a tablespoon of prunes on one half of crust and fold other half over, pinching the edges together. Bake.

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CRANGERRY DUMPLINGS.—These dumplings are easily made from materials always at hand. They supply a delicious dessert for the simple dinner of a busy day. Make a sauce of one quart of cranberries, one and one half cups of water and two cups of sugar. Better still, use cranberry (or plum) sauce, which is already prepared by simply heating it to the boiling point. Use a granite or aluminum kettle. For the dumplings make a thick batter from two cups of flour, one heaping teaspoon of baking-powder, a pinch of salt and three quarters of a cup of milk. Drop the batter by large tablespoon into the boiling sauce. Steam under a tight cover, for twenty minutes. Serve plain or with a favorite pudding sauce.

RHUBARB SHORTAKE.—Make a shortcake by any preferred recipe. Split and butter it while hot and spread with the following: Cook together two cups of thick, well sweetened rhubarb sauce and one cup of raisins, chopped fine, for about five minutes. Spread each layer while hot and on the top layer, over the rhubarb, spread a layer of sweetened whipped cream. Katherine D. Hoza, *Ilse, Colo.

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GOLDIE MARCELLA ALEXON, Northfield, Minn.

CARBOT PUDDING.—One cup grated carrots, one cup grated potatoes, one cup brown sugar, one cup raisins, seeded and chopped, one half cup currants, one cup suet, two cups flour, one half teaspoon soda, one half cup sour milk and any desired flavoring.

PRUNE PUDDING.—Stew until tender one pound of prunes, remove stones. Beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, add three tablespoons sugar, beat well and add this to the prunes. Bake half an hour.

with cream.
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and how little it would mean to us. Send more if you want, but don't be ashamed of a dime. We are saving to pay for our little home, and even though money is scarce, what is a dime to any of us, so let's shower him with dimes.

Best wishes to all the sisters.

COUNTRY SISTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Country Sister from Washington. My, but wouldn't that be a valentine worth receiving, and just how much Uncle Charlie would appreciate it is impossible for me to state—my vocabulary is too limited. Thanks, in his behalf, and Comport's, for the suggestion.—Ed.

GLENMORA, LA.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Sisters:

I have often wanted to write to this corner but hesitated to add my bit, for it would take too much space to tell how I love and appreciate Comfort, with all its nelps.

We have just moved into a log camp, ten miles from town. Have been here only two weeks now but already we have a Sunday School organized and would appreciate reading matter or suggestions from the sisters as we are all beginners.

I heartily agree with you upon the subject "How I Helped My Husband." Last spring I rented a place in a small town, where I could have a large garden and potato patch and room for chickens. I spent \$1.60 for ploughing and did the rest of the work myself with hee and rake. My total expense was \$6.20 and \$4.00 of that was for a bushel of seed potatoes. I sold \$17.30 worth of vegetables, and canned tomatoes, beans, corn, etc., and made pickles. I sold \$7.00 worth of canned goods so that made a profit of \$24.30 on my garden besides the fresh vegetables we ate and the canned goods we are eating this winter.

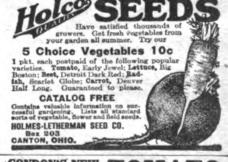
I sold over 200 chickens, eighty-six being day-old chicks, at 10 cents each, and the rest were sold in small lots, at frying size, from 16 to 21 cents per pound. I neglected to keep account of what these brought me but I was certainly repaid.

I am five feet, two inches tall, weigh 116 pounds and have blue eyes and a fair complexion. I have two boys, five and theer years of age.

I would like to hear from the sisters and will exchange quilt patterns and crochet patterns for quilt pieces.

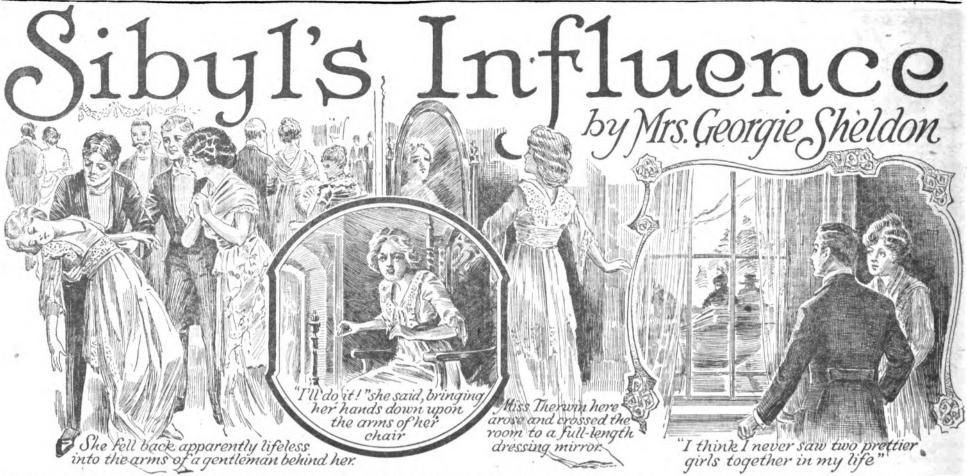
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CONDON'S NEW TOMA

CONDON BROS., SEEDSMEN



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Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them, they stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, they learn that a woman who had been in a railroad smash up and injured leaves the child, who for weeks cries for Nansie. Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures it. To Lady Prescott she traces three letters "S. H. S.," which she dimly remembers and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own, people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck, and with Raymond they seek the drawing-room.

CHAPTER VII.

AN ASTONISHING REVELATION.

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HIS was to be Sibyl's first real introduction into the gay and fashionable world, although Lady Prescott had permitted her to accompany her into society a very few times as an unobserved observer of the customs and manners of polite society for her future benefit.

Yet Sir Athelstone and Lady Prescott's ward had been a subject of much comment and curiosity for many a year.

At nineteen, and during the six years which she had spent with Lady Prescott, she had gained an education superior to that acquired by very many persons of her age, who had received the best advantages during all their lives.

Still she was not satisfied even yet.

Making Raymond's high attainments her standard, nothing could satiate her desire for knowledge, until she could feel that she stood on a level with him; and she persisted in devoting several hours of every day to study, even though she was now to be introduced into that magic world called "society."

Standing as in awe of him, Sibyl had always been, very shy of him, "barricading herself," as he had said, behind an impenetrable reserve, which, to say the least, made him exceedingly uncomfortable. Yet he had written to her regularly, and suggested many things regarding her studies, which she had persisted in following out to the masters.

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These letters she had treasured with a feeling almost amounting to reverence, and only her own heart was conscious of the shrine which she had allotted to him in her great and sensitive soul.

Yet with all her happiness, and though surrounded by every luxury that heart could desire, there was ever one void which could not be filled —ever that longing and reaching out after her own mother.

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She never went into a crowd but what her eyes would search and read the faces of those around her, eagerly seeking for some familiar lineament which still clung like a faint mist to her memory. But tonight these thoughts were all set aside, and with her beautiful birthday gifts in her hands, and gleaming upon her bosom, her eyes luminous with joy and anticipation, she stood beside Lady Prescott to assist in receiving her guests, and also to receive necessary introductions.

Raymond, a little at one side, watched her keenly—her every motion and expression—as guest after guest came forward and was presented to her

to her.

His face, at first, had worn the least look of anxiety, fearing lest she should not pass this trying ordeal as gracefully as he could desire.

But gradually the lines about his mouth relaxed, his brow cleared, a satisfied smile crossed his lips, and his eyes grew deep and tender, as if his heart were softly stirred with some glad

if his heart were softly stirred with some glad emotion.
Sibyl's manner was perfect, simple, and unassuming, yet stately and self-possessed, as though she had been accustomed to it all her life, to the homage and admiration which she was in reality now receiving for the first time.
"Sibyl is very beautifui, mother," Raymond observed, repeating aloud what he had said to himself many times before that evening.
"Yes, Ray, very!"
There was something in the young man's tones that made his mother bend a searching glance upon him.

"She is remarkably refined and cultivated, too, considering how late it was when she began to study. I was very much surprised on my return to find her the true lady that she is."

"Yes. I never saw any one so hungry for knowledge as Sibyl."

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said, while something of a like sentiment shone in his own fine eyes. "I must confess it, I fear," she answered, smil-

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"You consider her the equal of any one—a fit mate for any one?"

"Certainly, or I should not introduce her into a world where she cannot fail to attract and be attracted," was the somewhat spirited reply.

"But what could we say if the question of her birth should be raised?"

"It is sufficient for any one to know that she is the hiece, ward, adopted daughter—or whatever you like—of Sir Athelstone Prescott," returned Lady Prescott, somewhat loftily, and with heightened color.

"And yet there are some here tonight who would not consider that a sufficient guarantee for her fitness to occupy certain positions in life," persisted Raymond, anxious to sound his mother on all points.

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"She speaks for herself as to her fitness. Look at her now! No duchess could entertain more gracefully."

"I see!" he returned.

"The child is in no way responsible for her birth, be it high or low; but I do not feel at all anxious upon the subject. In my own mind, I am convinced that the very best blood flows in her veins."

"But in the future, if you should discover to the contrary, would the knowledge change your feelings at all toward her?"

"Not in the least; shee sunto me as a dear daughter, and my heart and my home would ever be open to her," responded the whole-hearted woman, warmly.

Raymond heaved a sigh of relief.

"Then, of course, mother mine, you have no objection to others of your family entertaining the same sentiments," he said, in a low, concentrated tone.

Lady Prescott started violently.

"Raymond!" she exclaimed.

"I have never seen any one, mother, who has seemed to me so beautiful. I have never seen any one who has attracted me as Sibyl does." he answered softly, and meeting her inquiring glance unflinchingly, though a deep tenderness beamed in his eyes.

"But she seems such a child beside you, my boy—you are seven years older—and I never thought of such a thing as your loving her," she said, uneasily.

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"The difference in our ages is not so great as in those of another couple whom I know," Raymond replied, with a light laugh.

Lady Prescott laughed softly, too, at this; a flush mantled her cheek, and her eyes grew tender, as they sought her husband's face across the room.

"Yes, your father is ten years older than I, I know, but Sibyl was such a child when we took her, and you were a man even then. The years have sped so swiftly that she seems scarcely more than a child now," she returned, with a sigh. sigh.

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"To me she seems wholly changed, and yet I have always expected that she would develop into something more than an ordinary woman."

"Ray—" began his mother, hesitatingly, "did you mean to make a confession to me tonight?"

"Tonight, or some time very soon. I find that I am hourly becoming more deeply interested in our enchanting princess, and I thought my mother had the first right to my confidence," he returned frankly, and with a look of deep affection.

"Thank you, dear, and I should like nothing better than to keep both of my children with me always. But, I don't know what your father will say, Ray," she concluded, with a little look of anxiety on her fair face.

"I trust my father will remember his own youthful days, and do as he was done by," he answered, lightly.

"But his ideas regarding caste are rather strict, you know."

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"But his ideas regarding caste are rather strict, you know."
"I know, that even he, with all his conservativeness, cannot withstand the charms of Sibyl. And now; mother, if you will excuse me, I will go and find my princess for a dance."
With a graceful bow he turned away, leaving her to meditate upon the astonishing revelation which he had just made.

two or three, and before he was hardly aware of what occurred. Raymond Prescott was introduced to Miss Ada Therwin.

He cordially acknowledged the honor, while he was forced to confess, as his critical eye wandered over the fair stranger, that, aside from Sibyl, she was the most strikingly handsome woman present that evening.

"I have not yet been presented to the debutante, and General Maplewood was about to do me that honor," she said, in low, flute-like tones, and lifting a pair of marvelously expressive gray eyes to his face.

Raymond bowed, and immediately turned to attract Sibyl's attention.

Miss Therwin was formally introduced, and at once engaged the fair girl in genial conversation, while her restless eyes noted every item of her appearance.

But he quickly dropped her white lids to hide it, and gently laid the ornament back upon Sibyl's stenting.

"I hank you," she said, softly, with a sigh. "It is so very curious, you know, that am deeply interested."

Her manner was so winning, and she did really seem so interested, that Sibyl could not refuse, and, leaning forward, let the jewel swing toward her.

Miss Therwin took it in her hand, and studied it intently for a moment, then carelessly turning it over, looked upon the back.

Her face instantly grew very white again, and a light like the glitter of polished steel leaped into her eyes as she at a glance read the figures engraven there.

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once engaged the fair girl in genial conversation, while her restless eyes noted every item of her appearance.

But her operations were suddenly arrested by something which seemed to paralyze her. She stopped in the middle of a smoothly-flowing sentence, her face growing as white as the snowy feathers upon Sibyl's fan. An expression of wondering terror sprang into her eyes, a cry of fear parted her lips, and she fell back apparently lifeless into the arms of a gentleman behind her, without an instant's warning.

Confusion reigned for the next few moments, while Sibyl, greatly startled, and her tender heart filled with the deepest sympathy for the beautiful stranger, insisted upon having her borne to a quiet room, where she herself remained in anxious attendance upon her until she revived.

The swoon proved to be nothing serious; at least Miss Therwin made light of it as soon as she came to herself.

"It is nothing," she said, looking up smilingly into Sibyl's anxious face. "I shall soon be all right; but how awkward of me, and I have taken you from your guests, besides," she added, with an appearance of regret.

"That does not matter while you need me," was the reply of her gentle hostess, "but what caused you to faint?"

"I felt suddenly dizzy, and then lost myself before I knew it. I have been affected in the

caused you to faint?"

"I felt suddenly dizzy, and then lost myself before I knew it. I have been affected in the same way before once or twice, when I have been in crowded rooms," Miss Therwin replied, at the same time regarding Sibyl so strangely, and looking so pale again that the young girl feared she was going to faint a second time.
"You are feeling very ill even now," she said, as she hastened to bring her a glass of wine.
"No, indeed, I am really much better," Miss Therwin replied, sitting up, but she drank the wine, and soon the color returned to her lips and cheeks.

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She immediately began chatting in a careless way, and it was not long before Sibyl forgot her anxiety, and became deeply interested in her sparkling conversation.

Little by little she led the conversation from one subject to another, and it was while speaking of jewels that she suddenly stopped short, and exclaimed:

claimed:

"By the way, Miss Prescott, I observe that you wear a very curious ornament on your neck;" and she bent forward to examine it more closely. "Yes," Sibyl replied, flushing a trifle. "Pardon," Miss Therwin continued, sweetly. "It is very beautiful, and doubtless very valuable. I never saw letters so curiously interwoven in the setting of jewels before."

"What! have you discovered the letters so readily?" cried Sibyl with a start, and exceeding wonder expressed in her tones.

"Yes; they are 'S. H. S.," are they not?" and she pointed at each separately with her rosy finger.

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"No one has ever been so quick to read them before!" Sibyl replied, still regarding Miss Ther-win with surprise, while a sense of uneasiness crept over her.

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Miss Therwin colored ever so little and bit her lip at Sibyl's last words; then, with a light laugh, she said:

"I shall have to confess to you that I am very observing, particularly of jewels—nice jewels, I mean—for I am very fond of them."

Then she added, referring again to the ornament upon Sibyl's neck:

"This must be quite an ancient piece of work—at least, it does not belong to our day. Is it an heir-loom?"

"I suppose it belonged to my mother," Sibyl said, tremplously, and with a reverent intensitien.

CHAPTER VIII.

A WELL-SPRING OF PLEASURE.

A moment later a middle-aged gentleman of a somewhat military bearing approached, accompanied by a beautiful lady of perhaps twenty
an heir-loom?"

"I suppose it belonged to my mother," Sibyl said, tremulously, and with a reverent intonation upon the last word.

"Suppose! Don't you know?" Miss Therwin had nearly exclaimed, and starting violently, but, recovering herself, she merely remarked:

"Ah! doubtless these letters 'S. H. S.' were her initials. Will you allow me to examine it more

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engraven there.
But she quickly dropped her white lids to hide it, and gently laid the ornament back upon Sibyl's neck.

"Thank you," she said, softly, with a sigh. "It is exceedingly lovely, and"—smiling in a strange way. Sibyl thought—"I am almost covetous enough to wish it were mine instead of yours."

If Sibyl could only have known why she wished it were hers!

"I do not wonder you prize it so highly," she added, a moment later, "since it was your mother's. "But," changing the subject and glancing around, "what a beautiful home you have, and how happy you must be, as the petted darling of such persons as Sir Athelstone and Lady Prescott—they are relatives of yours, I believe."

Sibyl regarded her companion in astonishment for a moment. For a stranger, she thought she was overstepping the bounds of etiquette, by displaying so much curiosity.

But Miss Therwin sat with a beautifully unconscious smile on her white lips, while she keenly watched the young girl out of the corners of her drooping eyes.

"They are the dearest friends that I have in the world," replied Sibyl, somewhat coldly, while her manner became rather proud and restrained.

Then rising, she continued:

"As you are so far recovered, I shall have to ask you to excuse me, since I ought to return to my guests."

"You are right, Miss Prescott, and I beg your pardon for detaining you so long. But," with a winning smile, "I do not like to excuse you, if you will allow me to accompany you."

"Cretainly, if you are able."

"I am entirely recovered, and we will return to the company together." But, Miss Prescott, you do not know how I have enjoyed this little chat with you, even though it were brought about so unpleasantly."

With charming grace Miss Therwin linked her arm within Sibyl's, and they returned to the guests, with the appearance of having been friends for years, instead of acquaintances of only an hour.

"Your ward is very lovely," Miss Therwin remarked, later in the evening, to Lady Prescott.

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She had been watching for an opportunity to converse with her hostess alone all the evening. Evidently the fair stranger had something of importance on her mind.

"Yes, Sibyl is very precious to us, and, of course, she seems so in our sight," her ladyship replied, much pleased with the praises of her darling, which were continually sounding in her ears.

ears.
"Is it long since she lost her parents?" was "Is it long since she lost her parents?" was the next abrupt query.

Lady Prescott lifted her eyebrows in well-bred surprise at the strange question, but Miss Therwin's face was so expressive of interest and sympathy, that she could not feel very much offended.

"While she was very young," was the rather unsatisfactory reply.

pathy, that she could not feel very much offended.
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unsatisfactory reply.
"Perhaps," Miss Therwin added, "I should not
have spoken of her so freely, but I have experienced a deep interest in her from the fact
of her being an orphan like myself."
This was said so softly and sadly that Lady
Prescott's kind heart was instantly touched.
"Are you, dear?" she asked gently.
"Yes; and another singular coincidence is that
I, too. have always been kindly cared for by
relatives."

"You are a stranger, I believe, in Dumfrles,
Miss Therwin?" Lady Prescott next remarked,
feeling a natural delicacy about receiving too
much confidence from one of whom she knew
so little, and thus changed the subject somewhat
abruptly.

Miss Therwin's eyes flashed, but she answered,
politely:
"Yes, I am visiting, or spending the winter, I
should say, in General Maplewood's family."
"But," she continued, impulsively, "I hope I
need not remain a stranger to Miss Sibyl; I am
strangely attracted toward her. May I seek her
friendship, Lady Prescott?"

The request was proffered with so much modesty, and apparently with such a real feeling, that
her ladyship replied, very graciously:
"I have such confidence in Sibyl, Miss Therwin, that I allow her to choose her own friends;
therefore, if her choice falls upon you, you will
always be a welcome guest here."

"I shall call upon you very soon," she said,
taking both Sibyl's hands at parting. "I feel
as if you and I might be excellent friends upon
a better acquaintance; and I shall not soon forget how kind you were to me while I was ill
tonight."

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By Violet Marsh

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our children. The mother whose chosen work in this world lies in attending to the wants of husband and children, finds she has just as necessary and all-important a war work before her as the woman who can drop home



FORT CAKE FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

cares in pursuance of Red Cross and other patriotic services, for in the hands of the home woman lies to a great extent the future of affective for in the mother, the conservation of food becomes a more complex matter. To provide herself with food sufficient and suitable to sustain strength and efficiency, appears simple enough, but it may be a problem to procure the proper kind of nourishment for her children, as they must have foods that build flesh and bone. Next to work of running the home

twenty-second, use the Fort Cake in the center of table, and make the bonbon dishes of red, white and blue paper in the form of tiny cocked hats, instead of heart shapes. Paper hatchets with a small unmounted picture of Mt. Vernon, Washington's home, if obtainable, make interesting place cards and souvenirs.

FORT CAKE FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—
Cream butter the size of a walnut with twothirds cup of sugar; add one well beaten egg
and beat hard. To one rounding cup of flour
add one teaspoon of cream of tartar and half a
teaspoon of soda. Add to the beaten egg and
sugar a little milk, then a little flour, and so on
until all the milk and flour is used, then bake
in a loaf. Cover with white frosting, and on
one side insert barley candy that can often be
found in cannon shape. On top of cake pile
chocolate-coated, round candles to represent cannon balls, and in the center stand a small American flag.

can flag.

Hearts of Toast.—Cut stale bread of any kind into inch slices and trim into heart shapes. Bent one egg, add one quarter of a teaspoon of salt and one cup of milk. Dip hearts into egg and milk and fry a golden brown. Have all prepared a taploca jelly made by washing quarter of a pound of taploca in cold water and adding cold water to cover two inches. Cook very slowly in double cooker until the taploca is clear and dissolved, then add two cups of sweetened fruit juice and let it remain hot until the taploca has absorbed the fruit juice. Cranberry juice gives the right Valentine suggestion. Have the jelly just cold enough so it will drop around the edges of hearts and remain firm until served. This dish is very delicious, as well as attractive, and takes the place of the old-time cake and candy valentine cookies.

VALENTINE JELLY.—This jelly is made in three

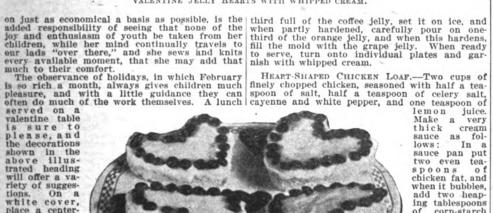




VALENTINE JELLY HEARTS WITH WHIPPED CREAM.

tions. On a white cover, white cover, place a center-piece of paper or real flowers in a basket or bowl. Surround it with large hearts cut from pink or red cardboard or paper, or tinted with water color. Smaller hearts are

HEARTS OF TOAST AND JELLY.



add two heap-ing tablespoons ing tablespoons of corn-starch or four heaping tablespoons of flour; stir until smooth, and then very slowly add two cups of scalding milk. stirring milk, milk, constantly. It should not stop aking while is

cooking the milk

with water color. Smaller hearts are placed in groups to nearly cover the cloth. The place cards may be valentines. The bonbon dishes are four hearts tied together with ribbon, and on these and the place cards are cupids with drawn bows. If a cake is preferred for a centerpiece, in place of the flowers, use the Fort Cake with its patriotic suggestions; only, before the frosting and decorations are added, insert a ring for the one to be married first, a coin for future riches, a tiny horseshoe for good luck, and a thimble for the one fated to single blessedness, the four prophetic gifts of Saint Valentine, who loved everybody and went from house to house showering his gifts and blessings. And while we celebrate in memory of good Saint Valentine, we have, today, our faithful gray. we colebrate in memory of good Saint Valentine, we have, today, our faithful gray-uniformed friend, the postman, the most generally looked-for visitor on the 14th day of February. Now to change the table decorations for the glebration of Washington's birthday, February ley on each and serve at once.

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Prune Cake

'4 cup shortening
1'3 cups brown sugar or 1 cup
corn syrup
'4 cup milk
1 cup rye flour
'4 cup white flour NO EGGS

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CROSS CURRENTS

By Maud Mary Brown

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FFORE she had given his number, her husband's last words repeated themselves in her ears. Good? Her eyes fell to the letter which was still clutched in her tense fingers. Good? The receiver dropped from her hand and swung, swinging idly.

What had she been about to do? Suddenly she felt like a cheat, an intriguer. She could not take advantage of her husband's weakness in this fashion. It was wrong and no amount of reasoning could make it right. She could never heal her bruised conscience with sophistry. Her face ashen, she sat down and broke the seal of Waverley's letter.

With shaking fingers, Marcia drew the closely-written letter from its envelope.

"Dear Marcia:"—it ran—"Since leaving you I have gone step by step over your decision, and you are right. You are not the woman to be contented with a compromise with life. Perhaps I am not that kind of a man. I don't know. Tonight I feel that only to have you, no matter how or where, would be enough happiness for me, here or hereafter. You have dedicated your life to service, and with your example before me I can do no less. Dear, all through my boylood and youth, I lived next door to a girl. Her name is Lois Temple. I think our parents expected as to marry when we had left off playing and quarrelling with each other. But our paths divided when we went to college. I was, from that time on, less and less at home. Then Lois' father lost his money in a wild speculation, and after he died, heartbroken, she moved to a nother city, where she taught, and we lost sight of each other. I saw her last year. Marcia, she has gone hame. 'Disease of the bone,' she told me, 'and incurable.' And her plucky chin quivered a little as she said it. Incurable? Perhaps. But money and science can perform miracles these days. If I cannot have the woman I love, I am going, if she will give her consent, to marry the woman to whom I can be of service. That is all. You have set the pace. Marcia, and always, somewhere, I shall be following along in my stumbling fashion, listening for a word about you, watching your work. Good luck, dear. And peace be with you. "Dear Marcia:"--it ran-"Since leaving

Marcia scarcely could see through the shower of her tears as she took up her pen and finished the Oriental valediction, "And with you peace." This she placed in an envelope, and, addressing it to Waverley, she bowed her head on her folded arms and wept.

She felt alone and abandoned. She was, she thought bitterly, a piece of life's excess baggage. She had made a supreme renunciation for her husband, only to be told before her exaltation had subsided that he preferred another woman. It did not occur to her during those first moments of her emotional storm that, with her inherited principles, the absence of moral obliquity in her nature, she could not have done less. Her head was not yet high at the thought of a duty nobly done.

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All she remembered was that now Saxon Waverley's thought—all the amazing warmth of his nature—would be lavished on another woman. That was the bitter draught which she must swallow. That she was the one beloved, afforded her scant consolation.

She was torn with her jealousy of this woman. This Lois Temple. She was glad she was lame—hoped she would never.... She snatched her thoughts back from their ugly course.

Her first spiritual tempest past, Marcia rose, bathed her eyes and powdered away the traces of her weeping. Then, going down-stairs, she carried her message to Waverley to the near-by mail box, and, coming back, she tapped at her husband's study door.

At his response, she entered. Coat off, he sat at a littered desk. All about him lay commentaries, books of reference. He looked up, frowning, at her entrance.

"I just paused to ask if there's anything I can do for you," she explained.

"No, thank you," he replied abruptly. "I should have done this work this afternoon. I seem to be in no condition now."

"Is something—vexing you?"

He hesitated. "It's this," he replied, pointing to a passage in Livy. "I can't seem to unravel it into good sense."

She glanced over his shoulder. "Oh, I recog-

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She glanced over his shoulder. "Oh, I recognize that of old, she said, briskly. "It is what your freshmen call a humdinger. Dad used to get impatient with me over that. Do you mind letting me see if I've forgotten it?"

He looked up, a trifle surprised. This was not Marcia's customary procedure. Usually she was

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"Isn't this the way it goes?" she finally asked. Then, haltingly, but very clearly, she explained away the difficulty.

"That's it!" Stetson cried. "I should have unravelled it in time, Marcia."

"Why, of course. Is there anything else?"

"Nothing, and thank you. I wish I had had your father in the classics. You're a wonder."

"Oh, no, I'm not. But dad was, and I had exceptional teaching. If you are sure you want nothing more of me, I think I will say good night. I am rather tired.

Stetson was on his feet instantly. "You look positively ill, Marcia. Can't I do something for you? You ought not to be so pale after an after-

positively ill, Marcia. Can't I do something for you? You ought not to be so pale after an after noon in the air."

Oh, I am quite all right. The first warm weather always enervates one, you know. Good night, Bentley."

He followed her to open the door. "And about Miss Canfield, Ben," she said. "don't let it trouble you. We will all try to see what is right. That's all one can do, isn't it?"

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Stetson returned to his desk, but for a long time he sat idle. Marcia had been so dear! Gad! She was lovely, too, in that gentian-blue dress so like the color of her eyes! A woman to be proud of. Only....

Marcia went up to her room conscious that there had been a new humility in her treatment of her husband's classical shortcomings. She idly wondered why.

She lay wide-eyed through the night, wondering, wondering. Morning brought no peace, but it did bring a strengthened resolution to do, at all costs, the best thing for her husband.

She went down-stairs too late to see him before he went to his classes. The adoring maid, having noticed Marcia's pallor the night before, had done all the tasks and the house was in exquisite order.

After a pretence at breakfast, Marcia went upstairs. She tried to work on her uncompleted story. It was of no use. One infinitely more absorbing was being written in her own life. She contemplated a walk, but a glance at her gray face and lusterless eyes warned her that if she ventured out she must meet the curious questionings of a score of friends who would observe the dimming of her usual radiance. Finally, she sat down in a low chair by an open

imagine that your husband has enjoyed that?"
Marcia ignored the thrust, save by a rising color.

"If I thought," she said, "that a permanent happiness could come to Professor Stetson through you, I would do whatever I could do to set things right. But it is not so. He will see it himself, straightway. I must decline to assist you, Miss Canfield. Is there anything further that you wish to say?"

"Nothing, Mrs. Stetson, except to apologize for having come. I thought you were broad-minded. I find you colossally selfish. You are clinging to something for which you have no use simply because it is yours. You have succeeded in getting yourself called clever. Perhaps you are clever, but the supernally clever woman in these days is the one who can hold her husband. And you haven't done that. It wasn't worth the trouble. You have kept Professor Stetson on mental tiptoe—an uncomfortable position for any man. I suppose you intend to keep him there till the end, while you, be-pedestaled and patronizing, bar his way to liberty. That, I believe, is all that I care to say."

She was gone with the last word to her credit. Alone, Marcia, half-laughing, half-crying, sank into a chair.

"Thank heaven that is over!" she breathed. "I wonder." she mused, once she had captured her control, "if I have failed as a wife."

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he looked flushed and uncomfortable.

"So she came," he remarked. "Marcia, I'm sorry. And I am humiliated. It was an insuferable position for you."

"Never mind that, Ben. It was just as well to have things out. Now, as you suggest, we will forget it." They finished luncheon in silence.

If Marcia was unusually quiet during the last

"Ben, I'm sorry."

"It's all in a day's work. Don't forry about me. And, Marcia,"—flushing—"about Miss Canfield... Let's forget it. I think I must have been rather mad yesterday."

"You mean that you don't wish me to see her?"

"Certainly I do not wish you to see her. I have been abnormally discouraged this spring. Miss Canfield fitted into my mood of discontent, my antagonism to my work. It was nothing more than that. I see it now."

He had not communicated with Miss Canfield! Marcia was conscious of an ineffable sense of relief.

The telephone in his study rang, and Stetson rose to answer it. Coming back, a moment later,

Marcia moved to more comfortable quarters.

In another three years, he was offered a sum which looked to them like opulence for a carburettor improvement which he had patented. He hesitated long over the offer, sitting up half of the night before the decision must be made. This hesitation puzzled Marcia. "Exactly why are you debating?" she demanded. "It looks to me like an amazing amount of money."

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"Waverley and his wife."

She became so immovable that the life in her seemed, momentarily, to be suspended.

"Not really," she said at last, "How splendid! How did they look?"

"Oh, fine! His wife is charming."

"Pretty, Bentley?"

"Radiant, rather. One doesn't get beyond that."

He smiled down at her. "Stetson told as yesterday how wonderful you have been."
"Ben exaggerates. I only did what seemed to be right."

no right."

The old philosophy holds?"

She nodded. "Ben has been the wonderful one in this family, Saxon. Circumstances jailed him at St. Jules', and I had become his failor. I simply handed him the key and he walked out—

and up."
"Nevertheless, my modest friend, it took some courage to hand over the key."
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"You're wife is lovely," Marcia remarked, irrelevantly.
"Isn't she, Marcia? I want you to love her."
"Oh, I shall. There they are now, Bentley and Lois. They're beckening us to the rose garden for ten."
"I have thought so many times of your simple little code of happiness. It worked, didn't it, Marcia?"
"I think it always will." she replied, gravely.

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"We were simply caught by the cross currents, but we won back to the main channel, and now we're safe on a charted sea. Life is pretty indulgent, after all, Saxon."

"It is as soon as you have learned how to live it," he replied, as they strolled across the suatouched sward to join the two who smilingly awaited them.

is the most important service the women of America can render their country. Needless to say that, with high and rising prices, increasing scarcity of all the necessaries of life, restrictions on the use of certain foods and the need to save to meet the call of war charities and Government loans, the housewife faces a perplexing problem.

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Lincoln's Wit and Wisdom

By C. L. Cheever

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INCOLN'S life is filled with little incidents that show his affection for children. It is this part of his noble nature that made him so full of sympathy and tenderness. From the days when he rocked the babies to sleep in the humble log cabins of his acquaintances, to the days when he romped with his own children in the White House, his regard for children was ever noticeable. All his early pictures show him beardless; all his pictures after his election show him wearing a beard. That beard was due to the suggestion of a little girl in New York state; having seen and heard Mr. Lincoln in the days before the war, when he was traveling and speaking in the East, she thought a beard would greatly improve his looks, and wrote and told him so. He took the hint kindly, as he always did, and when on his way to the White House as president, his train stopped at the village where Grace lived. He asked if Grace were in the throng at the depot. She was, of course. She came forward and Mr. Lincoln said: "Well, Grace; you see that I have let my whiskers grow for you." Then he took her hands, bent down and kissed her.



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Once, a country boy, who had come to Boston to begin the world, could not withstand temptation, stole money from the letters that he took to or from the post-office, he was found out, arrested and sent to prison. But some tender-hearted neople interested themselves in the boy and applied for a pardon, believing that if he had another chance he would be a better boy. The pardon was presented to the president, who, in the funny way he had, said if the petition were true, it would seem as if there were not many such boys as this one, outside the Sunday-school. Then, growing serious, he asked the boy's father what would be done if the boy were released. The father replied that the boy had had quite enough of the city, and would gladly go back to the farm. At once, the president signed the pardon, and the boy was set free.

Preferred to Err on the Side of Mercy

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others affected him. He could be stern if need be, though always just; but if he ever wavered at all, it was when some poor fellow's life was in danger.

"Go away, Swett," he said to an old friend, who called on him in the White House. "Tomorrow is butcher-day. I must go through these papers and see if I cannot find—some excuse to let these poor fellows off;" and the tender-hearted president turned to the pile of papers which were the death warrants of soldiers who had failed in their duty; not because he wished to shirk the evidence, but to find one single loophole that would give them any chance for life through pardon. "The man must not be shot," cried the friend of a recreant soldier, whom Stanton, the just, but stern war-secretary would not pardon. "Well," said the president, if don't believe shooting cill do him any good. Give me that pen," and have passed oon. "The man must not be shot," cried the friend of a recreant soldier, whom Stanton, the just, but stern war-secretary would not pardon. "Well," said the president, "I don't believe shooting scill do him any good. Give me that pen," and the pardon was granted.

The Sleeping Sentinel

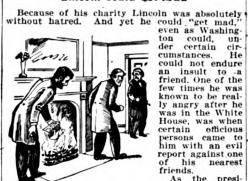
The story of William Scott, "the sleeping sentry," is one of the best known among all these tales of Lincoln's sympathy. William Scott had marched all day and then volunteered to stand as sentry, at night, in place of a sick comrade. He was found asleep on his post. He was courtmartialed and sentenced to be shot. Friends tried to save his life and went to Mr. Lincoln with the story. He heard it and made up his mind to save the boy's life. He was afraid to trust another with the message and went-himself to see the prisoner, who was under guard at Washington. Lincoln entered the tent where Scott was confined, talked with him of his home on the Vermont farm, his school and his mother. Then he said: "My boy, look me in the face. You are not going to be sbet tomorrow. I am going to trust you and send you back to your regiment. How are you going to pay me?"

Young Scott was overloyed, but worried. He did not know how he could pay Mr. Lincoln. A president would need a big fee, he thought the boys would club together, and perhaps they could raise five or six hundred dollars, the great president put his hands on the lad's shoulders and said: "My boy, my bill is a large one. Your friends cannot pay it. There is only one man in all the world who can pay it, and his name is William Scott. If, from this day, William Scott does his duty, so that if I were there when he comes

to die, he can look me in the face and say, 'I have kept my promise, I have done my duty as a soldier,' then my debt will be paid. Will you promise?"

I'tterly broken down by the kindness and seriousness of the president, Scott promised: he was released, sent back to his regiment, and died, months after, fighting bravely in battle, where almost his last words were: "Boys, I've tried to do the right thing. If any of you get the chance, tell the president I have tried to be a good soldier, and true to the flag, and tell him I think of his kind face and thank him again that he gave me the chance to fall like a soldier in battle and not like a coward. by the hands of my comrades."

Lincoln Could Get Mad





capitol, "I don't see any nail on those columns to hang this on." Just then Stephen A. Douglas, for so many years his rival, stepped forward and took the hat, as he remarked with a smile, "If I can't be President, at least I can hold his hat."

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In one of his speeches, before he was elected President, Lincoln paid this tribute to his adversary: "Twenty-two years ago," he said, "Judge Pouglas and I became acquainted. We were both young then, he a trifle younger than I (four years). Even then we were both ambitious—I perhaps quite as much as he. With me the race of ambition has been a failure—a flat failure. With him it has been one of splendid success. His name fills the nation and is not unknown in foreign lands. I affect no contempt for the high eminence he has reached, I would rather stand upon that eminence than wear the richest crown that ever decked a monarch's brow. The judge means to keep me down—not put me down—for I have never been up." In this tribute Lincoln showed in his own nature a modesty for which the world has always loved him.

Touching Farewell to His Friends

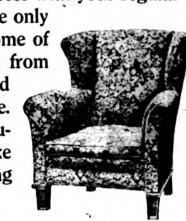
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If you have got your atlases open and have a map of Europe in front of you, we will start away back at the very beginning. Sometime before Columbus discovered this continent, a support of the content of th

ideals, worthy only of the dark ages, menaced the world.

The bloody struggle in which Prussia is engaged today is merely a continuation of that aggressive policy of blood, iron and conquest which she has pursued for the last five hundred years, a policy which she is determined to continue until the world is hers, a policy which her greatest men have summarized in four sinister words, "World Dominion or Downfall."

If you look at the map, the black cancerous growth of German despotic imperialism during the present war has gathered in Belgium and Northern France, Russian Poland and a huge strip of Russian territory which extends almost to Petrograd (the Russian capital). It has gobbled up Roumania, Serbia, and in its march southward its tentacles have hooked in Bulgaria and European Turkey; for you must remember these so-called allies are merely German vassals, the Czar of Bulgaria being a German prince and the Sultan of Turkey a mere puppet. The tentacles of the octupus have crept too, into Asia Minor, reached out almost to the Suez Canal on the west and dug down to the Pressian gulf on the southeast. Thus the Prussian sword has been thrust through the vitals of Europe, the hilt resting on the gray waters of the North Sea and its point piercing the very heart of Eastern Asia and resting on an arm of the Indian Ocean.

Nearly all European nations have engaged more

or less in colonial conquests, opening up the waste places of the earth, and such colonizing has been necessary for world civilization. But it has been Prussia that has made a business of removing the boundary marks of her neighbors, doing her colonizing amongst old and settled states right in the very heart of Europe. We can forgive a man who pots a feroclous cannibal in the Tropies, but we send to the electric chair or the scaffold the dastardly criminal who plots to murder his next door neighbor, and it is this kind of murderous plotting that the Kaiser and the state of the control of the surround him have been neaged in folds that surround him have been neaged in the Pan-German. Soon, if this international burglar is not restrained he will sweep across the Suez Canal into Africa and across the roof of the world into India and China, and later on we are to be enslaved, and then the cry will be "Hamburg to Cape Town, and Hamburg to Hongkong, and Hudson Bay to the Straits of Magellan!" This looks like a very big world to you, but to the German General staff and the Kaiser it is a place little bigger than an orange, and they have decided, unless you resist, that they will swallow it all. Prussia has not attempted to conceal her intentions as regards this country. Listen to what our Ambassador Gerard, who represented this government in Germany for four years, has to say in his tremendously interesting book, "My Four Years In Germany." 'I had an audience with the Kaiser in October, 1915. At that time he rose, walked over to me and, putting his face three inches from mine said: 'Remember, when this war is over. I'll stand no nonsense from the Inited States.' Then liberty and freedom were to die, Prussian helmets were to be put upon our heads, and one of the Kaiser's multitudinous sons placed in the White House, and the world enhanced in the world enhanced in the world enhanced in the world enhanced in the said of the conception that the best government is the one that governs least we possess today. This will be l

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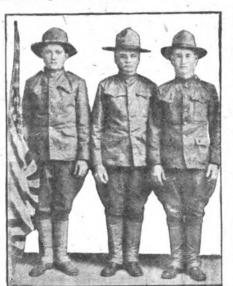
forth the joyous news of German victories, the German socialist forgot about his socialism, and joyously went off to cut the throats of his comrades and enslave the peoples of other lands. Saxens from the German forests more than a thousand years ago conceived the idea of democratic government and invaded England, conquered that country and made free government a reality. The Germanic tribes who stayed behind allowed their kings and chiefs to rule and enslave them and they have continued to do so to this very day. In 1848 the German people started a mild sort of revolution, but the Herr Professors got talking and talked so long that they gave the king a chance to come back and chase them all. If the German people had got the habit the British had, and the French got a little later, of cutting off the heads of kings, and acquired the French and British yearning for self-government, we should have the United States of Europe, world democracy, and there would be no kaisers and no war today.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLE:

I'm a volunteer soldier, sixteen years of age. It was hard for my mother to consent to my enlisting, but she gave her consent at last. I'm a Canadian by birth, born in the city of Montreal. This place is not far from St. Louis. Have been there a few times but don't know much about it yet. This place is rather lonesome and if any of the cousins care to write to a soldier boy, I will answer, but I guess I will make a better soldier than a letter writer. I have three cousins serving somewhere in France. I hope soon to see France, England and Berlin; and before this war is over I hope to get a peep at the Kaiser. I wish I could get a punch at him, and there would be nothing left but a grease spot. If the people who abuse you for your patriotic stand, Unele Charlie, could only hear what is being said here about the Kaiser and his Prussian Huns, they would let up on you and crawl into their holes and keep quiet for the rest of their lives. These people may control in Germany, but they don't own the United States yet, and if I and my chums have a say in the matter they never will own it. I'm a League member and hope to hear from some of the cousins.

P. S. In the picture I am sending, I am holding the fiag.

world over. Thanks to this ideal, we have the self-governing. English-speaking commonwealths of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. France took, the hint from our revolution, removed the head of Louis XVI, smashed the feundat system in western Europe and laid the foundation stone of the present great Funch Republic.

The German ideal of government is diametrically opposed to ours. There the individual is the servant of the government is diametrically opposed to ours. There the individual is the servant of the government and exists only for the benefit of the state—and the state is the servant of the government and exists only for the benefit of the state—and the state is made to the state—and the state is the servant of the government and oiled only so the machine will run smoothly and perform its work of killing or producing more efficiently. Such individual liberty as Germany enjoys is permitted only if it does not interfere with the Hohenzollern interests and the Kaiser's divine rights.

Both England and France at various times have tried a little bit of the Prussian governmental flies, but after a brief experiment they ideals. Germany's and ours, remember, are utterly antagonistic and cannot exist side by side in this world. It does not matter whether the paternal slavery practiced in Germany is benevolent on not, real, manly men have always risen against this form of state domination. Men, if docile will submit to tyrannical bossings for a time, but the experiment enforced upon them and controlled by others. The Germans vote, but their votes count for little and their self-the paternal slavery practiced in Germany is benevolent on not, real, manly men have always risen agazinst this form of state domination. Men, if docile will submit to tyrannical bossings for a sace of the proper is the paternal slavery practiced in Germany is benevolent on the real propersistic propersistic propersistic

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or abandoning them in open boats in the midst of the stormy seas, does he feel like saying, 'Never mind; let it all pass; * * It will all be the same in a hundred years.' For my own part I will never again use an article made in modern Germany if I know it. * * I will favor the exclusion of the German language and literature from our schools and colleges. I would drive every unnaturalized German from this country. We do not want their ideas or their methods. * * Their methods enslave the mind and lead to efficiency chiefly in the field of organized robbery. They invent nothing, but they add a Satanic touch to the inventions of others and turn them to infernal uses. They are without sentiment or imagination. They have broken completely with the old Germany of Goethe, of Kant and Lessing, to whom we all owe a debt. They, are learned in the roots of things but their learning is musty and dusty with underground conditions. They know the "Tree of Knowledge" at the bottom, but not at the top in the air and sun, where are its leaves and flowers and fruits. They run to erudition but not to inspiration. They are a heavy, materialistic, grasping race, forceful but not creative, millitary but not humanistic, aggressive but not heroic, religious but not spiritual; brave it may be, but not chivalrous; utterly selfish, thoroughly scientific and efficient on a low plane, as organized force is always efficient. None of the great musicians were Prussian. Luther threw his ink bottle at the devil, but the devil got even with him and made the Christian outlook blacker than it was before. They are at this moment taking means to increase their birth rate by methods identical with those of stock men and dog breeders. That the German women do not defend themselves with liquid fire and asphyxiating gas shows that their morals are as low as those of the men and that they are the victims of the same civit slavery. They have fought this war like sneaks and cutthroats; they have respected not (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14.)



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UST because we must take most things so seriously this war year is the very reason why an evening devoted to innocent diversion once in a while will do us a world of good. Let us put away our knitting and Red Cross work for a short time and give an hour or two to a celebration in honor of our good old friend Saint Valentine. A change is beneficial for everybody and after a little fun we can go back to our work with renewed courage and energy. If you, dear reader, are one of the painfully superior kind of people who think valentines are childish foolery, just remember the famous old couplet which tells that

"A little nonsense now and then Is relished by the wisest men."

Why not have your Valentine celebration a complete change this year from those of past seasons by making it progressive? By this I do not mean progressive card games, but a new contest in which the guests progress from table to table thus affording a constant change of partners and adding greatly to the fun. Such an affair can be as large or as small as one wishes, it can be given to a few friends in a private house, or it can form part of an evening's diversion for the young people at the Grange hall or the church parlors. Now to make the party a real success everything should be a little out of the ordinary and even the invitations should be unique. Very effective ones can be made at almost no expense by cutting them from brown manilla paper such as bundles are wrapped in. Cut a large heart by folding the paper in the center and then cutting the shape of half a heart. This will ensure having each lobe of the heart the same size, for it would never do for Saint Valentine to send out a lopsided heart. When you have at last achieved a perfect shape, lay this on as many as ten folds of paper and cut to pattern.

Now take a fine pen and a bottle of red ink and write on each heart the following dog-gerel:

"St. Valentine's party next Thursday night!

"St. Valentine's party next Thursday night! Polish your wits 'til clear and bright. All your heart secrets we're going to guess. No use evading, you've got to confess. Who's your best girl or who's your best beau? Is he soldier or sailor or man with a hoe? What is her name and where does she dwell? St. Valentine knows but he will not tell. Refusals forbidden, be sure you come—Only a slacker will stay at home."

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In the point of the heart is written the name and address of the person giving the party. Thus if the house is on a street, write "19 Walnut St.," or whatever the address is, but if the party is to be given in a house some distance from the town, try to describe it in some unmistakable way. This is easy if the place has a name such as "Shady Lawn" or the "Ridge Farm" or something like that, but if it has no name or no number write on the back of the card a description of how to get there, thus: "Starting from the Grange Hall, you must walk north on Main St. until you come to Western Ave., turn into this and so continue until the Prairie Road is reached, turn east on this and St. Valentine awaits you at the white house on the left with the two big maples in the front yard."

begin. This is played at small tables with from four to six at each table; in the center of each table is a little mound of peanuts, on six of which are securely pasted tiny red hearts. These should be hidden underneath the rest.

After everybody is seated a, small hand bell or gong is placed on the table at the end of the room. This is called Saint Valentine's table and at the beginning of each game a small dish of the old-fashioned candies called "kisses," on which are printed mottoes, is passed to each player but it is not passed at the other tables. It serves as a reward for those who reach this table and an inducement to get there. Each player is then given a plain card on which to keep score. On each table is a pencil and in front of one of the seats is a big red heart pasted on the table. The person who has this set of the table. The person who has this set of the table. The person who has this set of the table. The person who has this set of the table. The person who has this set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table. The person who has this set of the table that the person who has this set of the table. The person who has this set of the table that the person who has this set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who has the set of the table that the person who were the person that the person the mound in the center, a few usually fall away and can be picked up without touching the others, because when the penuts are all resting, one on another, becomes apparent, and an inexperience person usually falls, for after accidentally moving another nut with the peanut he is trying to extract he will be greated with gleeful shrieks of "Lost"—and even if the five minute time in the person ha

"The rose is red, The violet's blue; Sugar is sweet, And so are you."

The consolation prize for the person who gets the fewest nuts should be a small egg beater purchased at the ten-cent store, with a card at-tached to it which says:

"Something that even you can beat."

Ave., turn into this and so continue until the Prairie Road is reached, turn east on this and St. Valentine awaits you at the white house on the left with the two, big maples in the front yard."

If on the other hand the party is to be given for a church or grange to make a little money for some worthy cause, the invitation should of course bear the name of the hall or the church parlors and also the price of admission. Front fifteen to twenty-five cents would be about right for an evening's festivity and from thirty-five to firth if there was to be a bean support be forchand. The party is given to make a little money for some worthy cause, the invitation should of course bear the name of the hall or the church parlors and also the price of admission. Front fifteen to twenty-five cents would be about right for an evening's festivity and from thirty-five to firth the tenth of the party is given to make a little money for some worthy cause, the hall or the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the full of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the full of the church society a Valentine Post Office will pick up a good many nickels and make a tot of the full of the church society a Valentine's Post Office in the chu

The first person who steps up to the window should be asked his or her name by the postmistress, even though it is some one she knows quite well. When this has been given, she says: "Yes, there is some mail for you, but five cents postage is due on it." If the person at the window pays up he gets his mail, but if he demurs the postmistress says: "It's against the United States Postal Regulations to give you mail on which postage is due."

If the person asking for mail is known to be generous and open-handed, the postmistress can tell him that she has two or three parcels for him but he must pay the postage, and can then collect as much as she thinks is fair, giving him one of the best valentines, a small box of candy and a pocket pincushion, or something like that. It can be readily seen that a post office if carefully managed will bring in quite a little money and also can be made very amusing, but be careful who you select for postmaster or postmistress. If possible get someone who can talk well and also knows enough not to offend anybody. This is very important.

The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4.)

"I married you for love, and nothing else," he had answered quietly, and she had watched him as he said it, then turned from him and spoke laboredly, over her shoulder.

"I'll do my best to be a good wife to you."

But even now he never imagined how at that moment she came of her own accord to believe in what was true, that he had known nothing of Sylvia's maneuvering. And her duty lay plain before her. To take up the life she had deliberately made for herself and be a good wife to the man who had always "been good" to her. Very barren, very dreary, in spite of Levallion's kindness, that life lay before her, but she would tread it faithfully to the very end. And unconsciously a great joy leaped to her eyes and ever since had burned there steadily. Adrian might be lost to her a thousand times more than ever, but in her soul she could worship him, for he had been true.

But Levallion, poor fool, had thanked God for that rapture in her eyes; a man, too, who was not in the habit of thanking God for anything.

"There's peace in her face," said the duchess shortly, having followed his eyes in that long pause. "Well, well! You're a better man than I thought, Levallion. Send Tommy to me with a tea cake. You make me nervous when you watch me eat."

Sir Thomas came without much alacrity. He had a better opinion of the duchess' shrewdness than Levallion; and he was not easy in his mind. He knew quite well that Ravenel's renewed beauty and the quiet of her face dated from that interview with Adrian Gordon, that he had not discovered in time to prevent. "He was uncomfortably conscious that for all he knew the household might be sitting on a volcano.

"And, how are you?" inquired his friend, with her mouth full. "I hear Lady Annesley is cutting a dash at Harrowgate. I don't suppose you miss her!"

"Not much!" stolidly, though he would rather a hundred times have been back under her lady-ship's rule and been sitting half-fed at Annesley. Chase with the old Ravenel, than here in Levallion's house with a sister who would not me

Chase with the old Ravenel, than here in Levallion's house with a sister who would not meet his
eye.

"I'm not pining away for Lady Annesley."

"She'd give her eyes to be here," the duchess
chuckled unkindly. "You seem to have an extremely cheerful collection. By the way, how's
young Gordon? I hear he's been very ill here?"

"He's better," shortly. "He had a sort of relapse last week. But he's coming down to dinner
tonight. We"—hastily—"haven't seen anything
of him. He's had a nurse."

But the duchess merely murmured that it was
a sad case, a man with a shattered bridle arm
being of no further use in a hussar regiment;
and passed serenely on. She had no intention of
telling Tommy that she had found out all about
that marriage that never came off. The curate
at Effingham had talked, and the whole parish
knew about the couple who had never, come to be
married, but had wasted a special license and
the curate's time. Ravenel's past was no business of any one's but Levallion, who would never
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"If she has any sense she knows by this time that Levallion's little finger is worth a whole string of lovesick soldiers," she thought. "I never saw a man so softened and improved in all my life. He looks twenty years younger. But, all the same, if he's wise, he won't press his distinguished young relative to an indefinite stay."

But even the duchess felt a shocked pity that night at dinner as she looked across the flowers and gold plate and saw how very ill and worn Captain Gordon looked. Why, the man was a death's head. A romantic, undesirable death's head, with its arm in a sling. She glanced at Ravenel and saw to her infinite relief that she was not so much as looking Gordon's way. Exquisitely fair in ivory satin and burned orange velvet, she was talking to the man on her right with her old child-like mirth. But the duchess was near-sighted. Sir Thomas Annesley could have told her that there was anything but mirth in Ravenel's steady eyes. And truly repentance, impotent pain and fear were doing their work. Under that smart bodice Lady Levallion's heart was aching dully while she made conversation, as many a better woman's has done and will do while the world goes round.

She knew quite well that the width of a white tablecloth separated her as utterly from Adriàn as a guif of a thousand miles. Knew that after dinner he would never speak fo her, except in the few sentences decently demanded from guests to hostess: that as soon as he could he would get away from the house.

"Oh, I've simply got to speak to him!" she thought. "If I have to make the chance myself," for there were two things she had forgotten to ask him, and one of them rankled. Why had he said he was too poor to marry her openly, and all

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the while was Levallion's sole heir? The probable successor to the richest earldom in England is not usually considered a bad match, even by more greedy people than Ravenel. And who was the woman who had come to ask after him; though she cared very little, or she determined to think so. She came out of her thoughts with a jerk, suddenly conscious that she had not the least idea what the man beside her was saying.

"I was thinking how pretty all the women are," she observed quickly, to avoid having to say, "I beg your pardon."

Lord Chaytor surveyed the table. It was quite true; every woman there was a picture in her way; and nearly all he saw were dark; and made a foil to the peachy loveliness, the curled bronze head of their hostess.

"My own wife's the only one of 'em I'd care to kiss, though!" he remarked, rather after the manner of Levallion, who was his dearest friend.

"That's very charming—and proper—of you!"

"No!" It's the 'hard kalsomine finish' that appals me," coolly. "Come, now, Lady Levallion, you don't mean to say you can't see it?!)

For Ravenel, who owned no rouge-pot and eschewed powder, was looking at him bewilderedly.

"I thought—" she began, and then laughed, but not too gaily, "was everything in the grand world a sham, even down to the lovely color on the women's cheeks?"

"That all things were what they seemed? Well, they ain't, unfortunately! You really ought to be "(CONTINUED ON PAGE 33.)

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American War Heroines

By Frances L. Garside

HE world," it is said, "knows nothing of its greatest men." It has never been said, but it is easily proyen, that it knows less of its greatest women.

Not greatest because of achievements in the arts and sciences but greatest in the denial of self; the surrender of personal comfort and ambition; the sacrifice of kindred and home; the silent, prolonged endurance of privation and pain; the story, in brief, told on the pages of history devoted to women in the days of the Civil War.

No medals were pinned on these breasts where under every condition of squalor and pain and frightfulness, there was pillowed the heads of the sick and the dying. They endured every privation cheerfully; they made every sacrifice willingly; their only reward the memory of the grateful look of some wounded or dying soldier.

The tablets devoted to the story of the Civil War will never be complete because some of its greatest deeds of heroism were those done in tent and hospital and ambulance, off the firing line, and done by women. The story will never be told of the thousands who in their homes in town and country made every sacrifice woman could make. For four long years they went thinly clad; they took blankets from their own beds and slept poorly covered; they they never tasted sugar, tea or meat; they left their own children in the care of friends that they might make children of an army corps; they risked their lives in field hospitals and tents and they slept in tents and ambulance wagons.

The state of Massachusetts gave more women to this great cause during the days of the Civil War than any other state, and the first woman to enroll in the name of humanity was Dorothea L. Dix of Worcester. She had spent thirty years in an effort to ameliorate the condition of women in prisons and insane asylums, and had retired to a quiet life at home when Baltimore be-



MISS CLARA BARTON.

came the scene of a disgraceful mob riot April 10, 1861. Miss Dix put aside all personal ambitions; she forgot she had earned a rest, and longed for it, and left at once for service for humanity. She reached Baltimore in the wake of the mob. Her services ended there, she appealed to the government for further work, and was made superintendent of all female nurses in government employ. She selected every woman employed, and some of her requirements sound amusing today when the good-looking nurse is the rule, and not the exception. Miss Dix demanded that the applicant be mature in years, plain in dress, and devoid of all personal attractions. She insisted on good health and morals, but should an applicant have these beyond question, and possess also a good-looking nose, she was refused work. One might infer from this that Miss Dix could never enter a heauty contest herself, but the inference is incorrect, for it is said of her that when she was young she had possessed great beauty.

Clara Barton, of North Oxford, Mass., is known the world over for her life's work devoted to the service of humanity. Beginning as a school teacher, she soon rose to prominence as an educator, manifesting that talent for efficiency and organization, coupled with a power of initiative and persistency of effort, that commanded success through her long and varied career.

When a scandalous betrayal of trust caused the discharge of some of the men clerks in the U. S. Patent Office, she was called to fill an important position in that department. The outbreak of the Civil War found her thus employed, but when the first wounded soldiers reached washington she resigned her position in order to give her entire attention to their care.

The government was so unprepared for the war into which it was suddenly plunged that in the early part there was a lack of everything needed and confusion reigned in all departments. Nothing escaped her notice, and while she worked she thought and planned to remedy these deficiencies.

Packages from home, conta

Packages from home, containing much-needed majorts for the soldiers, piled up in Washing-



MISS MARGARET E. BRECKINRIDGE.

tom, and she took it upon herself to arrange to have them forwarded to their proper destinations. From the deplorable condition in which the wounded arrived in Washington, she soon decided that she was needed more in the field than at the capital. So she obtained a general pass to all posts held by the army and, after accumu-

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MRS. NELLIE MARIA TAYLOR.

ger. She had many narrow escapes from death, on several occasions her clothes were pierced by bullets. Once a bullet passed between her arm and her body and killed the wounded soldier she was attending. But she seemed to bear a charmed life and no deadly missile ever troubled her. The soldiers called her the "Angel of the Battlefield."

Besides her ministration to the soldiers.

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Besides her ministration to the soldiers she had a care for the relief of anxiety of their loved ones at home. In answer to many thousands of inquiries from friends and relations, all the information the War Department could give was "missing."

Under government authority she organized the Bureau of Records of Missing Men, a work which was immeasurably valuable. She identified all but about four hundred of the thirteen thousand graves of Union soldiers who died in Andersonville Prison, and she placed Suitable markers on the graves and made a record of them.

died in Andersonville Prison, and she placed suitable markers on the graves and made a record of them.

Thus she served through the Civil War, using her own savings freely to augment the funds contributed by the government and others.

After the close of the war, exhausted by the strain, she went to Switzerland to recuperate her health. There she became acquainted with and joined the then recently organized Red Cross. While still in Europe the war between Germany and France burst forth with the suddenness and fury of a tornado, and Miss Barton took a prominent part in the Red Cross war work, for which she was honored by many medals and decorations, including the Iron Cross of Germany, bestowed by the grandfather of the present Kaiser. She returned to America too shattered in health to enrage in any work for several years. In 1881, President Garfield appointed her president of the newly reorganized "American Association of the Red Cross," in which position she served until 1904. Despite all her arduous labors and ordeals she lived to the ripe age of ninety-one, passing to her reward in 1912.

Mrs. Eliza C. Potter, a Northerner, living in Charleston, S. C., was the first woman in the South to go to the aid of the wounded. She found 400 Northern soldiers lying on the mud





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who in civic life we rid ourself of by the aid of the sheriff and the hangman."

After that bitter but absolutely truthful arraignment of Prussia and her damnable methods, those who sympathize with our enemies cannot say that I have been too severe in my criticisms. Let the truth be told though the heavens fall.

Dear Uncle Charle:

I am sixteen years young, weigh 135 pounds, have dark blue eyes, dark brown hair, fair complected and am five feet, six inches low. I live on a farm of one hundred acres in the eastern part of "old Virginin," We moved here from the western part of North Carolina, have been in Virginia four years this fall. We have a good farm and raise most all kinds of farm products. I can do all kinds of housework and I work in the field when I am needed. We have five cows, my sister and I milk. We have three mules and one horse. I dearly love horseback riding. Uncle did you ever ride a mule? If you haven't you've missed a lot. I think it's grand to ride horseback on a mule." Uncle what do you think about this world war? Some people seem to think it cannot last longer than spring. I hope the Allies can give old Germany a good licking by then. I I wish I could help whip her. I'd not hesitate a moment about joining the army. I like to see the young men be patriotic and join the army without being drafted and made to go. I do several different kinds of fancy work. I like to go to school. I like speller and Latin best of all my studies. Oh! I detest Algebra. We have taken Comport a long time and it sure is a comfort. With love to Uncle Charlie and all the cousins.

Elzina Martin.

Elzina, you want to know if I ever rode a mule, and it sure is a comfort. With love to Uncie Charlie and all the cousins.

Elzina, you want to know if I ever rode a mule, and further state that if I haven't I've missed a lot. I did manage to get on the main deck of a mule once, but I can't say I stayed long enough to preach a sermon or write a book about it. Before I could say: "Nice Mister Mule, good old mule!" I was sitting on a blinking star up in the Milky Way, and I'd be up there yet if it hadn't been for another man who had been kicked up there by another mule and who insisted on pushing me off. No man who owns a mule need waste any time buying flying machines. As for missing a lot, I never owned any real estate and so never had to go through the mental agony of losing any. In monkeying with that mule however, I missed a perfectly respectable suit of clothes and all that goes with it. Among other things I lost all my hair except one, and I've never been able to decide whether that is regular hair or a souvenir from the mule's tall. Sometimes I think it belongs to me, while at other times. I'm more than half inclined to think if I went to law about it the jury would bring in a verdict in favor of the mule. One thing I would like to do is to take that old mule to Germany, back him up against the Kaiser's Potsdam Palace, when Billy and his six sons are all at home under the Hohenzollern roof tree sharpening their swords and concocting more schemgs for world conquest, and then tell Mr. Mule to open fire with his rear battery. That would be the last of the Hohenzollern family, the last of the apostles of brute force, of the bloody doctrine that might makes right, and that crowned lunatics can convert the world into a corpse strewn graveyard and drown it in seas of blood whenever they feel so disposed. The war may last for years, Elzina, chiefly because we took three with his rear battery. How wall, directly he speaking peoples and other freedom loving, democratic nations of the earth, would, directly he had fo

Thank you Ernest for your letter. The patriotism and common sense that rings in every word you utter, should breathe new courage into every patriotic heart and make the slacker and the traitor hang his miserable head in shame. Ernest Graf is living proof of the fact that a socialist does not necessarily have to be a traitor or a slacker. The Germans and Russian Jews who control that movement here have not been able to fool Ernest Graf, though they have been able to fool a good many half baked simps. Even a revolutionist does not necessarily have to be a fool. Meyer London, the Socialist representative in Congress is sponsor for that statement. The aim of Germany is to start a social revolution in this country by the aid of her paid agents and the German language press and hundreds of German societies, just as she has done in Russia, and nearly succeeded in doing in Italy. The German socialist is ready to betray his comrades the world over. His socialism is a fake and a humbug and means Germanizing humanity, just that and nothing more. When we have denuded the U. S. A. of its best fighting material, Germany by the aid of German sympathizers and two million reservists which she claims to have in this country, and with the assistance of the copperheads and disgruntled, disloyal aliens, expects to terrorize the U. S. A. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 30.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 30.)

Comfort's League of Cousins Illustrious French Warriors Who Helped Us Win Our Independence

OW that we have sent our warships to European waters and our army to France to help the free nations of the earth in the world war for liberty it is especially interesting to review the inesti-

mable service rendered by France in sending us succor in our war for independence.

Without the help of France we could not have won our 'liberty. For her generous sacrifices in our war France gained nothing and asked for nothing except the independence of America. So, aside from our interest in self-preservation and our duty to humanity menaced by her enemies in the present conflict, we are no more than paying a long deferred and sacred debt of honor in going to the rescue of France in her hour of peril.

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AFAYETTE, next after Washington, is deservedly the best known and most revered name connected with our war for independence. So illustrious was the service rendered by this noble Frenchman that to most minds it typifies the part taken by France in our Revolutionary War, forgetful of the fact France did not send him. He led the way which France follows him of the French people was in sympathy with America in her struggle for liberty, France was nominally neutral at the time Lafayette came to us, and the French king even tried to arrest him in order to prevent his departure. But escaping the king's officers and in defiance of the king's commands, he brought over a shipload of war munitions, voluntered to serve in our army without pay, was commissioned a major-general by Congress, though under twenty years of age, and at his own expense equipped the troops which he commanded. Bear in mind that he was an American general and commanded only American soldiers during our Revolutionary War.

The fame of his brilliant exploits and the letters which he wrote home fired the enthusiasm of the French people for our cause, and because of his exaliced rank in the nobility of France, his efforts were largely instrumental in influencing the French government to enter the wind the property of the city of the property of the property of the city of the property of th

American waters, which practically blockaded the coast and prevented the Americans and French from moving their troops by sea. Thus, whichever way Washington moved, he would have to simply the state of the could reach his objective, Clinton could despatch reinforcements by sea so to get there ahead of him.

On Rochambeau's urgent solicitation it was finally decided to make a joint movement against Cornwallis at Yorktown, on the Virginia coast, where Lafayette, with a small 'American army, was hanging with bulldog tenacity on the heels of the great British general, who had boasted that he would make short work of the "Boy General," as he contemptuously nicknamed Lafayette. Boy general though he was, and the youngest general America ever had—Congress having commissioned him major-general at the age of nineteen—Cornwallis found him a dangerous and troublesome antagonist.

The danger was that, before the combined French and American armies could reach and crush 'Cornwallis, Clinton would discover their purpose and send him heavy reinforcements from New York by water.

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To prevent, if possible, such a catastrophe, Rochambeau had written to Count de Grasse, admiral in command of the powerful French fleet in the West Indies, explaining the situation and imploring him to hasten to Yorktown with his entire force and to bring a large sum of money for the use of the American government, even if he had to borrow it.

Admiral de Grasse had no authority to cooperate with the French forces in America. He had been sent to the West Indies with explicit instructions to meet the Spanish fleet there on a fixed date to engage in a joint undertaking. The time was short, and would he assume the responsibility of yielding to Rochambeau's request at the risk of failing to keep his appointment with the Spaniards?

It was before the day of steam navigation and the voyages of sailing ships were of uncertain duration, depending on wind and weather; besides he might meet disaster in battle with the British navy if he went. He had been sent on a special mission and failure to execute his orders on time meant punishment by court-martial and the ruin of his career. Few men in his position would have chanced a deviation from orders involving such dangerous possibilities. He could not have been blamed for playing safe by sticking strictly to his orders. Nevertheless, the fate of America was in the balance and hung on this man's decision, as we shall see.

When Rochambeau departed from Newport it was to join forces with Washington for a foint attack on Cornwallis at Yorktown. Marching from different directions, they met just north of New York City. This was to make Clinton believe their purpose was to attack him, and so prevent lim from sending reinforcements to Yorktown. This ruse worked to perfection and Sir Henry was completely deceived as to their plan of campaign, and while he was busy with his preparations to resist the expected attack the combined American and French armies quietly cross

army by water transports to strengthen the forces of Cornwallis.

Would Admiral de Grasse come to their rescue? And would he arrive in time to head off Clinton? Troublesome problems these to Washington and Rochambeau until the thrilling news reached them near Philadelphia that the ships of de Grasse had arrived in the Chesapeake, blockading Cornwallis by sea while Lafayette's army in his rearcut off his way of retreat by land.

Washington, usually so calm, was quite overcome with joy and embraced Rochambeau.

The letter from Admiral de Grasse informed that he had been so impressed by the crisis in the affairs of America that he had exerted his utmost efforts to bring all possible help. Besides his entire fleet of warships he had brought 3,000 French soldiers on transports, and 1,200,000 francs (\$240,000), which he had borrowed of the Spanish Governor of Havana.

There was great rejoicing in the camp of the allied armies. Good news travels fast, and as it spread from town to town the people went wild with rejoicing.

A few days later, on sighting twenty-seven British ships at sea, de Grasse slipped out and gave battle. He sunk three of them, after which the rest fled to New York, having lost 336 men killed or wounded. De Grasse lost no ship, but 21 officers and 200 of his sailors were killed or wounded.

On his return to the Chesapeake he found

the French soldiers. But such was the conduct with the foliation. Signed by the most friendly and cordial relations. Dinners, receptions, dancing parties and other social functions, at which the French officers as were guests of honor, became frequent and numerous. The companionship of these sections. The companionship of these sections are guests of honor, became frequent and numerous. The companionship of these sections are guests of honor, became frequent and numerous. The companionship of these sections are guests of honor, became frequent and numerous. The companionship of these sections are guests of honor, became frequent and numerous. The companionship of these sections are guests of honor, became frequent and cheek accomplished foreigners made no conceins the section of the companion of the beauty and natural grace of the American Indies. Not was the entertaining all on one side, for the Count de Rochambeau are as the parting when Rochambeau led his army as few the next summer to join Washington in the sleep of Vorktown, Virginia. Of the French soldiers and showered them with flowers and more substantial gifts of food.

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which we hope they will accomplish with equal glory and success.

On entering the war as our ally, France had declared that her motives were unselfish and that she wanted nothing out of it for herself, and at the peace negotiations she maintained the same attitude, saying she wanted nothing for her trouble and expense but the freedom of America. America.

America.

The success of the American war for independence marked the beginning of a new era. It inspired the oppressed sons of liberty the world over with loope and aroused them to action. Until then, England claimed the proud distinction of being the only free country on earth.

Then as now England had a democratic government. Although they still retained their king as a much-admired ornament, he was as dumb and powerless as the carved figure-heads with which in those days they adorned their ships of war; for during a thousand years of slow, constructive struggle to complete liberty, the English people had shorn their monarch of one prerogative after another until they had taken to themselves all powers of government, which they exercised through their elected representatives in Parliament.

through their elected representatives in Parliament.

Not long previous, a reactionary king in the person of Charles I asserted the "divine right" to govern, but the English people, led by Parliament, deposed and beheaded him. Since then the English monarchs have made themselves popular by leaving politics and government severely alone. It was a strange paradox predestined to failure that the government of liberty-loving England denied its American colonies the rights and liberties of Englishmen.

The rights and liberties which Englishmen enjoyed in England was all our forefathers asked. It was what they fought for, and when they had won they modeled our government after the British government with the exception of omitting the useless king.

The French people were becoming restive under the tyranny of their despotic government and looked with longing eyes at the example of democratic England. So when Louis XVI intervened in favor of England's revolted colonies he hastened his own downfall and virtually signed his own death-warrant.

The French idolized Washington and Lafayette, and those who had fought in America returned to spread the propaganda of liberty through France, and in less than ten years the French people rose and shortly followed the example of their English neighbors by deposing and decapitating their king.

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their king.

England, too, profited by the lesson of the American revolution, for she ceased exploiting her remaining colonies and straightway began upbuilding on the foundation of liberty and self-government the greatest colonial empire the world has ever seen. Behold all her colonies today rallying to the support of the mother country in this war.

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It is an easy matter for any one with even a small acreage to grow a few special things for the poultry. An acre of oats, a small patch of Canadian peas, soy beans and Kaffir, corn will provide a well-balanced ration for poultry for the next year, even if corn is too precious to be used. Besides which, it is an easy matter to kill off any surplus supply in the early fall and can them, which will save, the necessity of having to feed at all after cold weather destroys the natural supply of weeds and insects.

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Last month I urged you to use incubators for early hatches. Once hatched, the great consideration for chickens is warmth and fresh air. There are many different makes of brooders. The fireless brooder is simply a padded box, which depends on the animal heat of the chicks for warmth. Others are heated by lamps. There are large brooders heated by coal stoves or boilers and a pipe system which runs through the entire house.

which runs through the entire house.

If large numbers of birds are to be raised, the brooder house and pipe system are most convenient, but when there are only two or three hundred to be considered, the individual lamp brooder is the best.

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If the fireless brooder is used, it must be operated in a room or house which is heated in some way, as when the outer air is very cold, the chicks will not take sufficient exercise to keep them healthy. The few who run into the brooder during the day cannot get properly warm, for it takes the animal heat of at least twenty-five small chicks to make any impression upon the air.

Most of the different makes of brooders on the market are built with two compartments; a chamber with a hover which is heated by a lamp, and an outer compartment for exercise and feeding. The price is from seven to twenty dollars. The machines are supposed to hold one hundred chicks, but seventy-five are quite enough, and this number should be de-

by a lamp, and the process are supposed to hold one hundred chicks, but seventy-five are quite enough, and this number should be decreased fifty the second week and twenty-five the fourth week—that is, if the chicks are to be confined entirely to the brooder. If the brooder stands in a warm room, where a small outer enclosure can be made on the floor of the house for a playroom, fifty chicks can be carried through the squab or broiler age in one brooder.

The compartment in which the hover is situated must be heated up to inhety-eight degrees before the chicks are put in, and must be kept up to this point for the first three days and nights. Keep the door in the outer compartment shut for the same length of time. Then on the fourth day the door can be opened and the chicks allowed to run into the outer compartment, but the room in which the brooder stands should be warm, and the little ones should be warched a bedtine, as they are apt to remain in a bedtine, as they are apt to remain in a bedtine, as they are apt to remain in the advantment and become chilled.

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Being chilled even for a short time is fatal to chicks. If it does not kill them outright, it gives them bowel trouble, and causes a bad setback, if nothing worse, and that does not pay.

After the birds are three weeks old, the door in the outer compartment may be opened for them to run on the floor of the house. Let them have plenty of scratching material. If the weather is-fine and mild, it will do them good to have an outside run for an hour or two in the middle of the day.

Thirty hours must be allowed for the proper digestion and assimilation of the yolk, which is absorbed into the abdomen immediately before the chick breaks through the shell. After that, absorbed into the abdomen immediately before the chick breaks through the shell. After that, absorbed into the abdomen immediately before the chick breaks through the shell. After that, absorbed into the abdomen immediately before the chick breaks through the shell. After that, absorbed into the abdomen immediately before the chick breaks through the shell. After that, and the chick breaks through the shell. After that, and the content of the chick breaks through the shell. After that, and the content of the chick breaks through the shell. After that, and the chick breaks through the shell. After that, and the content of the chick breaks through the shell. After that, and the chick are in the case of the mout on clean proper in a moderately cool place where the a

up at once, and left to cool in the water. Fed raw, it is too strong for little chicks. For a change, I mix the grain with scalded milk two or three times a week. No more should be mixed at a time than will be fed within the next few hours, as it sours and is then unfit for feed.

Once a day, chopped apple and lettuce or young, finely-cut oat sprouts or lawn grass should be given. Let the chicks have all they care to eat, for, confined in a brooder, they must be provided with plenty of animal and vegetable food.

food.

Chicks hatched from eggs laid by hens that are constitutionally strong and free from disease are naturally vigorous and easy to raise, but unfortunately there are many sources of contagion which are apt to cause serious illness in the brood. White diarrhea and pneumonia are the most serious. ne most serious.

White diarrhea springs from four distinct



weather is fine and mild, it will do them good to have an outside run for an hour or two in the middle of the day.

Thirty hours must be allowed for the proper digestion and assimilation of the yolk, which is absorbed into the abdomen immediately before the chick breaks through the shell. After that commercial chick feed (which is a mixture of all sorts of small seeds and cracked grains) should be their sole diet for ten days.

When there is only a small number of chicks to feed, and cash is of more value than time, it will be cheaper to mix the feed at home. Mix together ten pounds of rape and millet seed, pinhead oatmeal and cracked corn, charcoal and sharp, fine grit. If you cannot get pinhead oatmeal, buy hulled oats and break them up fine. The grain must also be cracked up quite fine; in fact, it is safer to put the mixture through a sieve which will allow nothing larger than millet to go through. Then there is no danger of chicks being choked. To encourage the chicks to scratch and take exercise, feed, the mixture by scattering it among the hay sweepings.

Morning and evening make a mash by chopping fogether a hard-boiled egg, shell and all and green onlon tops or sprouts. Mix with stale bread crumbs and feed on a fiat ple-plate or strip of wood. After the chicks are two weeks old, the oats and corn may be about the size of a hemp seed. This, as well as cracked wheat or barley, can be added to the mixture. The mash can be made of ground corn and oats with onloss and scaled liver, chopped, three times and placed in the department of the strip of wood. After the chicks are two weeks old, the oats and corn may be about the size of a hemp seed. This, as well as cracked wheat or barley, can be added to the mixture. The mash can be made of ground corn and oats with onloss and scaled liver, chopped, three times and placed liver, the place of the contagino from diseased to healthy birds occurs of the same the contagino from diseased to healthy birds occurs of the same through the droppings in the same through the

constant renewal of all scratching and bedding materials, are all of the greatest value in fighting the disease. In fact, they do more to check the ontbreak than any mere doctoring of a sick bird, especially as adult birds may have it in a chronic form for months without being suspected, and so contaminate the premises or other stock with their droppings. The first symptoms in fowls are dullness, sleepiness, often standing around without any desire to join their companions; later, diarrhea and loss of weight. Often such cases appear to recover after a few days or weeks, but are never really free from the germs, and occasonally such birds die suddenly without any apparent cause. Unless examination of the intestines is made after death, the small intestine will be found inflamed and thickened; the liver and lungs may show yellowish or whitish spots, but not always. The treatment, which is helpful for either fowls or geese, is: Three grains of copperss to every quart of drinking water; four grains of catechu; two tablespoonfuls of castor oil every day until they have had three doses.

G. R.—We have no descriptive catalogues of poultry or game. This department will furnish you with information on different branches of poultry work, and frequently gives the history of different breeds. I shall be very pleased to help you, if you will write me in care of COMFORT and name the specific points on which you desire information.

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J. L., Butler.—The lumps in the hen you killed must have been some sort of tumorous growth. It is much better not to use birds in such a condition for table, and it is safer always to burn the carcass of a bird found to contain any strange growth in the intestines. I don't think there could have been any connection between the birds which died early in the season and the one you killed. Highly fed hens frequently die suddenly after they enter their second or third year, for rich food, which stimulates the egg organs, invariably reacts on the liver as the hen advances in years. Nothing but close observation can prevent such cases, for individual birds are apt to get overfed on rations that keep the rest of the flock in good condition. When a hen is noticed to be getting heavy and, fat in the under part of the body, the best plan is to use her for the table whilst still in full health, and if she is a very good hen, and you wish to use her eggs in setting, it may be worth while to put her in a separate coop and gradually change her diet, eliminating corn and potatoes and other such fattening foods, and use half a teaspoonful of magnesia in half a pint of drinking water every second day until she gets back into condition.

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M. F.—From your description of the hen which died last summer, and the ones now suffering, I am afraid that vent gleet has been introduced into the fock. It is usually started by a hen meeting with some accident which breaks the egg just before it should be laid. This causes asepte poisoning, which develops into vent gleet if neglected. But the disease can be brought into a flock by an infected male bird. Better examine all the male birds. If any show signs of inflammation, redness or traces of discharge, dry sores or small pimples, you had better carry the examination to the rest of the hens, and discover how many have been affected. If they are just ordinary, common birds, kill them and burn the carcasses: if good thoroughbreds, each of them must be confined in a separate coop, and treated as follows: Into two quarts of warm water put one teaspoonful of crecity; hold the bird's feet and lower body in the water about twenty minutes, dry the parts on a soft rag and anoint with unquentine. Feed lightly with dry grain, and repeat the treatment every day until a cure is effected. Be extremely careful to burn the rags used, and to wash your hands in strong antiseptic before touching anything else.

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R. J. W.—Young ducks must always have dry, clean sleeping quarters. Drinking water should be kept in dishes that they cannot get their feet and bodies into, but so arranged that they can submerge the entire head in water so that they can rinse the beak thoroughly; otherwise the two small holes of the bill get stopped up with food or dirt, and the birds get sick because they can't breathe properly. The bacteria which causes roup cannot be banished without thefough disinfecting of the premises. They may remain dormant for varying lengths of time, but as soon as damp weather sets in, or any bird develops a cold, they have congenial conditions and immediately become active.

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November number of COMFORT went into the subject
of blackhead in turkeys, so you had better refer to
that number, as you are a subscriber. Also, read
answer to R. J. W. in this issue. One gander is quiteenough for five geese. No change should be made in a
flock of geese after the early fall, for geese are strange,
faithful creatures, and will rarely mate with strangers,
or any strange surroundings.

S. W.—The hens are too fat. The lameness in one
foot is an effect of liver trouble. You don't tell me
how you feet, but I imagine you are using corn and
table scraps too heavily. Bead answer to J. L. in
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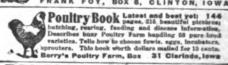




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Cubby Bear and the Shadows

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THO can be knocking at our door this winter morning?" asked Mamma Bruin, raising her head from her comfortable pillow, and lifting her night-cap from her ear to listen. "Was it someone knocking, Cubby Bear, or did snow fall from the roof?" "I will see," answered Cubby Bear, springing

"I will see," answered Cubby Bear, springing out of his little bed. "Lie still and rest, Mamma Bruin, and I will go to the door."

So Cubby Bear, shivering, went to the door. Wollie Woodchuck stood outside.
"Put on your earmuffs and scarf and mittens, Cubby Bear," said Wollie. "I have serious business on hand, and I would like your help." "
"Why, what can it be?" asked Cubby, "in mid-winter?"

"It may be mid-winter, or it may be almost spring," sighed Wollie Woodchuck. "It all depends on whether I can find my shadow or

Cubby Bear stared in puzzled wonder. "Come in," he invited, "and we will talk it over." "I don't very well understand it myself," said

"I don't very well understand it myself," said Wollie gloomily, but today is Candlemas Day, the second of February, and always, on that day, I must crawl out of my warm house, no matter what the weather may be, and hunt for my shadow. If I find it, no one is pleased, for that means there will be six weeks more of winter. I am pleased, for then I can go back to bed again. If I find no shadow, people brighten up, and say, "The winter is nearly gone." Do not stand there staring so, Cubby Bear," went on Wollie beginning to lose his temper. "Get on your things, so you can keep warm. You on your things, so you can keep warm. You must go with me, and help me look for my shadow, and keep me from going to sleep, unless you want me to freeze."

"Oh, no, I would not want you to freeze," said Cubby, we have been friends for a long time. If there is any darger. I will go with your

time. If there is any danger, I will go with you. Good by, Mamma Bruin, I will be back by and

"Good by," answered Mamma Bruin, "I will make a fire to take a little nap, and then I will make a fire to warm you both when you come back."

Outside, a chilly wind was blowing, gray clouds covered the sky, and now and then a few snowflakes fell.

Wollie plunged ahead gloomily through the forest, his eyes on the ground, and Cubby Bear followed, looking all around for Wollie's shadow. For some time they walked on in silence, then Cubby Bear spoke.

"Where would the shadow be likely to be?"

"Don't ask me," said Wollie. "I don't know, and I don't much care. If I find it, everybody blames me, and that is not pleasant, you may be sure." If you should happen to see it, just let me know, and we can go home again."

They met Bunny Rabbit, wearing his warm, white winter coat, but he did not care to join in

"I must get back home to my Baby Bunnies," he said. "I have left them alone for a long time. It is enough to do to find food through the win-

ter, without hunting for shadows, which are useless things when you have found them."

I have seen shadows in the summer time,"
Cubby Bear told Wollie Woodchuck, "and I think they were always on the ground. If we were to dig down under the snow, perhaps we might find yours."

After going a long way, Wollie Woodchuck yawned, and lay down in the snow. "I am tired," he said, "and I am going to sleep. In five

"No, no!" said Wollie, "it falls wherever it happens. Just as well look in one place as another." yearly hunt of Wollie Woodchuck's. If you are happens, Just as well look in one place as another." on again. The wind grew colder, and the gray hunt of Wollie Woodchuck's. If you are happens, Just as well look in one place as another." animal who has so little wit he cannot keep track of his own shadow!"

"Wollie Woodchuck is my friend, and I



"WHY LOOK!" CRIED CUBBY BEAR. "THIS IS FOXY'S SHADOW COMING ALONG RIGHT AHEAD OF

minutes you must wake me, Cubby Bear, so I shall not freeze."

Cubby Bear sat patiently by, waiting until the five minutes should have passed, when a harsh

laugh sounded from a bare tree-top not far off.

"Haw, haw!" laughed Billy Blue Jay. "Go off and leave him—I would! I know all about this Cubby Bear had wakened Wollie, they started rabbits in March COMFORT. laugh sounded from a bare tree-top not far off.
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promised to help him," was all the answer Cubby Bear made, but he thought with a sigh, "I do wish Wollie would stay awake—it would be more polite! My paws are cold and I am

blue sky above.

"I think the sun will come out by and by," said Cubby Bear hopefully, but with chattering teeth. "Then it might, perhaps, be warmer."

"We will go back to Mamma Bruin's house, and get warm," declared Wollie. "I am shivering, and my claws are quite blue with the cold!"

"Let me see them," said Cubby. "Why, no, they are not blue, Wollie."

"Well, I am blue," sighed Wollie, and he turned and led the way back toward Mamma Bruin's house.

Bruin's house.

As they hurried along, the sharp wind blew in their faces, and Cubby Bear wrapped his scarf

tightly about him.

The wind was blowing the clouds away, doing more than Cubby Bear ever could to help Wollie Woodchuck find his shadow.

Before they reached Mamma Bruin's house, the sun shone out, lighting up the forest, bringing out countless sparkles of diamond-brightness on the snow.

Cubby Bear and Wollie Woodchuck, walking

along side by side, met Foxy Reynard.
"Why, look!" cried Cubby Bear. "There is
Foxy's shadow, coming along right ahead of
him!" "I saw him early this morning," said Wollie,

'and he had no shadow then. "Still looking for your shadow?" asked Foxy.
"Yes," answered Wollie, "and I can't find it,
though Cubby Bear, and I have been looking

"What I can't understand, said Cubby Bear," pressing his mittened paws to his brow, "is, why, when your shadow runs on ahead of you

Wollie's shadow doesn't do the same."

Foxy smiled—his sly, foxy smile—and looked beyond Cubby and Wollie. The bright sun madeshadows of all three animals, but, as Cubby and Wollie stood face to face with Foxy, their shadows were behind them, as Foxy could plainly see

plainly see.
"It is strange!" said Foxy, and went off chuckling to hinself.

Mamma Bruin met them at the door, smiling kindly.

"The sun has come out," said she, "and you have a fine, strong shadow!"

"Oh, no," Cubby told her sorrowfully, "we have wandered about all these hours, but nowhere could we find Wollie Woodchuck's shadow!"

Mamma Bruin kept on smiling, "Look behind you," she directed.

They turned around, and there, to be sure, was Wollie's shadow, which had been following them, and Cubby Bear's, too.

They stared at each other in surprise, then laughed, and Cubby Bear was so pleased he standard the standard

stood on his head in the snow.
"Come in now," said Mamma Bruin, "warm yourselves by my fire, and have some nice

"Then, since my shadow has been found, I

can go home and go to sleep again," said Wollie, "for it is only mid-winter now!"

Instead of a "Cubby Bear" story next month we shall give our young readers "Billy Bun's Easter Escapade." It is a fine story, by Mrs. Ellingwood, and tells of the wonderful doings of the rabbits in celebrating Easter and the exploits of Billy Bun, the hero of the occasion.

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If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

To Mr. Hoover

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I'm getting more eatless each day;
My home—it is heatless,
My bed—it is sheetless,
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The barrooms are treatless,
My cofee is sweetless,
Each day I get poorer and wiser;
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
My God, how I do hate the Kaiser.
—Grand Rapids Herald.

The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

The Girl of Fifteen

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UCH appealing letters as I receive from the very young members of our Club, all the way from twelve to fifteen! They seem to have quite as serious problems as we older folks, so this month I am going to talk to them, and our subject will be hair. Yes, hair, for oh, so many letters ask the question; "How shall I do my hair?"

The answer is "Just as simply as possible." The daughters of the very rich families are never allowed to "do their hair up" while they are of schoolgirl age, nor to dress it in any fashion but a very simple one. And this is one good thing we may follow, among many foolish things which we won't copy at all.

The first thing we want to remember, girls, is not to use curl-

not to use curling-irons on our hair and break and dry it up, so that it will be rough and thin and begin to fall out. Shampoo it once in two or three weeks, shake and air it in the sun ence every day, brush it gently before going to bed each night, and sleep with it loosely braided. A pretty way to use curl

HAIR READY FOR

A pretty way
to dress the hair
is to part it in
the middle, and
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two of ront strands of hair and one back curling on Braiding. Strand. Brush the latter well, then tie close to the head with a bit of flat, narrow shoestring (you can cut a wide shoestring down the middle to get a narrow enough piece). Take one of the front strands, and brush it down from the part toward the ear, then roll the hair backward and fasten firmly with a hairpin just above the shoestring knot. Now gently loosen the hair at the sides of the part and pull it down a little on the forehead to give a wavy line, fastening it in place with an invisible hairpin. Do the same with the other half of the front hair.

Now the back hair is ready to be braided or curled. If braided, let the ends of the front hair joint with the back, and braid@loosely half its length. If it is to be curled, tie it with a big ribbon close to the head, and then brush the hair over the finger in two or three sections, thus making either two or three long curls. It is pretty to braid the hair half-way, and then curl the ends in this fashion.

Don't part the hair constantly, but if your forehead is not too high, change your hair-straight back from the forehead. To do this, part the hair from ear to ear, and tie the back haif as before. Then brush the front half back, and tie over the fastening of the back hair, pulling the sides of the hair slightly forward over temples and cheeks to avoid too severe a line. The reason for dividing the hair firm by drawing one half tight and tying, and yet have the loose effect which is becoming, by brushing half separately and fastening it to the firm foundation made by the back hair.

Try this way of doing your hair, and stick to it till you are sixteen or seventeen. It is becoming, fashionable, and I am sure you will like it.

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M. T.—Any peroxide of hydrogen that you buy at your drug store will be all right for removing the superfluous hair, according to the directions I gave you. It is not injurious to the skin used in this manner. As to the length of time it takes to remove the hair, that varies with different people. It is a long process and takes a great deal of patience and perseverance. You say your sister has dark circles around her mouth. I do not know what may cause this unless there is a slight dark-colored down on her lips. Tell her to use soap and water thoroughly on her lips when she washes her face, but she must rinse her skin very thoroughly after, or it will chap. A little peroxide of hydrogen used occasionally will help to bleach the skin there.

Flossy Saskatchewan.—One hundred and twenty-three pounds is not at all too much for five feet, five inches tall—you could weigh as much as 140 without going over weight. If you are fifteen years old, you should do your hair quite simply. You say it is thin—do you "rat" or "rough" it? If so, you should stop doing this, as it kills the hair. Neither should you use curling-irons on the hair. Let it lay straight, but brush it gently many times on retiring, and shampoo it once in two or three weeks, drying it in the sun and letting it hang loose as long as possible. Drink quantities of water, and eat plenty of good nourishing food. Do not eat fried foods if you can help it; baked or boiled potatoes, roasted of broiled meats are good for you. And do not eat hot breads, as they are hard to digest, and if your body does not get the right kind of nourishment, your hair will not be healthy. Chew your food thoroughly before s wallow ing — it should be almost liquid. Eat plenty



thoroughly before swallowing—it should be almost liquid. Eat plenty of fruits and vege-tables—apples, prunes granges. of fruits and vegetables — apples, prunes, oranges, grape-fruit, dried apricots, figs. Do not eat between meals. All of these directions, if followed, will help to give your body the nourishment which will improve your hair. In the meantime, massage the scalp every night. To do this, let down the hair, brush it gently, and shake it. Then slip the fingers them firmly against the scalp. Without raising or rubbing with the fingers, move the scalp back and forward on the skull. The fingers do not change their position on the scalp but simply are carried with it as it moves back and forth. You may find your scalp sticks rather tight to the skull, which would show that this massage is badly needed, for the hair cannot be healthy unless the scalp is kept loose. To do the hair, the daughters of some of the wealthlest families on Fifth Avenue, New York, wear their hair simply braided loosely in one braid, with the ends left loose. But read what I say this month about hair, and you will get some suggestions about dressing it.

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Four tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, four tablespoonfuls of glycerine. These should be mixed thoroughly, and after applying allowed to dry on the skin. Keep this up until the skin begins to peel. Remember that when freckles have been removed the new skin exposed is very tender, and you should coat it with cold cream well rubbed in and powdered over before going outdoors.

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Anxious Virginia.—Yes, 150 pounds is a little too much for five feet six, but it should be easy to lose eight or ten pounds. Cut out some of your sweets, for the time being, do not eat between meals, and be sparing of potatoes, rice and white bread. Eat plenty of fruits (except bananas) and vegetables. Exercise daily. Cut down on the amount of food you are eating, also. You should lose those few extra pounds in a very short time. You say your bust is too high. Is it that your bust is high, or your corset high? Probably the latter. Any one with a large bust should wear a very low-bust corset—hardly any corset above the walst at all. My own corset does not reach the bottom of my bust in front, yet I have not a large bust, though a high corset makes it look so. You can always have a corset cut off to make it lower, but you will find plenty of low-bust corsets on the market which do not need this alteration. Buy yours of a make which reaches just about half an inch below the bust. The object of a corset is to make the waisf firm, not to compress the bust. You say you bite your, finger nails. My dear, they will never grow long, as you want them, while you have that habit, and nobody can overcome it for you. It is just a matter of your own resolution. Coating the finger nails with some bitter lotion will help to remind you, as when you start to bite them the taste will be a warning. Or get a tube of liquid court-plaster at the drug store and coat the nails with that, especially the finger-tips. That will be a protection for a time, though not particularly good for the nails. Then pay particular attention to manicuring. If you clean and trim and polish the nails daily you will soon get proud of them and be much more apt to remember to let them alone. Keep the skin pushed back at the base of the nails, all hangnails trimmed off with sharp manicure scissors, and the fingers in good shape.

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Dorothy M.—I am so sorry the answer to your questions could not be in the December issue, but you must remember, my dear, that magazines are ready for printing some four or five months before they reach you, and this issue is the first one in which your answer could appear. The blue taffets dress with Georgetic crope sleeves is not too old for you, at fifteen. It should make a very pretty gown. Now about "getting fat." If you only weigh one hundred and seven pounds and are five feet one inch tail, you are not in the least fat. In fact you could weigh considerably more before you would reach the weight which belongs with this height. It may be, however, that your bones are small, in which case 110 would probably be just about right. I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that I shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that it shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that it shouldn't worry about my weight, except to decide that it shouldn't work to conserve sugar that there may be enough to go around for ordinary purposes; but even if there were plenty of sugar, you should eat candy only once in a small was a sonoth, clear complex of any and the sam

Oklahoma.—Indeed, my dear, I feel very much flattered to think you would like my picture, but I haven't one. The only one I have had taken for years is the one Comport used a little while ago in some advertising circulars. Perhaps if you wrote to the advertising department they might send you one of the circulars. So you, too, are going to learn to edit a beauty department. Good luck to you, though you may change your mind before you get through High School. I thank you for your very warm and friendly note, and I am glad that you like my department so much. note, much.

Green Eyes.—See answer to "M. T." To use the peroxide and ammonia, dampen the hairy portions of the skin with one, one day, and the other the next day. Keep up until the hair falls out. In the meantime, the peroxide bleaches it so it is not so visible. If the ammonia irritates the skin after a number of applications, stop the treatment for a couple of days.

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Mrs. E. M. G.—The health of the hair depends upon
the health of the body, and if yours is coming out,
the probability is that your body is a little below
par. See answer to "Flossy Saskatchewan." Try to
get plenty of sleep—eight or ten hours' continuous
sleep. If you get the opportunity to lie down for
a short nap in the daytime, do so. Nothing keeps
the nerves in healthier condition, nor helps to build
the body up so satisfactorily. The massage of the
scalp is the best thing for you to adopt. In the
meantime, use the following tonic:

For Falling Hair

One ounce tincture of cantharides; one ounce oil of rosemary; six ounces bay rum; one ounce olive oil; one ounce of rock sulphur (broken up). Mix the first four ingredients, then add the broken-up sulphur. Rub into the scalp each night, massaging with the fingertips.

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Esther.—Keeping your body built up and strong is quite effective in lessening the number of freckles which you may have to endure, and you can also afford to weigh more than 113 for five feet six. Try to get up to 125, at least. Cheer yourself by the thought that each added pound is apt to make your complexion better. Drink lots of water. Then, in the meantime, to get rid of those freckles, try using each night after a thorough bathing of the face, the following lotion:

Blue Eyes, J. A. K.—My dear, no wonder your hair is falling out, if you wash it in a strong soap solution every week! Stop it! Here are two treat-ments for an oily scalp;

For Olly Hair

After a good shampoo, using extract of green soap, and rinsing thoroughly, first with warm water, then lukewarm, and finally, after several rinsings, with cold water, dry the hair thoroughly in the sun. Then every other night, apply this lotion to the scalp, rubbing in well: Witchhazel, two ounces; distilled water, one ounce; alcohol, two ounces; resorcin, forty grains. The other treatment is quite a strenuous one, but was recommended by a scalp specialist, who says that excessively oily hair is caused by the scalp becoming infected with tiny microbes. A friend took this treatment and said it was very disagreeable but most effective: effective:

Ointment for Oily Scalp

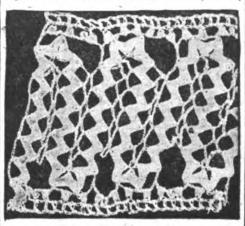
Vaseline, 50 grams; sulphur precipitated, 15 grams. This is to be rubbed over the entire scalp, but you must be careful not to throw the hair over the eyes or rub the fingers with the eyes while giving this treatment, as the fumes of the sulphur will make the eyes smart. Use this ointment every night for four weeks, then every other night for two weeks more. Shampoo the hair, then each night moisten the scalp with the following, for six weeks; Alcohol, 70 parts; distilled water, 50 parts; glycerine, two parts; salicylic acid, one part. Fill a medicine dropper with this lotion, and run, it through the hair hither and thither until every portion of the scalp has been moistened.

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Diagonal Insertion in Rickrack and Crochet

This insertion is easy to make and its employments are varied. Catch hook in point, ch. 6, s. c. 1, in next point, repeat until there are 5 six chains, s. c. 1 in next 2 points, *ch. 3, s. c. 1 over ch. 6, ch. 3, s. c. 1 over next point, repeat from * over all 6 chains in row; ch. 9,



DIAGONAL INSERTION IN RICKRACK BRAID AND CROCHET.

turn braid and repeat from beginning. Chain 5 to cross and 5 to turn.

Upper and Lower Edges

*Ch. 9, picot, ch. 5, s. c. 1 in next point, ch. 5, s. c. 1 in next point, ch. 5, s. c. 1 in next point; repeat from * to end of row.

2nd row.—Ch. 5, cluster st. over ch. 5, * ch. 3, cluster over next ch; repeat from * to end of row.

3rd row.-Spaces to end of row; fasten off.

World's Deepest Mine,—A mine in Brazil which has reached the vertical depth of 5,826 feet, one mile and one tenth below the surface, is said to be the deepest ever bored into the earth. The vein shows no diminution in size or value and the managers are considering means whereby work may be continued to an additional depth of about 200 feet.







A fracture-setting appartus has been designed which weighs only 35 pounds and may be packed in a small compass for easy transportation.



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High Protein Roughages

First of all, there come the clovers—all classes—crimson clover in the South and medium red in the North, with sweet clover, alsike and mammoth clover thrown into the group. Then there is alfalfa, the queen of forage plants, and cow peas and soy beans and pea-vine hay and vetch and seradella. These are the best milk-producing-roughages.

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FEEDS FOR THE SUCCULENCE AND RELISH.—
Corn silage is the best of this class and makes most mills. Then come roots like sugar beets, mangels and rutabagas, which make the cow relish her other food and digest the same easily, as well as provide good material out of which to make milk.

Grain Feeds the Cow Needs

Besides a hay rich in protein and a succulent green feed, the cow needs a supply of milk-producing grain. The best of these are bran, middling, ground barley, oil meal, cotton seed meal, ground corn and dried brewers' grains.

How to Make a War Ration

Select one feed from each of the above groups according to the following rule:

15 lbs. hay per day.

25 lbs. silage or roots per day.

1 lb. oil meal or cottonseed meal per day.

1 lb. bran, ground grain or mill feed for every five lbs. of milk the cow gives per day.

The ration will work out like this: The above is for the cow of average size—big cows will get more, small cows less. A cow giving 30 pounds of milk a day will get six pounds of bran, ground grain or mill feed, and one pound of oil meal or cottonseed meal, in addition to the hay and silage or roots; while the cow giving but 20 pounds of milk a day will get but four pounds of the grain. If the grain and oil meal is cut down, then the milk supply will be cut down. The least a milk cow should get under any condition is the high protein roughage and the silage or roots, and plenty of these. The farmer who can't supply them both can't expect to get much return from his cows.

Some War Rations for Dairy Cows

ILL it pay the farmer to buy feed for his dairy cows during the war? There are several things to consider in the answer to this question.

The Food Supply Must be Kept Up.—In the first place, it is of very great importance to keep up our food supply, dairy products especially. While the farmer might make more money right now by selling his cows and selling his feed, in the long run he would lose, as it would be difficult for him to get back into business again at the close of the war. If he is a patriot, and he should be, then he should stick to the business. In the long run it will pay.

THE FERTILITY OF THE LAND MUST BE KEPT UP.—Selling grain crops will soon deplete the fertility of the land. No good farmer will get rid of his dairy herd and sell his crop if he intends to remain in business after the war. It will only take two or three years to so exhaust the soil that several years will be necessary to restore this lost fertility. The wise farmer will maintain his soil fertility at all costs. Feeding grain to dairy cattle will do this.

MUCH ROUGHAGE UNPIT FOR HUMAN FOOD MUST BE USED FOR SOMETHING.—The best use that can be made of this roughage is to run it through the milk-making machinery of the dairy cow. She can use it to better advantage and convert it into more human food than any other animal. This argument leads us to but one conclusion: The dairy herds of this country must be kept at work at full capacity. This they cannot do unless they are well fed. Under these conditions, the best feed, of course, is a roughage is to run it through the milk-making machinery of the dairy excending food.

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While rye commonly is seeded in fall, some goes in in the spring-time, according to the locality in which it is grown, and to all who have fields to put into this useful grain this season, we wish to recommend a new and most important item of practice. It is to perfectly rid seed rye of ergot, sometimes called "smut," and occurring as purple-black spurs protruding from the seed hulls of the ripening grain and easily recognized on examining the threshed grain. The old plan of cleaning the grain was to run it through the fanning mill, and this got rid of some of the ergot, but enough was left to perpetuate the pest in the fields. The new plan, devised by Prof. R. R. Jones of the Wisconsin Experiment Station, is to pour the seed rye into water containing 20 per cent. of common salt. The ergot floats to the top and may then readily be removed by allowing the surface water to strain through cheese-cloth into an empty barrel. The salt water may be used several times in succession. It is important to clean rye in this way for feeding purposes as well as seeding, as ergot causes poisoning, characterized by sloughing sores about the ankles and feet and dropping off of talls, ears or feet, while abortion also is a common result. In addition to ridding seed rye of ergot, it is well to rotate crops so that rye is seeded upon fresh ground each year. If this is done and the seed properly cleansed, there will be far less loss from ergot than ordinarily is the case.

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Skim Milk as Human Food

There is a mistaken notion held by many people that skim milk is of little value as a food. This is not true. Skim milk is an excellent food worth just one half as much as whole milk containing three and one half per cent. fat. In other words, skimming Holstein milk removes just one half as much as whole milk is worth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet way to use large quantities of skim milk is worth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as a pound of the choicest beet sworth as much as

Skim milk is the best food that can be fed to young animals. The first food of nearly all animals is milk, and skim milk has all the original food elements in it but the fat. Butter fat is so high-priced that we can't afford to feed whole milk to the calves and pigs, but after the fat is taken out, it is the best possible substitute for whole milk in raising calves.

Skim Milk the Best Feed for Pigs.—Young pigs thrive best when fed a liberal ration of skim milk. Pigs running on pasture, with skim milk and corn or some other grain, make very strong and rangy frames which take on fat rapidly when fed heavily on corn.

Skim Milk for Ducks and Chickens.—The milk-fed chicken brings a fancy price on the market. Skim milk gives very rapid gains in both chickens and ducks, and may well form at least half of the ration. It is a splendid feed and cannot be excelled for all young animals.

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Answering numerous requests for advice upon is subject, we have to say, in a few words,

*Tarmers should breed a type of horse adapted for army use. A dual-purpose type is advisable and most useful, and such horses are being bought now. They are derived from crossing of the average pure bred draft stallion upon the somewhat undersized grade mares commonly found throughout the middle western states. Meanwhile the true heavy draft horse should likewise be bred for home use on the farm, in the city and in the lumber camps.

There is no sale for white or light grey horses for war purposes. Dark grey and roan horses are accepted in limited numbers. All horses intended for sale to the contractors must be sound and of good quality. Mares are only taken in exceptional cases.

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Mature horses for cavalry and saddle horses for mountain artillery, signal corps, engineer corps, infantry and other purposes, should weigh 950 to 1200 pounds and stand 15 to 16 hands in height; light artillery and horse-battery horses, five to eight years old, weigh 1150 to 1300 pounds and stand 15½ to 16 hands; heavy artillery horses weigh 1400 to 1700 pounds and stand 16 to 17 hands, and should be smart, active, heavy draft type with plenty of bone and substance and enough quality to insure staying power in fairly fast work. Medium draft horses five to eight years old weigh 1200 to 1400 pounds, stand 15½ to 16½ hands, and must be sound, well bred, of superior class, gentle, thoroughly broken to harness, with easy mouth and free, prompt, straight and regular action at the walk or trot, free from vice and sound. Light draft horses weigh 1100 to 1250 pounds, stand 15½ to 16½, and must be sound, in good condition and of hardy color.

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Answering an inquiry which is of general interest at the present time, it may be said that the old-time Percheron was grey in color, either light, dapple, or iron grey, and sometimes bay, sorrel or roan. The latter colors are comparatively rare. In type the Percheron originally was of light draft sort for work in heavy street busses in Paris and other cities of France. Many of them turned white in color as they aged, and the theory was that they sprang in blood from the Arabian horse. This idea of recent years has been discarded and it now is claimed that the district of La Perche, France, always had and really originated the breed for which it has become famous throughout the world. American demand for black heavy draft horses from France gave rise to the modern jet-black Percheron with white star and of true heavy draft type, great weight and easy feeding and keeping qualities. This horse simply is the product of selection and mating of the black draft horses always found in France but not so popular years ago as they now have become. They will be more popular than ever, now that so many horses are being needed for war purposes and army inspectors are rejecting all white and light grey horses.

The Percheron horse predominates in America and has created the hosts of grade horses bought by our allies and now being bought for our own army. So popular have our American grade Percherons become in France and Belgium that some 11 Percheron stallions and 33 Percheron mares have recently been bought for breeding purposes in England and those interested believe that even there, in the home of the Shire, Suffolk and Hackney, useful work can be done in the production of general purpose horses suitable also for army work.

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The Spring Litter of Pigs

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With hogs selling for \$15 per 100 pounds and up and every prospect that the price will continue, together with the equally significant and important fact that feed is scarce and dear, it becomes the duty of every farmer, and to his own interest as well, to save and develop every pig of good size and quality farrowed the coming spring. To that end the first aim should be properly to care for the pregnant sow before, at and after farrowing.

The annual loss of sows and pigs from pure carelessness and ignorance is deplorable and should be lessened by all means possible. Selfish interest demands this, but far above that must be placed the nation's need for every pound of pork that possibly can be produced in these dire times of scarcity and abnormal demand. Not every farmer can go to war or contribute sons for the firing line, nor would it be well to seriously deplete the work forces of our farms, but all who stay at home must do their bit manfully, intelligently and effectively, and that cannot be said of the man who neglects the animals that will bring forth young this spring. All that should be necessary in this connection will be to point out some of the reasons for "poor luck" with sows and pigs. Often it is mere thoughtlessness that explains failure, and jogging of the memory now should end the trouble on many a farm. We are certain that no farmer wittingly fails to do his best, and our President and the government in general gladly concedes that the American farmer has nobly responded to every request made of him and will continue to do his level best until democracy rises and stands supreme over autocracy throughout the world.

Let us look, therefore, at this question in a friendly way and see if we cannot improve matters materially. The improvement will come with certainty if on every farm the pregnant sow is made to take exercise every day to help keep her bowels active. Constipation is deadly to sows and pigs and one of the commonest causes of loss and poor success. Get the sow

condition for successful farrowing; but if they cannot be had at reasonable prices, ground



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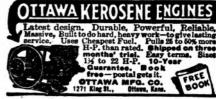
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screened oats and barley may form a part of the ration. Heavy feeding is not necessary. Muscu-lar condition is imperative and the bowels must at all times be kept freely moving; then the sow will have no difficulty in farrowing and her (CONTINUED ON PAGE 31.)









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UNT LAVINIA was poring over her treasure box, while outside the gray February day gradually settled into twilight. How she had always hated

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Perhaps that was why, on this gloomy day, she had turned to the old box, her never failing panacea when the grayness of things outside seemed to be affecting even her soul.

The box, with its strange assortment of odds and ends that no one else would have thought of any value, to her brought back life and youth. When Aunt Lavinia took out the precious trifles, the years seemed to melt away and she was a girl again; a girl of abounding spirits and an intense desire to live.

She took out the old autograph album, with its youthful scrolls from school girls and boys, variously showering on her devoted head wishes for future joys or protestations of undying love. Here among the others was the name of the boy who years later had become her husband:

"David Martin."

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It stood alone on the page with no verse or boyish sentiment above it; just the name and date, now so long past. How like David, thought Aunt Lavinia, and she sighed.

David had been a good husband. She could find no fault with him after forty years of married life. It was only that the years had made the boyish lack of sentiment and nonsense more pronounced, though Aunt Lavinia had never doubted that her husband loved her truly in his own serious and undemonstrative way.

She turned the leaves of the old autograph album slowly, now smiling, now sighing at the gay or foolish or tender sentiments expressed.

Here was a verse above a girl's daintily penned name. Aunt Lavinia's eyes dimmed as she read aloud the concluding line:

"And may we enchangide by side."

"And may we anchor side by side In Heaven."

How long ago the youthful writer had reached the desired haven; this sweet girl friend who had been the inseparable companion of her school days. What joy, if, at the end, the two friends, so long parted, might again, indeed, be hand in hand and "side by side."

Outside the gray day grew more lowering as Aunt Lavinia turned the yellowing pages. Then a tender little smile lit up her face as she stopped at a page on which was written the silly old verse:

"Roses are red, Violets are blue. Sugar is sweet And so are you."

Undermeath in round boyish hand was the name of "Joseph Olcott."

Her first sweetheart! The boy who had always brought her the earliest arbutus in the spring; who had taken her coasting down the schoolhouse hill and then washed her face in the snow when her tantalizing ways proved too much for him. The boy, who, when they trimmed the schoolhouse on Christmas Eve, always took the prickly holly from her that his hands and not hers, should be scratched. And on St. Valentine's Day the last year they went to school together had come to her the daintiest Valentine that she had ever seen. The handwriting was evidently disguised, but little Lavinia felt sure in her heart that Joseph had sent it to her. She had always treasured it, and now she laid aside the old album and searched in the depths of the box till she brought it to light.

It was one of those dainty things of lace paper and pink rosebuds, with a rosy Cupid peeping out from amid the lace to aim with his bow and arrow at a plump little heart in the corner. Within a wreath of the bluest of forget-me-nots was the legend:

was the legend

"To my Valentine."

Aunt Lavinia handled the fragile love token gently, while the gray day outside was transformed by the delicate brightness of the pinks and blues of the old valentine. Again she was living in the spring time of life, when all the world is tosy and there are no gray days. She saw in fancy the old schoolhouse and the patient teacher who had done so much to mold the young lives of his pupils. Again she strolled around the village with the girlhood friend who had so long ago dropped by the wayside. Again she heard Joseph Olcott's boyish laugh and felt her cheeks affame with the kisses of the snow. Almost she smelt the arbutus again, that intangible woodsy sweetness that is all its own. What a miracle worker was this old Valentine, to bring back the past with such vividness! With the odor of the arbutus now almost tangible in its sweetness and nearness. Aunt Lavinia leaned over and with wet eyes pressed her lips to the old Valentine. "Dreaming, Vinie?"

Aunt Lavinia started. There, by her side, stood her husband, tall and unbending as ever, but with a strange little embarrassed smile that

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He had always been immeasurably proud of his suishiny, sentiment loving wife, even though he hasself had been all engrossed in the serious business of life. Now, her wet eyes, together with the kiss he had seen her bestow on the old Valentine, had moved him greatly, and he laid his hand gently on her shoulder. "Thinking of the old days again, I see," he said, "Mighty strange now, Vinie, but do you know I met one of our old friends in town today, one of your old beaux it was, too,—Joe Olcott."

'How strange," exclaimed Aunt Lavinia. "I



At a time when all the available men were needed on the fire line, officials of the Forest Service say that Mrs. Schoenberg, who is the wife of Forest Ranger O. P. Schoenberg, took over the work of securing labor, handling the telephone exchange, and thus keeping the various crews in touch with each other, and running the commissary for the large force of laborers employed on the fire. She also arranged for the disposition of the men at the different fire-fighting crews and fed the newcomers on their way to the fire. It is stated that her excellent judgment and initiative were of material assistance in extinguishing the fire.

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The Misses Erickson, daughters of a Forest ranger, took an active part in the fire fighting. They organized and set to work one crew of men and aided in securing others. On one occasion, by actually fighting fire all night, they relieved a crew which was urgently needed at another fire. In addition, they carried food and water to the men on the fire line, who otherwise would not have had anything to eat.

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WARNING YOU MUST FILE YOUR INCOME TAX STATEMENT BEFORE MARCH.

If you are single and your income from all sources during the year 1917 amounted to one thousand dollars or more, or if married and your income from all sources during the year was two thousand dollars or more, you must make a sworn statement of your income and file it with the Collector of U. S. Internal Revenue for your district before the first day of March, 1918.

In case the wife has a separate income a later.

In case the wife has a separate income, a joint statement should be made if the combined incomes of husband and wife equal or exceed \$2,000.00.

This statement must be made on a blank form which can be obtained from the Collector of U. N. Internal Revenue for your district. To locate him, ask your employer,

your Postmaster, or any Bank.

If you have not already received the blank write the Internal Revenue Collector at once and he will mail it to you. You need NOT ENCLOSE postage for return.

Your sworn Income Tax Statement must be mailed in time to reach the Collector before March first.

DON'T NEGLECT IT - for two reasons:

First: it is your patriotic duty.

Second: you will incur a severe penalty by your neglect or refusal.

You will be taxed, if single, on the excess of your income above \$1,000.00, or, if married, only on the excess above \$2,000.00; and the tax is not payable until June.

BUT YOU MUST SEND IN YOUR SWORN STATEMENT BEFORE MARCH FIRST. We publish this announcement to help the Government collect these War Taxes and to save our readers from getting into trouble through ignorance of misunderstanding of the law.—EDITOR.

Comfort Kits Easily and Quickly Made for Our Boys at Home and Abroad

Comfort Kits

COMFORT kit consists of a bag or pouch containing a collection of useful articles. The Red Cross ad-vises that they be made of stout khaki twill, such as will harmonize with a soldier's uniform.

How to Make Comfort Kit No. 1

Materials: one third of a yard of 27-inch material, 30 inches of tape for a draw string and an American flag for marking the outside.

The goods are folded and sewed up into a simple bag 12 inches square, with an inch hem at the top through which is run the gath-

ering string or tape.

The sewing materials furnished with with C rials furnished with this kit are attached to a hemmed piece of Canton flannel 12 inches long by three inches wide. The upper edge of this string is sewed stoutly into the hem at the top of and inside the bag. A single snap sewed at the top and bottom of the strip, as shown at A and B (see diagram), brings the two ends of the string together, protecting 2 string together, protecting the contents.

This kit should contain 12"

This kit should contain the following articles:
Cake of soap in metal or small celluloid case, Small comb, metal, Small steel mirror, Se wing kit as shown in diagram, Toothbrush in case, Handker-chiefs, khaki color, Lead pencil, Playing cards, Writing pad, Envelopes, Tooth powder in tin container, Shaving brush and soap, Tobacco and pouch, Cigarette paper, Pipe, Foot powder, Wash-cloth, Heavy socks, Letter giving name and address of donor.

Other articles may be added from the "Suggestion List," if desired.

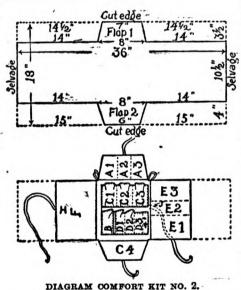
How to Make Comfort Kit No. 2 This Kit Is for Field Use

Materials: Half a yard of goods, 36 inches wide; 4 yards of tape for binding; one small American flag to be sewed on the outside of kit. These can be purchased cheaply in form of rib-

bon, about twenty-four flags to the yard.

If the material only measures 33 inches it need not alter the dimensions of the kit except by making the pockets E, E, E and F proportionately smaller.
Cut out sections A, B, C and D as indicated

on the diagram. From these pieces make the applied pockets of the case, some flat, others slightly full, as shown.

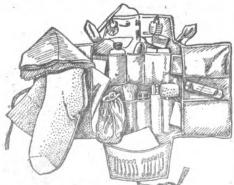


Section A: Use for pockets marked A 1, A 2,

Section A: Use for pockets marked A 1, A 2, A 3 laid on Flap No. 1.
Section B: Use for pocket marked B.
Section C: Use in part for the series of three pockets marked C 1, C 2, C 3.
Section D: Use in part for pocket marked C 4 on flap No. 2, the balance for pockets marked D 1, D 2, D 3, 4.
Fold in selvage ends of goods to form series of pockets marked E 1, E 2, E 3 and large

of pockets marked E 1, E 2, E 3 and large pocket marked F. Bind all edges neatly with gram. Stout tape. Attach ties of tape to flaps 1 and 2 to they can be brought together and tied over the strength. so they can be brought together and tied over the pockets. Attach ties of tape on outside of case at H and J. These ties should be long enough to go twice around kit; two loops of tape should be added as shown in the diagram,

that the whole kit may be hung up evenly



balanced. It is important that the openings of balanced. It is important that the openings of the pockets B, C and D face the loops, so that small articles will not fall out when the case is hung. Snappers sewed at the edge of the pockets E and F will make the contents more Arrangement of Articles in Kit No. 2

*A 1 and A 3: Thread, heavy white and waxed khaki color (sometimes called carpet or ribbon thread), wound on cards. On the outside of these pockets sew six khaki-color buttons, size these pockets sew six khaki-color buttons, size for uniforms; six khaki buttons, shirt size; also six white buttons for underwear.

- A 2: Needles, assorted large size in case; thimble, large-size celluloid; sewing wax.

B: Tobacco pouch and tobacco.

C1: Tooth powder in tin container.

C2: Folding knife and spoon.

C3: Soap in metal or celluloid box.

C4: Wash-cloth. On the outside of this pocket pin 12 No. 3 black safety pins and six khaki-color patent trousers buttons.

D1: Shaving brush.

D2: Shaving soap.

D3: Comb, preferably metal, in case.

Souvenir Pocket

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A

B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 3

C2 :

D1 D2 D3 D4 D53

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FOR HOSPITAL USE.

KIT NO. 3.

C3 4

212 212 2" 213

D 2: Shaving soap.
D 3: Comb, preferably metal, in case.
D 4: Pipe.
E 1: Pia ying cards or
other game.
E 2: Mouth

E 2: Mouth organ.
E 3: Safety razor and blades.
F: Writing materials, pencile sender's name and address, hand-

dress, hand-kerchiefs, two or three khaki color, and a pair of heavy socks, either hand or ma-chine knitted. *Buttons and thread are khaki colored for the Army, and black for

the Navy. Comfort Kit

No. 3 This Kit is for Hospital Use

This kit is especially designed to be pinned to the side of a bed and contains the s mall things which a wounded man wounded man will want to keep near him. Materials:

Two yards of 33-inch to 36-

33-inch to 36inch goods
will make three kits 11 to 12 inches wide, or
two yards of 27-inch goods will make two
kits 13 1-2 inches wide. The latter is probably
the better width, but the others will be acceptable; 2 1-2 yards of tape are needed for binding
and tie ends. Stock sheeting, 9 by 12 1-2 inches,
is required to line the lowest pockets, which
are for toilet articles which
may be damp.

To make the kit, measure
and tear the entire strip of
goods lengthwise to the desired width. Then tear sidewise from the strip the following pieces for the pockets:

21/4 2" 14

ets:
1. Pocket A: 7 1-2 inches torn will be 61-2 inches fin-

Hem the upper end of the strips plait them and attach to kit case one inch above kit case one inch above pockets D 1-D 5 (A and C). Hem the pockets D 1—D 5 (A and C). Hem the strips "intended for pockets A and B and apply B to A, sewing the partition seams in B before attaching both pockets at once to kit case, one inch above pockets marked C.

Souvenir Pocket: Almost every soldier has a

Souvenir Pocket: Almost every soldier has a little collection of souvenirs, often including the bullet or piece of shell which brought him to the hospital. The big pocket of this kit marked "Souvenir Pocket" is intended to hold these and other personal effects. To make this pocket, hem the upper end of the strip of which the kit is being made, and fold over a flap 12 inches when finished. While in use this large flap pocket is turned back and hangs behind the bag, but if the soldier wishes to take his kit. bag, but if the soldier wishes to take his kit the bag, but if the soldier wishes to take his kit with him on leaving the hospital its contents can be made secure by bringing the flap forward over the small pockets and fastening it down by clips sewed to x, y and z. The whole kit can then be rolled up and tied as the contents permit. Bind the side edges of the kit securely with the tape and attach tie ends on the outside of the point marked H. The kit is fastened to the mattress of the bed by two large safety pins at the upper corners.

paja mas), Bed
Socks, Operating Leggings, Hot-Water Bottle
Covers, Ice-Bag Covers.

These patterns are all issued in sizes medium and large.

In making garments for the American hospitals proportions should be two small to one large. For French hospitals no large sizes are needed.

Special points emphasized in the report of the Woman's Bureau by the committees in

Safety pins at the upper corners.

Safety pins and sewing materials may be at-

tached to the outside of these pockets, thous these supplies will not be much needed.

Extra Articles Which May Be Added at Option of Senders

Articles marked with a star (*) are especially

desirable.

Blotting-paper; chewing-gum; chocolates (if wrapped in tin-foil); cigarette-paper in books; comb, preferably metal in case; compressed tea-tablets; compressed malted-milk tablets; corn-plasters; foot powder; garters; knife two-bladed, such as boy scouts use; "mirror, metal, in case; pin-ball with pins; playing cards; postcards; puzzles; "safety-razor; safety-razor blades; safety-razor strap; "scissors, (preferably folding, with pointed ends in sheath); "shaving-brush and shaving-soap; shoe-lace, black for the Navy, khaki-colored for the Army. Talcum powder; tape, white, black or khaki colored tobacco; toilet-paper; toothbrush in rubber case; "tooth-powder in tin case.

Articles in Kit No. 3

Souvenir pocket for personal effects.

A. Writing material, pencil, letter, etc.
B. Pipe and cigarette paper.
B. Tobacco pouch and tobacco.
C. Handkerchiefs.

Playing cards and metal mirror.

Tooth paste. Tooth brush.

Shaving brush and soap. Washcloth.

Don't Send Any of These

Because These Articles of Personal Equip-ment are Furnished by the Government

As the kit should supplement what the soldier already has, a list of the personal equipment issued by the War Department to each soldier is listed herewith:

Personal Equipment of Enlisted Men

The following articles are issued to enlisted men by the Quartermaster's Corps:

1 Hat. 1 Hat cord.

1 Coat. 2 Pairs of breeches.

1 Overcoat.
3 Pairs of drawers. 2 Pairs of shoes.

5 Pairs of stockings. 3 Under-shirts.

2 Blankets.
1 Pair of gloves, wool.
1 Pair of gloves, riding (for mounted men).
1 Belt, waist.

2 Pairs of laces, shoe.

2 Towels. 1 Cake toilet soap. Housewives (one to a squad).

Comb

1 Brush, hair. 1 Brush, tooth.

1 Pair of leggings. 1 Slicker. 1 Tag, identification.

1 Bar, mosquito.
1 Bar mosquito.
1 Bed sack.
1 Shelter tent, half.
1 Knitted toque.
1 Cardigan jacket.
1 Pair of rubber boots.

· For troops in France only.

Supplied by the Ordinance Department

Cup, tin, Meat can, Knife, and knife scab-bard, Fork, and fork scabbard, Spoon, 1 Pouch for first aid packet.

The following articles ("extra issues") are given out to organizations of enlisted men, "such quantities as the commanding officer may order as necessary:" Soap, Candles, Matches, Toilet paper, Towels, huck, Ice.

Where to Send Comfort Kits and Other Articles

Shipping Directions

Completed articles should be sent to the nearest Red Cross chapter if possible. When this can not be done they should be sent to the this can not be done they should be sent to the Red Cross Division Supply Service in the nearest of the following cities: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Minneapolis, San Francisco.

Articles intended for a particular soldier should, of course, be addressed directly to him and forwarded by United States mail or express. The Red Cross cannot accept articles for delivery to any particular individual.

Red Cross Hospital Garments and Supplies

The illustrations on this page will give one an idea of the garments which are most needed for the hospitals.

The official models have been

given the various pattern compa-nies, who have agreed to issue patterns in strict accordance with

They can be ob-tained from local Red Cross Chap-ters for 10c each, or at store carry-

ing patterns.
The patterns now ready are:
Pajamas, Hospital bed shirts,
Hospital bed Hospital bed shirts (taped), Convalescent Robes (similar, but bathrobe is heavier), Bath-robes, Bed Jack-ets, Under-shirts, Under-drawers, Bandage Foot Sock, Operating Sock, Operating Cap, Operating Masks, Operating Gowns, Convales-cent Suits (lined

HOSPITAL BED SHIRT.

pajamas), Bed Socks, Operating Leggings, Hot-Water Bottle Covers, Ice-Bag Covers.

Special points emphasized in the report of the Woman's Bureau by the committees in

1. Convalescent robes should be warm, heavy

1. Convalescent roces should be warm, heavy bathrobing preferred.
2. Pajamas should be made of good outing flannel for wintersuse.
3. Convalescent suits (lined pajamas) are needed, as the men wear them in the place of suits in both the American and the French bosoitals. hospitals

4. Both pajamas and lined pajamas are pre-ferred with a turnover collar

with which a tie can be worn. Pa-jamas for French hospitals may be made in dark colors. 5. Convalescent

suits (lined paja-mas) should be made of bright colored materials so that the conva-

so that the convalescent patient may be easily discernible.

6. Nightingales are not desirable for either American or French hospitals. Bed jackets are used in place of them and should be made of warm material.

7. Operating leggings are desirable made of fiannel or heavy Canton fiannel for winter use.

winter use.
8. Heavy warm machine-made sweaters with long sleeves are needed by men in the tuberculosis hospitals; no par-ticular color is' mentioned.
Report of the committee on the

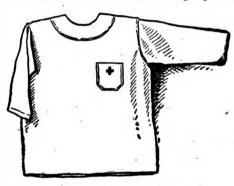
needs for hospital linen and supplies for which no pat-terns are given: 1. Sheets (both bleached and un-

bleached and unbleached) at least
sixty-four inches wide and one hundred and
two inches long.
2. Pillow-slips of bleached or unbleached
muslin (those for French hospitals should be
about twenty-eight inches wide and thirty
inches long and should have three pairs of tie
tapes stitched on the inside of the hem to hold
the pillow in).
3. Plain towels are wanted in large quanti-

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CONVALESCENT ROBE

Bath towels are wanted in large quanti-Wash-cloths are wanted in large quanti-



HOSPITAL BED SHIRT.

(either bath toweling or closely knitted

ones.)
6. Handkerchiefs are wanted in large quan-

6. Handkerchiefs are wanted in large quantities (colored preferred; white acceptable).
7. Comfort pillows, all sizes and shapes.
8 Bright-colored bags, same size as comfort bags, but unfilled, for the men to use in the hospitals for their small personal belongings. Garments which will probably be needed in largest quantities are:
A. Pajamas; hospital bed shirts.
Those needed in the second largest quantities.
B. Convalescent suits (lined pajamas). Under-drawers; under-shirts; taped hospital bed shirts; bathrobes; bed socks; bed jackets.
Those needed in less quantities:
C. Operating caps; operating masks, operating gowns; operating leggings; bandage foot socks.

sheets, pillow-cases, etc., are needed continuously.

Packing

The committee suggests the desirability of packing the garments for American and French hospitals in separate cases, also that of packing only the same kind of garments in one case. The representatives of the Woman's Bureau will remain permanently in France to study the needs for all kinds of garments and supplies.

Shipment of boxes. Express companies will accept gifts to the Red Cross, for shipment, at two thirds their regular rate, when prepaid and addressed as above.

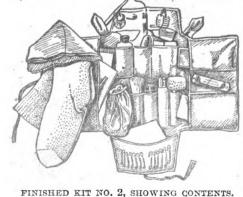
Red Cross chapters should ship to their Division Supply Depot in one of the following cities:

Boston Washington St. Louis Minneapolis

New York Atlanta Cleveland Denver Seattle

Philadelphia New Orleans Chicago San Francisco

Invoice. An invoice or notice of shipment, giving the serial number of the box or boxes sent, and duplicate copies of their inventories, should be mailed by all shippers to the chapter or Division Supply Depot to which the shipment is being forwarded.







Needed Knitting for Liberty Boys

Patriotic Relief Work

The First Things to Know About Knitting

UE to the unusual and pressing de-mands of the times every woman should have a thorough knowledge of nis useful art.
The knitting needle has had to re-

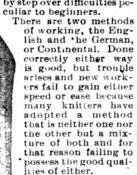
place the embroidery hook and knitting is now a very important branch of war relief work.

Workers all over the country are willing and anxious to help, but if they are to fulfill the requirements, every novice should aim to become an expert.

Much time and effort could be saved if each Much time and effort could be saved if each step were taken intelligently, each stitch with a perfect knowledge of what it meant in the development of the work as a whole. But frequently a knitter does not even know whether she is at work upon the front or back, the top or bottom until the garment is nearly completed.

It is this mechanical following of mechanical

It is this mechanical following of mechanical directions that causes the downfall of most knitters. Therefore it is the writer's endeavor to explain the different methods of working and lead the reader step by step over difficulties people.



In the German or Continental method the needles are held

inside the hand, points between forefinger and thumb, wool passing to the left hand, thus crossing the needles and the fingers, where it is ever ready for work. In the English method

BACK OF HELMET.

BACK OF HELMET. to place a stitch upon the needles. The forefinger must throw the wool fully a couple of inches each time. In the German it is simply a little wrist movement, much less lacking in effort, therefore we will devote our time to this method.

time to this method.

Practice should be with coarse yarn and suitable needles on some simple work such as a wash-cloth. The first step in knitting is to place a row of stitches upon a needle. This is known as casting on. It can be done in different ways but knitting the stitches on is considered one of the best methods as a double threaded edge is secured.

Start by twisting the wool over to form a

threaded edge is secured.

Start by twisting the wool over to form a loop and slip on needle, hold securely, insert the other needle in this loop, knit a stitch, drawing it out making a loop at least one inch long, hold two points of needles so they will meet at right angles, the loop being parallel with first needle. Now put point of left needle over the upper thread and slip the loop on this needle, draw stitch up closely. Insert right needle in this loop, knit another stitch and cast on to the left needle as before, repeat until the

as before, repeat until the desired number is secured. Casting on in this way can be done very rapidly after one just gets the knack of doing it. Even if the first few stitches are laboriously worked on, after a half dozen or so, one invariably says, oh, I see and af-terwards wonders at the simplicity of it.

The two primary stitches used in this work are spoken of as "to knit or plain knitting," and "to purl or seam," the second being just the reverse of the first.

To Knit

Hold needle containing stitches in left hand between thumb and forefinger, the yarn extend-ing up from last stitch over forefinger of left hand and

FRONT OF HELMET. down between it and the second finger then

own between it and the second inger then out between third and center finger. It is between first two fingers tension is regulated.

Hold right needle in right hand between thumb and forefinger. Do not hold needles

tightly but firmly.

Having needles in position insert point of right needle into first stitch on left, entering from left of first loop beneath the needle. With tip of point stretch loop as shown in our illustration, slip needle through, holding points at right angles, now throw yarn over right needle with a wrist movement then draw yarn through first stitch on left needle, thus forming loop on right needle, and drop first

strict on left needle, and drop first forming loop on right needle, and drop first stitch from left needle. See illustration. Each stitch upon left needle is worked off in this way, and when all are on right needle, it should be placed in left hand and second row worked off exactly in the same way.

Purling or Seaming

This is nothing but doing everything in plain and rapidity will come very knitting backwards. Hold the needles and the method of working is correct.

yarn as in plain knitting, but let the yarn come 'Sleeveless Sweater for Army or Navy from in front rather than behind the work.

See illustration

as shown, pass yarn up between two points and down, then pass the point of right needle backwards through first loop, at same time slipping the latter from left needle. All loops are purled in this way. After knit-ting stitches remember it is important to pass wool to the front be-fore beginning to purl, that is, bring yarn be-tween the worker and the work, or in front of the work, then throw yarn back before beginning to knit the stitches.

To Increase and Decrease

increase in the first stitch on row, knit the stitch as usual, but without slipping it from the left needle. Hold it there, turn the right needle heek insert the point back, insert the point in the center of the stitch on the left nee-

dle, passing it from sleevelless sweater. for 19 inches. Purl 2, right to left; again knit 2 sts. for 4 inch-take up the yarn, and pull it through to form es. Sew up sides leaving 9 inches for armholes, a stitch, now slipping the first stitch from the left needle. There will be two loops upon the right needle, to one dropped from the left.

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This method of widening is used only when



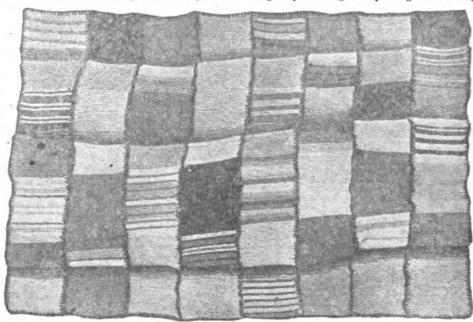
Begin by knitting and purling for ribbing,

York City.

Material required.

eightfold yarn. Use a needle which

with less sts. make the



KNITTED AFGHAN FOR HOSPITAL USE.

RIBBING FOR TOP OF SOCKS, FIG.1.

Knit first stitch between this and second stitch, pick up loop passing from one to the other, cast on left needle and knit it in the usual way. Another method is to knit both the front and back of a stitch. When necessary to increase one or more stitches at end of row simply knit and cast on to left-hand needle as explained in cast-ing on heretofore.

To Decrease

The most common and simple way is to knit through two stitches as one. To decrease at end of row, knit two stitches, then slip the first loop on right needle over the second, the third way to decrease or narrow to decrease or narrow is to purl two stitches

To Bind Off

When a piece of work is completed, to dispose of stitches on needle, knit first two stitches and slip first stitch

over second, knit one again, having two stitches on right needle, slip the first over the second, knit 1 row, narrow every 4th st., es on right needle, slip the first over the second, knit 1 row, narrow every ond, knit 1 row, narrow every e

the work is to be increased in width without then purl and knit a row alternately, this will having the means employed show.

then purl and knit a row alternately, this will make the outside of the garment purled and inside knitted, and one's wool also will go a bit further.

To keep edges from rolling in about armholes, when work measures 12 inches knit the first five stitches of each row, this will make knitted band on either side; when work measures 20 inches knit each row from edge to edge for five

Bind off about one third for neck knitting seven ribs on each side for shoulders, then five ribs from side to side across front, then knit Ist 5 stitches of each, knitting and purling between.

For officers especially, is this sweater prefixer.

ly, is this sweater pref-erable as their unierable as their uni-forms fit very snugly, and a garment made in this way is less bulky.

Knitted Hospital Socks

1 1-2 hanks Scotch yarn (1 1-2 lb), two steel needles No. 12. Cast on 60 sts., k. 2, p. 2. Repeat for 17 inch-

es, then knit 1 row, purl 1 row twice, k. 1 row, narrow by knit-ting 2 sts. tog. every 5th st., p. 1 row, k. 1



POSITION OF NEEDLES IN CONTINENTAL METHOD OF KNITTING.

remains, break yarn and pull through drawing up closely. A mastery of the foregoing is all that is necessary to enable one to do any piece of knitting, even the finest. Evenness of stitch and rapidity will come very quickly if one's



POSITION OF NEEDLES IN PURLING.

2nd st., p. 1 row, k. 1 row, narrow every 2nd st. Bind off and sew up.

Knitted Helmet

1 1-2 hanks Scotch (3-8 lb), two No. 4, double pointed celluloid needles.

Cast on 48 sts. (11 inches), knit plain for 25 ribs (6 inches) and k. 2, p. 2, for 35 rows. On the next row the opening for the face is made as follows: k. 2, p. 2, k. 2, p. 2, k. 2, k. and bind off loosely the next 28 sts. and purl 1, k. 2, p. 2, k. 2, p. 2. Run the sts., before the opening on a spare needle and on the sis. at other side on opening k. 2, p. 2 for 12 rows. The last row will end at the opening and at that point cast on 28 sts. to offset those bound off. Begin at the face opening of sts. on spare needle and k. 2, p. 2 for 12 rows. At the end of the 12th row continue all across to the end of other needle when there should be 48 stitches on needle as at first. K. 2, p. 2 for 24 rows.

Top of Helmet

will make the work firm, and work evenly as possible; of fourfold Top of Helmet

K. 2, n. (k. 2 sts. together), k. 14 n., k. 14 n., k. 12.

P. the entire next row. On the 3rd row k. 2, n., k. 13, n., k. 13, n., k. 11. P. 4th row. On the 5th row k. 2, n., k. 12, n., k. 12, n., k. 10.

P. 6th row. Continue to n. in the 3 places every plain knitted row with 1 st. less between narrowings until as possible; of four load yarn cast on from 80 to 84 sts., of eightfold from 72 to 76 sts. Knit 2, purl 2, until work measures 4 inches. Knit plain until work measures 21 inches. If 80 sts. were cast on, knit 28 stitches, bind off 24 sts. for neck. Knit 28 sts., starting between narrowings until 9 sts. are left.

Back of Helmet

Work in same manner as Knit 7 ribs (14 rows) for front but omit the face on each shoulder, cast on 24 sts. Knit plain for 19 inches. Purl 2, knit 2 sts. for 4 inchopening. Sew the sts. of upper edges together with joining stitch. Sew up the side seams leaving the plain knitting at shoulders open.

Khitted Afghans

These afghans which can be made of accumulated odds and ends of wool, are much needed in the hospitals abroad. The work is simply plain

knitting in either square sor BED OR HOSPITAL strips. Cast on a sufficient SOCKS.

eight inches and bind off each square as fin-

eight inches and bind off each square as fin-ished or continue to work with another color until a strip is eight or ten squares long.

Different grades of wool can be used by knit-ting with two or more threads of the finer to equal the coarser. Short lengths can be used hit-or-miss; bright colors should be worked in as much as possible in making the afghans that are needed nowhere more than among our wounded away from home.

wounded away from home.

Pupils, in our schools, all over the country are busily at work on these squares and if members of local clubs would meet and devote an afternoon a week to joining the squares and finishing the afghans, the result would be wonderfully helpful. derfully helpful.

Stocking Knitting

These are standbys, articles which will be continuously needed and in such quantities that every woman should consider it her duty to furnish a certain amount each month.

Materials required: Three quarters of a pound of Scotch, in light grey or scrubbed, yarn, as the less of dye there is, the better it is for the men's feet.

Steel needles, the short ones being more convenient, No. 12 or larger if one knits tightly.

1st. Always k. first and last st. on each needle tightly to prevent appearance of a gap or ladder

2nd. Count sts. after increasing or decreasing.
3rd. Never knot wool; when a joining is



DUTCH HEEL.

See directions on page 29.

necessary lay the 2 ends reversely together and knit a few sts. with double thread. The seam st. should begin either with 1st round or 1st round after ribbing is complete, particular at-tention should be paid to keeping it straight, as the shaping of the sock depends on it. The seam st. can be purled in every round or purled in one and knitted in the next.

in one and knitted in the next.

4th. Loose knitters should use fine needles, and tight workers thicker ones.

5th. In decreasing each side of seam st. the st, either side should be knitted, therefore in decreasing before the seam, k, 2 sts. tog, k, 1, p.

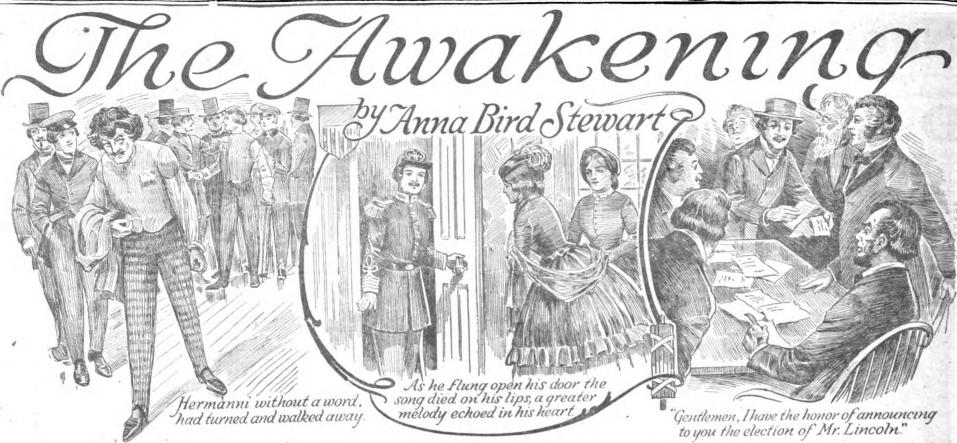
k. 1, take off next st. without knitting, k. 1 and sl. st. over k. st.

Fig. 1 shows ribbing begun on 3 needles or work can be done on 4 if preferred.

Cast on 72 sts., 24 on each needle in the usual

way, k. 2, p. 2 until sufficient ribbing has been finished. K. plain, making 1 seam st. until sock measures 6 inches from top. Now n. on each side of seam st. by decreasing 1 st. see No. 5, k. 7 rounds plain. Repeat this narrowing in every 8th row until there are 70 sts. in round. K. plain until leg measures 9 1-2 inches.

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T doesn't seem possible."

"Ask Hermanni."

The youth turned to the foreigner.
"You don't mean that the little fellow coming in the armory now is the man who is going to fence with the second of the

the man who is going to fence with you tonight?"

Hermanni inclined his head in graceful assent. The admiring crowd around him turned to Jook at the contestant. A mere boy, small yet at once lithe and muscular, there was about his entire aspect an air of daring and of high ambition.

"A handsome fellow," said Starfield Johnson, one of Hermanni's favorites among the young men.

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Hermanni bowed again. He was well pleased with the look of his adversary. As instructor in the noble art of the foil to the aristocratically pretentious youths of early Chicago, it was to his advantage to stage scenes of spectacular effect. His fencing matches made fashionable both by good luck and shrewd calculation, were his greatest means of advertisement and he overlooked no chance of a new competitor.

He knew little of young Ellsworth save that he was a recent arrival from New York, a law student in the office of a conservative member of the local bar. His challenge to the newcomer, whose skill had naturally been reported to him, was to add to the fencing master's own prestige. No one had a doubt of the outcome, least of all Hermanni.

"Signor" he murmured to Loboson "during"

The boy tossed back the masses of black hair from his forehead as its waves, worn long after the fashion of that day, fell into his eyes. As if obedient to his gesture, again his rival's foil

"That is the twenty-seventh time Elmer has touched him," said John Hay to the friend be-

"Hermanni is smiling, yet I'll wager he does not think it funny."

"What an unpleasant smile. Look at that boy now, hardly more than half the size of the lanky—there goes Hermanni's foil again."

"Yet the man is a wonderful fencer."

"I don't believe two men could beat Elmer," declared Hay. "Watch him. He is all grace, and skill and fire."

"Hermanni has skill. It's the youth and the fire that will win for Ellsworth."

"It's his spirit of undaunted and indomitable success," said John softly.

"Well, it's over now, whatever it was."

Hermanni, without a word, had turned and walked away.

walked away. He was outclassed, unexpectedly, before his pupils and his adherents. The unknown youth had hit him six times for every once he was able return. At the touche a touche the newcom-touched him in two places at the same alonge threw his foil several feet. exhibition, an overwhelming surprise to the en-

We are proud of you," declared Hay, as Ells-

orth joined them.
"I am proud myself, to have won," said Ells-orth honestly. "That man can use the foils!"
Hermanni now came up all suaveness and com-

MONG all the imaginary heroes of war-inspired fiction you may search in vain for the equal of Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth who raised the first volunteer regiment and, as the youthful commander of the famous New York Fire Zouaves, was the first volunteer officer to give his life in defense of the flag in our Civil War. As faithful and ardent in love as he was true and brave in war, there is no more pathetic romance than the true story of his brief career, of which fhe tragic ending proved to be the needed shock for "the awakening" of the nation to meet the ordeal of war.

His inspiring example should strengthen us to meet the duty and sacrifice which the present war demands of each to the utmost of his strength and resources.

"Signor, you are a great swordsman."
"I had very good luck tonight, that's all,"
laughed Ellsworth.
He did not guess what good fortune and what
white the might's contest would bring
him.

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Filsworth continued. "It will mean no child's play, prompt obedience, unremitting drill, no gambling, no drinking under penalty of expulsion and publication of the offense."

Young as he was, there was something in Ellsworth's manner, in the very glance of his eye, which made men love, and fear, and obey.

The young captain did not give up his law studies, but in his cadets he found his one recreation,—relaxation, exercise, exaltation. He modeled them on the French Zouave system of organization and drill. To them he gave his time, his devotion and the impetus of his own success.

People began to talk about his Zouaves, they came to the drills, they watched for and criticized the comments of them in the papers. These, more or less malevolent, were not lacking, for all during the late fifties military organizations received but scant acknowledgment in Western cities. It was the natural reaction of the opposite element, the inevitable result of the spirit which had created the companies themselves. An active though cautious enemy could do much to increase the bitterness and contempt the papers were but too apt to show.

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John Hay and young Henry Miller of the Zouaves discussed the matter anxiously, upon reading the slurs and inuendoes of one report.

"This is personal spite, John. This is no mere general antagonism."

"We must work out not only a way to stop these notices, but to get at the bottom of their publication. I'll speak to Elmer."

But Ellsworth had forgotten Hermanni.

He sought only for a way to prove his words true when he had said that he would make his company second to none. He resolved to give a public exhibition on July the fourth to prove that this ambition had been fulfilled. The outcome of the drill meant much to him, more really than he knew. It made him, on that Independence Day of 1860, once again the most talked of man in the city.

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After the drill was over, Elmer shook himself clear of the congratulating throngs and went to his own room. No one else knew how great the strain had been of the unceasing drill combined with the discomforts, hardships, privations and even insufficient food of his private life. He felt that he could stand no more. He must be alone. Yet for all the strain he had been under, the taste of victory was sweet. He ran up the stairs to the top floor room in his quiet lodging house singing a little tune.

As he flung open his door the song died on his lips, a greater melody echoed in his heart. There in the room before him, stood a girl.

He looked at her as though she were not real, but an image sprung into being from his own thoughts. In the glad surprise of her presence all the love for her he had so long repressed shone from his dark eyes.

"Mary."

He spoke her name quietly, with an intensity of feeling mere words could not express.

"Mother and I came." she began softly. Then she looked into his eyes and a soft flush crept up over her cheek. She went on in swift embarrassment. "We came—" again she paused. Words seemed so futile, so commonplace in view of the things neither said.

Ellsworth turned to the elder woman who had been standing beyond his first vision.

"Sit here, Mrs. Somers, and here, Mary."

Though he would have wished the finest in the world for them there was no awkwardness, no shame of his poor surroundings. Of what he had he gave them the meager best in a way a prince might envy.

"We saw the drill, Elmer, and we are proud of you," said the mother. Then she went over

world for them there was no awkwardness, no shame of his poor surroundings. Of what he had he gave them the meager best in a way a prince might envy.

"We saw the drill, Elmer, and we are proud of you," said the mother. Then she went over by the window across the room. This was to be Mary's moment, and her heart was not so old that she could not guess what it meant to the girl. It was from her mother that Mary inherited her grace, her tact, her rich courtesy.

"Elmer," said the girl, "we came because you would not come to us. I felt that I could not go away without seeing you."

"Away?"

She gave him no time for questioning. These few moments were all she might have. Her very belief in him demanded his confidence. "What has been the matter? You have not been near the house for months. Yet you know we love you, and I know how you feel toward us."

Ellsworth flushed quickly at her first words. How sweet, how earnest she was, with her tightly clasped hands, and her troubled eyes searching his face. It had not been an easy thing for her to seek him thus but he thanked God for her trust in him.

"I'll be frank and honest with you, Mary, I have had a hard struggle merely to live, since I came here to Chicago. These last months I have gone nowhere, I have done nothing but study law, copy legal papers to make my little living. I have had a hard struggle merely to live, since I came here to Chicago. These last months I have gone nowhere, I have done nothing but study law, copy legal papers to make my little living. I have had a hard struggle merely to live, since I came here to Chicago. These last months I have gone nowhere, I have done nothing but study law, copy legal papers to make my little living. I have had a hard struggle merely to live, since I came here to Chicago. These last months I have gone nowhere, I have done nothing but study law, copy legal papers to make my little living.

"But it goes against me to take when I can make no return" be continued. "I have tried in the pleasure and encour-

"I know you are not ungrateful," she broke in gently.
"But it goes against me to take when I can make no return," he continued. "I have tried never to do it, no matter what I wished. You see how it is, Mary, don't you? I can't accept your hospitality and kindness when I can give you nothing. Why, I can only share with you a far off hope——" He stopped abruptly.
"This is foolish independence," she whispered tenderly.

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"It is my nature," he answered simply are animals boy. Take wh

tenderly.

"It is my nature," he answered simply.

"You dear quixotic boy. Take what little
we can give you in interest, in companionship.
As for return," she smiled happily, "you give
us the pleasure, the inspiration of yourself."
He shook his head.

"But all that is over now and we are talking
of the might-have-been. What you think honor,
in this case, Elmer, is a beautiful boyish dream.
Don't imagine I do not appreciate it, and you. I
only want to show you how impractical it was,
and in the future, elsewhere, perhaps—." Her
voice died away softly, her next words she hardly breathed, so low was her tone. "Oh, are we
friends so little as to haggle over returns?"

"Friends?——More than friends."

The girl began to speak quickly, as if thus to
break the strain the moment's silence had caused.

"Elmer, I have a confession to make. The wo-

man who showed us where your room was suggested our waiting for you. She showed us your daily schedule hanging above your desk and said you never varied from it a single moment. She was just a plain woman, but so kind hearted, and she said such wonderful things about you. Elmer. When I looked at the way you disposed of your day, the purpose behind each moment, without a single instant for play of any sort, I almost cried. Why, you are only a boy in years. Then I found on the desk this little book, your journal."

journal."
"Yes, I was looking over it this morning before the drill." He grew red as he thought of her seeing it, yet he was not sorry.
"I did not read it all," she said in a half pleading tone, "and I felt like a thief stealing the secrets of your life and soul in what I did read."

"You need not. Mary. I might have told you all that it said long ago had I possessed the courage and the knowledge that you cared to hear."

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"It seemed so much of yourself." She picked up the little book reverently. "Poor boy, what a struggle you have had to get along, and all the time not one tiny bit of help. Why didn't you tell me before? Elmer, may I keep the book?"

"Of course you may, if you wish it."

"I like this at the beginning." She read the opening sentences in the little diary:

"'I do this because it seems pleasant to be able to look back upon our past lives and note the gradual change in our sentiments and views of life; and because my life has been and bids fair to be such a jumble of strange incidents that, should I become anybody or anything, this will be useful as a means of showing how much suffering and temptation a man may undergo and still keep clear of despair and vice.'"

The little uncomfortable feeling a man usually has when he hears his own words read aloud by some one else crept over Ellsworth. And her voice! He feared to trust himself should she utter what he knew was in her thoughts. He began abruptly.

"I am going away."

"Back to the East?" she asked, a look of eager hope in her face. The light died out with his words.

"First with my Zouaves. Do you know that we are challenging all the crack militia companies in the United States to competitive drills?"

"Yes, and then where?"

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"Yes, and then where?"

"Then to Springfield."

"Springfield, Illinois? Where Lincoln lives?" she asked with a half note of envy in her voice.

"Do you think you will see him?"

"I am going into his office to read law."

"With Lincoln!" she murmured, half to herself. Then laughingly she went on. "No, sir, I don't wonder now, that you desert all your other friends the way you have us, these last few months, No associates but Présidential candidates, if you please!"

He fell in at once with her half-bantering mood.

"One presidential candidate who has more heart and feeling than almost all of your Chicago lawyers combined. They would have nothing to do with me, Lincoln took me in."

"You lucky Boy," sighed Mary. "Oh, you don't know how devoted I am to Abraham Lincoln."

"If you only knew him! I don't expect to study much law this year. Perhaps, though, I can help him a little, make a few speeches, or do something. Think of being able to help him!"

So had their mutual enthusiasm enthralled them that Mrs. Somers' low-voiced, "Mary," dropped them back with a start into their every day affairs.

The mother turned from the distant window where she had been sitting quietly looking out

The mother turned from the distant window where ske had been sitting quietly looking out over the dirty roofs and chimneys. "It is growing late." she warned.

"Yes, mother. Elmer, I spoke of our departure—" He reached for her hand silently as she went on, "We are going away, the family, I mean, going to New York to live."

"When?"

"When?"

"Next week. Father made the decision rather suddenly, and I thought every day that we would see or hear from you. F'nally when we did not, I asked mother if we sould not come here."

"To say good by?"

"Yes, to say good by."

"I wish you every happiness, Mary, and even though I should never see you again—"

"Don't say that," she begged. "Of course you will see us again. This is a good world, Elmer."

They were silent for a moment. Then her mother said good by to him and the two women went down-stairs. Ellsworth stood in the doorway of his bare little room looking after Mary Somers, a smile on her lips, loneliness in her heart, and his little journal clasped tight in her hand.

hand.

He shut himself in his room where her presence seemed to fill every corner. He could feel her beside him no matter where he turned. The sensation played havoc with his resolutions and his firmness of purpose. Her apparent spiritual nearness made him long for her real presence again, the sight of her face, the light from the west window striking her hair, as it had done that afternoon. He seemed to awaken suddenly to the fact that she was gone, not alone from his poor room, but perhaps gone likewise from his life forever.

For months he had battled with his love for (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26.)

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There's enterprise for you—only two weeks in camp and already a Sunday school organized. It deserves to be rewarded by reading matter and suggestions.

suggestions.

Our how-I helped-my-husband discussion is coming along slowly but surely and I am anxious to hear from sothers. You did splendidly, Mrs. Poag, and your work out of doors must have been of physical help to you, as well as financial.—Ed.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mes. Wilkinson and Sisters:

I have taken Comfort about two years, and find it the best paper for its price.

I have never written before, but now I want some of the sisters to advise me. I am the unhappiest woman living, and sometimes I think I would be better off dead, as I am afflicted with stammering. I started to stammer from fright about two years ago. I have a sunken chest and sometimes feel terribly weak, and all this is due to the stammering. I do not stammer badly. Strangers wouldn't notice it.

Now, what I want to ask is, would it be wise for me to go to a school? I know a school in the West, and the professor of this institute is willing to cure me for a fee of \$300; I don't think it's too much, as he says that speech is a priceless gift.

Now, what worries me is, my husband doesn't want me to go and tells me to get that idea out of my head. He says that I don't have to get cured of this trouble. If I cannot get cured of stammering, I feel that I am wasting my life. I have asked my folks to help me, but they won't. They think it's my own fault. I get a certain sum of spending money each month from my husband. I have started to save this money, and I will until I get enough to go to this Institute. I have nobody to help me so I have to help myself. But the longer I let this trouble go the more money it will take and also more time.

time.

I am worried terribly. There is no way for me to make money at home as I have tried different advertisements. I was thinking that I could go out and work as I am a pretty good typist, but I have a baby two years old to take care of.

My husband will be drafted pretty soon, then I will be obliged to earn my own living, but I won't be able to hold my position if they find out that I stutter.

I stutter.

Are any of the COMFORT sisters in such a trouble is I am? I want to be cured no matter if it takes my lifetime to save enough money to go to this school. I want to learn stenography in case I am obliged to earn my own living, but how can I, the say I talk?

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Wish best wishes I remain yours,
Mrs. R. T. W.——.

Mrs. R. T. W. Please don't think me unfeeling or unsympathetic, but do you have to pay the Professor your \$300 before or after you are cured of stammering? You say you are "worried terribly" and I think that is half the trouble. Stop worrying and give yourself a chance to get over stammering. I feel sure that you will in time if only you won't let your mind dwell on your trouble so much. What do the other sisters say about it?—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Through a letter of mine which was printed in Compost over a year ago I have found my relatives from whom I have been separated twenty-two long years. Thanks to dear old Comfort and long life to Mrs. Wilkinson and all of Comfort's staff.

Vonta in Joy.

HAZEL BLACK.

Hazel Black. Weren't you just the dearest person to let me know of your good fortune and share it with you, and the knowledge that our little corner is doing some good once in a while is the very best valentine I could ever receive.

—Ed.

share it with you, and the knowledge that our little corner is doing some good once in a while is the very best valentine I could ever receive.—Ed.

MARTIN CITY, MO.

MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I have taken COMFORT for a long time and read each issue from cover to cover and derive much pleasure and benefit therefrom. The Sisters' Corner is an endless chain of thoughts, opinions and experiences, and by reading the letters each month one can always lead to the farmer got so strong within me that I just had to sit down and write a few facts about farmers and farm life. Now I do not blame City Sport for feeling the way she does, for when one has lived in the city all their life and has to buy high-priced food stuffs, it is natural to blame the farmer, and we are all narrow-minded to a certain extent, in certain things, and especially so when we show that the certain country, and so far as the people are concerned, find them all the same, "just human beings." Take it altogether, the classes are equally divided among city and country and so far as the people are concerned, find them all the same, "just human beings." Take it altogether, the classes are equally divided among city and country and so far as the people are concerned, find them all the same, "just human beings." Take it altogether, the classes are equally divided among city and country and so far as the people are concerned, find them all the same, "just human beings." Take it altogether, the classes are equally divided among city and country and so far as the people are concerned, find them all the same, "just human beings." Take it altogether, the classes are equally divided among city and country health and the should be classed together, but each taken as an individual and upheld on his own merit. City Sport named, all of the far and the should not be classed together, but each taken as an individual and upheld on his own merit. City Sport named, all of the far and the should not be classed to a factory so the should not be classed to a fact

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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With a world of love to dear Uncle Charlie and all of Comfort's staff,

MRS. FANNIE POAG.

The people were expressing opinions of the farmers because the price of spuds was going up. This is one of the many incidents where blame comes to the wrong party.

Best wishes to Comfort and all the readers, MRS. ELIZABETH NEIBROOK.

Miss Neibrook. All the city-versus-country letters which I receive (and there are a lot of them from every state) lead me to the old remark that there are two sides to everything—our side and the wrong side; nevertheless, I enjoy the discussions, even if the farmer's side of it is very well known to me.—Ed.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.

DEAR MRS. WII KINSON AND COMPORT SISTERS:
Will some of you tell me how to cure my little girl
of worms? She has had them for a long time and
is very bad at times. I have stopped giving her candy
or sweets of any kind and have given her worm
medicine for some time but she is no better. I hope
some of the dear sisters can help me.

Sincerely,

MRS. A. F. L.

one of the dear sisters can help me.

Sincerely.

LYNCHBURG, 402 Main St., VA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I am a young girl, nineteen years old last January.
I have blue eyes, dark brown hair, fair complexion, and am five feet, five inches tail—weigh 138 pounds.
I am a stenographer and assistant bookkeeper in a clothing store for men, and have lived in the country until I was eleven years old. But first left me tell you how I came to see your magazine. I am very, wery fond of magazine stories, so when the collector of the store came in this morning I very quickly spied a magazine in his pocket which I asked him to let me see. He said, "All right, but for heaven's sake don't let me go home without it tonight or my wife will have a fit." I was not busy that afternoon and I read most-of the magazine. The first thing was Mrs. Wilkinson's dept. I enjoyed it very much until I cad where the country lady had been speaking in the country lady had been speaking in the country sisters expected to see her extended to the store came in the country lady had been speaking blook boil to hear a country person run down a city girl. Oh! it just makes my blood boil to hear a country person run down a city girl blaces in the country. Perhaps some little frisk has been visiting in their neighborhood and not acted as modestly as the country sisters expected to see her act, but that is no reason why the Arkansas sister should judge all the rest by her. There are good and bad everywhere. The city girl is every inch as good in ccry respect as the country lassie. I know it. My honest opinion of girls, both of the country and city, is that they can be just what they want to be, it makes no difference where they are. You are just what you make yourself. I pity some of the poor little country girls who marry sporty—is bad city boys, who have to go to the country to get their wife because the girls of the city who know them won't have them. I know of two cases right there will be the proper of the poor little country girls who marry

A loving little girl,

MARY E. FARMER.

CHINOOK, MONT.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

CHINOOK, MONT.

A bridge and allow a Montana sisters of could suggest Indian names for our home. You see it is a part of the Battle-Field Reserve that was thrown open last year and as it was the last stand of the Indians I think an Indian name would be very appropriate. I enjoy the letters from sisters on child training and housekeeping hints. A young housekeeper has much to learn.

I like to crochet and I don't think it hurts one's character, as one sister thought. I'm sure if she were alone most of the time she would turn to some kind of fancy work to while the lonely hours away. What do you think, homestead sisters?

God bless you, one and all, Mrs. M. B. K.

DEAR SISTERS ALL:

I have been still for years and they say that it is impossible for a woman to do, so I want to be heard now.

I have been still for years and they say that it is impossible for a woman to do, so I want to be heard now.

Perplexed Mother, your letter appealed to me. I think you should consult your own choice in the matter of adopting a child. I believe I would talk with little daughter first. Tell her of the many little ones left alone, and, better still, take her to some institution and let her see them. Get her into the way of thinking, if you can, that she would be much happier if she had one to share with and make its life more pleasant. If I were in your place, and was taking a child from an institution or where I had several to choose from, I would let Camele choose the new sister herself. That is, of course, if you approved of her choice. She would probably feel more attached to one thus chosen. Perhaps her choice would be a child older or younger than you had supposed she would care for. It is so hard to find out exactly what pleases a child until we try.

Can any of the sisters help me. I wonder. Several years ago there was a rectipe published for breakfast food that we liked very much. The food was made with yeast, baked, dried and then rolled with a rolling pin or put through a food chopper. It was like one kind of patented food when finished but much cheaper. I would like to see this rectipe printed again, as I have lost mine, and there are probably lots of new subscribers who would be glad to know of it in these times of conservation of food. Mrs. H. F. Wagner.

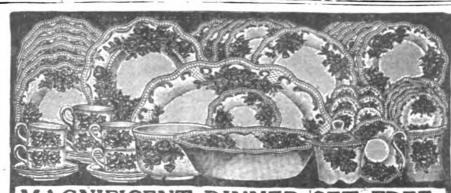
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Staples, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson:

I have been a reader of the Sisters' Corner for several years and like it very much.

I think the idea of Arkansas Grouch, that the conditions she mentions being prevalent among rural schools is rather a mistaken one. I live in a rural district in central Minnesota and have attended both rural and country schools. In the district in which



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I cannot agree with City Sport either about conditions in rural communities, as I have tried both city and country life and like the latter far the best. I wonder if she realizes that people in the country who steal corn and chickens are looked down on just as much as the burglar who breaks into houses or the pickpocket who picks pockets and snatches purses, in the city.

I think all these evils are the fault of the individual communities rather than "the country" as a whole.

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Dear Comfort Sisters:

After reading Mrs. V. M.'s letter in October Comfort, I couldn't be still.

I think Mrs. V. M. should stop thinking about not loving that good, trustworthy man and love him with all her heart and tell kim so. Has she ever stopped to think how happy she could make him by so doing? There is no such perfect bliss in this life as she seems to be dreaming of finding (and in some other man besides her husband) and the happiest people are those that forget self and make others happy.

About her husband not being educated—that has nothing to do with her loving him. One cannot help loving a man that is good and true. I married a man life Mrs. V. M.'s and after four years of man life if can say I am as happy as most people. But I have two children, a boy three and a girl ten months. There's nothing like children to weld two lives into one.

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Dear Mrs. V. M., those first two years of married life are two children, a boy three and a girl your husband and be good and true to him as he is to you. Try it for another year or two anyway. And write again, won't you? Do your duty, I husband and be good she hand done and is doing. My sister and I have a dear. Christian girl friend who comes to see us every week, and she always leaves two happler girls than she found them, just by her dear, good ways.

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two happier girls than she found them, just by her dear, good ways.

I hope dear girl that you will fight against the temptations that are always thrown in the path of a young girl, and I am sure you will come out victorious. If you will write to me, my sister and I will be glad to write to you.

I am twenty-one years old, weigh about one hundred and fifteen pounds and have blue eyes and light brown hair. I have been married over a year to one of the best Johns in the world and the only thing to make us unhappy is the war.

With best wishes to one and all, from your COMFORT sister,

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Snow Bird, Ripley W. Va.—We think that if a man asked a girl to let him take her home from church and she refused, and the next girl that he asked accepted, that he would like the second girl better. This is probably the way of it with the Ripley young man you write about. Yet men, young or old, are strange and fickle creatures and there is no rule to regulate their actions where a woman is concerned. (2) It is always best to say a few pleasant words when your caller is leaving, and, if you really wish to see him again, to say that you hope you will. Blue Eves. Crisfield. Md.—You say that you now when your caller is leaving, and, if you really wish to see him again, to say that you hope you will.

Blue Eyes, Crisfield, Md.—You say that you now find you like a young man that you once thought you did not care for. We think that the best thing to do is to wait and see if he still likes you. If he does, you will not have to use any extraordinary means to show him that you have changed your mind. And if he does not—why it would be very foolish for you to go on liking him. (2) We do not think you could call a girl your friend that "dirted with" and tried to "win" a young man that was interesting himself in you. And don't say "gentleman friend," and don't spell it "gentelman."

Happy, Stoughton, Mich.—Your letter is well-written and well-spelt, and we were interested in what you said about yourself. Remember you are but fourteen and should not worry that boys do not seem to care for you. The reason probably is that you have been sensible and have studied while in high school—as your letter shows. You say that you are happy, and you should go on with your other two years of school—remembering that the best characters always make the best friends. If you are self-conscious, try and think more of others when in their company.

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Evelyn, Shennington, Wis.—It is always proper to thank a young man who takes you home. A simple "Thank you," or "It has been good of you to bring me home," is sufficient. (2) You should not be expected to furnish "fun" to Sunday afternoon callers. Talk about what you have been doing through the week and what you expect to do. Show something you have made or are making. Or perhaps take a short walk together and come back to tea or simple refreshments of some sort.

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Montine, Monroe, Ga.—This is another Georgia girl who asks as outrageous a question as her friend from the same town. This girl wishes to know if at "foreteen" one may go out at night with a boy of twenty-five. We cannot make our "No" too strong, and we wonder if the mothers of these two girls are too busy or careless to give them the spankings they need—and to see that they learn to write and spell instead of asking ridiculous questions about boys. Michigan Soldier's Girl, LaCrosse, Wis.—It is perfectly permissible for you to accept gifts of flowers or candy from the young man that has been paying attention to you for the past year—even if he sends these gifts almost every week. This is very nice of him, and shows that he is very fond of you and always thinking of you. If he is now in the army, you should make him something with your own hands for a present—and we suggest that the something be warm and wooly.

Lonesome, Nashville, Tenn.—This column is against

Lonesome, Nashville, Tenn.—This column is against the marriage of cousins, and so we advise that you do not regard the young man you write about as a "sweetheart." (2) If a young man that has been paying you attention also pays attention to another girl, we cannot tell you which one he likes best. But it is sure that he is not very serious in either case.

Puzzled, Mexico.—We do not think you have wuch of a difficulty to settle. If the young man is two years younger than you, and you also do not "love him in the least" and have so told him, why that ought to end the matter. If he annoys you with his attentions, you are justified in ceasing to regard him even as a friend, and you should refuse to have anything more to do with him.

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Kido, Kennett, Cal.—You need make no reply when anyone says "Thank you" after you have passed them anything at the table. (2) You should certainly not marry a man twenty years older than yourself and whom you do not love, even if your parents are very anxious for you to take him as husband. If his attentions disgust you, it would be a crime for you to marry him. His money makes no difference in the matter. You must use your own judgment as to the young man. If he loves you and you return his love, and if his salary will support you, you should not hesitate because of your parents' stand in the matter of the older man. There should be no kissing except between those engaged to be married.

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V. H., Odin, Ill.—Fourteen is too young for you to be corresponding with a "soldier boy," but as you say he writes only friendly, interesting letters, we will not say that you must cease writing to him, if you will let your mother read all letters that pass between you. And as so many are knitting for the boys that are fighting Uncle Sam's battle, there is no reason why you should not make something with your own hands to send to this soldier, if your mother approves.



wobbling in your thinking.

Peg and Pug, Morristown, Tenn.—When a girl has been proposed to by a soldier boy, her kissing him upon his return would depend upon what her answer was going to be. If you are but nineteen we think you should be guided by your parents' opinions regarding the young men that wish to pay you attention. If you feel that their objection in this case is a just one, it is all the more reason for you to do as they wish. We do not believe in long engagements—certainly not longer than a year, unless for excepthonal causes. (2) Two girls should not go auto riding at night with two young men without having some older woman in the party.

Sibyl's Influence

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heart she could not fully endorse her sentiments regarding their being excellent friends, and she asked herself again and again why it was that such a strange distrust of one who seemed so charming in every way should take possession of her.

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"How has the princess enjoyed herself tonight?" Raymond asked, as when the last guest had departed he drew her little hand within his arm and led her into the cozy library, where he put her into a luxurious chair and drew a hassock to her feet.

"Very much; how many delightful people there are in the world," she returned, with animation and charming naivete.

"Oh, the happy confidence of blissful nineteen!" replied Raymond, with a hearty laugh.
"Don't you think so?" demanded Sibyl, flushing.

ing.
"I might, my dear, if I could feel sure that every one was all that he or she professed to be," he answered, with a slight curl of his lip.
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"No, there are some in whom I have the most entire confidence," he said, with a bright, earnest look into her beautiful eyes; then went on:
"I am glad, however, that you enjoyed your first taste of society so much. I suppose you will become a regular devotee now."
"Do you really think so, Ray?" and Sibyl searched his face somewhat anxiously.
"Why should you not, if you enjoyed it so much? Most young ladies, when they once get a taste of gay life, are rarely satisfied until they have been the whole round of excitement."
"Society, as you call it, if it is always as pleasant as our gathering of tonight has been, must be very enjoyable; but you mistake me utterly, Raymond, if you think I could be satisfied to spend all my time seeking only my own pleasure," Sibyl answered, very grayely. "I feel, somehow, as if I were leaving my girlhood behind me, and beginning to be a woman tonight."
"Does the weight of your nineteen years make you feel so venerable?" Raymond asked, looking amused.
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you feel so venerable?" Raymond asked, looking amused.
"No. Ray," lifting her eyes and meeting his more frankly than she had yet done since his return, "but I think that my early experience served to teach me that there is more in life, and more required of us, than perhaps most young people realize. I have received so much—these last six years have been so full of all that is good and precious to me, that I often wish I could dispense some of my own joy to others."

CHAPTER IX.

THE SECRET FOE.

Miss Ada Therwin did not appear to be in a very comfortable frame of mind upon her return from Sibyl's birthday reception.

with evident impatience she bore her maid's presence until she had accomplished her usual duties, then, abruptly dismissing her, she drew a chair before the fire, where she spent two long hours in troubled musings and murmurings. "That girl must be driven into obscurity again, or I am lost, and all my future prospects ruined," she asserted, with all the beauty gone from her face, and in its place a contracted, evil expression, which rendered her very unlovely.

"I would give much," she continued, "to find out where they got her, but their haughty reserve, whenever the subject was touched upon, was overpowering. That jewel is the missing link, and if they should discover the owner, I might as well give up all hope.

"The girl looks like her, too. The same expressive eyes and beautiful hair; the nose and mouth are a perfect counterpart, only I did not mind it until I saw that wonderful jewel; that upset me completely, though I was a fool to let it make me faint!

"Her haughty, imperial bearing, too, is like his. Strange that it should cling to her so, having been brought up in another family! I do wonder where they found her, and I'll find out yet. They believe that she was killed in that terrible railway disaster, and the nurse, Nannie, too, and I do not care to have them undeceived in the matter.

"That girl was a little shy of me," she said, with a sneer, "but I'll make her like me yet, and then I'll worm every secret she has out of her."

Then she sat for a long time thinking, her head bent, her fair forehead contracted, her eyes intent and glittering.

"If I could only estrange her from the Prescotts," she continued, at length, "and make her hide herself from society—make her believe something, anything regarding her birth which would keep her in the dark—I should be all right. But if she remains where she is they will take her everywhere, introduce her to everybody, and before I know it the mischief will be done."

But by and by her lovely face began to clear and resume its accustomed expression, a cold, fr

any more.

Miss Therwin here arose and crossed the room to a full-length dressing mirror and began to study the reflection there.

A tall, commanding figure in loose, trailing

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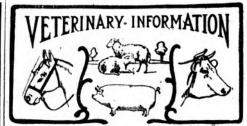
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Garger.—I have a cow that came fresh last April. One of the teats seemed as though there was milk in it, but it wouldn't come and I left it for the calf and it came all right. In the summer another teat was inflamed and the udder hard and sore, the milk coming in lumps. Is the milk good to use?

A.—The milk is unit for use and may be dangerous, as tuberculósis of the udder is to be suspected. The condition of the udder is incurable.

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THIN MARE.—I have a fourteen-year-old mare that is very thin in flesh and has been for four years. She is too weak to work or ride. She is hearty and eats a plenty. Can you tell me how to put her in good flesh?

A.—The condition of the old mare's teeth probably is such that she cannot perfectly masticate her food. Have the teeth put in order by a veterinarian, then feed her a quart of blackstrap molasses night and morning, diluting it with hot water and then stirring it among cut hay, wheat bran and corn-meal. Feed whole oats at noon and long hay at night.

Worms.—What is good to give a kitten for worms? They are long and white and look like a piece of twing. She seems smart some days and dead others. I have been feeding bread and milk. I do not give potatoes or meat.

A.—Give the kitten raw meat once a day and mix limewater in the milk. When the bowels are normal, a grain of santonin may be given in a capsule and followed in one half an hour by a dose of castor oil. If the kitten is very small, Castoria would be a safer remedy.

PARALYSIS.—Is there any remedy for rheumatsm in hogs? I have a fine hog, seven months old, that cannot stand on its hind legs. The hog eats all right.

A.—Rheumatism rarely is present in such cases, nor are kidney worms the cause, as commonly supposed. In many instances the cause is constipation from overfeeding and lack of exercise, and when that is so the hog may recover if given a physic of Epsom salts in slop and then fed sloppy feed containing raw linseed oil. More often the hog has rickets from improper feeding, and worms may be a contributive cause. If the hog is in good flesh and does not improve after receiving the physic, we should advise you to slaughter it for meat.

LAME DOG.—I have a Spanish collie shepherd that is

It for meat.

LAME DOG.—I have a Spanish collie shepherd that is lame in his right shoulder. He limps. His right hind leg gets very sore between his claws.

A.—Without an examination we cannot be certain, but if you are sure that the right fore-foot is sound, the condition described probably is due to partial paralysis, which is incurable. Apply sulphur ointment daily to the sore hind foot. If that does not suffice, paint the sore places with balsam of Peru two or three times a week.

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GARGET.—I bought a cow two months ago and when I milked her I noticed her bag was caked. I milked her a month and turned her dry. It is still caked. Is there anything that will take it out? C. W. W. A.—The condition is incurable and such a cow is worthless for dairying. If the tuberculin test has proved the cow free from tuberculosis, she should be fattened for slaughter. It is possible that the udder is affected with tuberculosis, and if so the milk would be dangerous to man or animals.

SCRATCHES.—What is the matter with my colt? He is eight months old and is in fine health. I noticed the other day that he was trying to walk upon one of his hind toes. He can't put it flat on the ground. It isn't bad in the morning, but it gets worse at night. Sometimes his leg or hock joint catches, and as he steps he wants to jerk up, and when he does his hoof pitches over bad. I find the back of the leg where the hoof parts is chapped and seems sore. What can I do about it?

A.—The sore condition of the skin of the heels may be the sole cause of the knuckling described. Poultice the sore part for two or three days with warm flax-seed meal and then apply twice daily a mixture of two parts of sulphur and one part each of spirits of camphor and compound tincture of benzoin and eight parts of lard. Twice daily force the foot flat down upon the ground.

PARASITES.—A very peculiar condition recently came to my attention, and I have so far failed to find any one who had ever heard of a similar case. A rabbit, which appeared in prime condition, well grown and fat, on being opened was found to be literally lined with glistening white spheres about one half the size of a barley grain. Each of these small spheres was surrounded by a pale, amber-colored, jelly-like substance, which did not readily separate from the sphere and was about four times its size in bulk. These spheres, contrary to their appearance at first sight, were not hard but cut open easily and seemed of a consistency resembling cooked tapioca or soft gumdrops. The meat and also the organs appeared all right. We did not use the meat but burned it. Was the meat fit for food?

A.—The vesicles seen probably were parasitic in origin and are also found in other animals, but there is a possibility that tuberculosis was present in the "millet seed" stage. There would be no remedy in either case and the meat would be unfit for use.

Chorea.—I have a stallion four years old that is

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Chorea.—I have a stallion four years old that is in poor flesh and will not get fat. When he was four years old, he had a swelling on his left front ankle. It broke, and when healed left the ankle a trifle larger. He stands with his hind feet far apart, and when driving hard jerks them up as though he had string-halt. He has three and four quarts of oats to a meal, according to the work he is doing, and all the hay he wants. I have only a small farm, so he is not worked hard. He used to make a mile in four minutes, and has taken first premium both times he was entered at a fair.

MRS. C. H. G.
A.—The stallion is unsound from chorea, which is akin to St. Vitus' dance, and incurable. It would not be legal or right to use him for public service. He may thrive better if you give him half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic night and morning until a quart has been used, then gradually discontinue the medicine, taking ten days to do the work.

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Poor COAT OF HAIR.—I have a seven-year-old cow that has had four fine calves. She has another, and it has very little hair. The calf appears to be all right. Last year, one of the cow's helfer calves had a calf just like it. What is the cause?

A.—This may be a family trait and therefore hereditary, in which case the animals should not be retained for breeding. In some instances, however, poor feeding of the pregnant cow is the cause, and generous feeding ends the trouble.

LAMENESS.—Have a four-year-old horse that ran

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LAMENESS.—I have a four-year-old horse that ran away and hurt his hind leg. I cannot locate the trouble. It is three weeks now and he is but little better. He will walk a few steps and scarcely limp and then almost hop, it hurts him so. I cannot discover any soreness. We have no veterinarian here. O. B.

A.—Unfortunately, it is impossible for one at a distance to diagnose a mysterious lameness, so you should have expert horsemen see the case, as you cannot employ a veterinarian. We rather suspect that the trouble is in the ankle, and it would be well to put on a plaster of Paris cast if you locate the lameness there.

Cough.—Please give me advice about my cow. She coughs, especially when she eats or drinks, acting at though she had something in her throat. She doesn't appear to be sick. She will be fresh in a short time Would there be any danger in using the milk?

A.—As tuberculosis is the most probable cause of the cough, we can only advise you to have the cow tested with tuberculin by a trained veterinarian. Bet-



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ter postpone the test until after calving, as you say the cow will soon be fresh. Do not use the milk if she proves to have tuberculosis. The disease is contagious and incurable.

Spoiled Udden,—One side of my cow's udder is swollen, and the milk is not fit to use. I have kept it greased, but it doesn't do much good. S. D. G. 2. A.—Infective mammitis (garget) has ruined the quarter for milk secretion and milk from such an udder is unift for use. We cannot advise you to retain the cow for dairying. Slit the end of the affected teat or amputate a portion to allow drainage for pust then fatten her for slaughter. The disease is incurable at its present stage.

COUGH.—My parents have a cow which has a cough and which acts very much like a horse which has the heaves. She coughs worse when eating. She has been this way for quite awhile, but seems to be getting worse. She heaves at her sides, Is there any remedy.

B. S.
A.—Heaves is a possibility, but rare in cattle. In all probability, your cow has tuberculosis, which is incurable and contagious, and makes the milk danagerous for man or beast. Have the cow tested with tuberculin to make certain. Any trained veterinarian can properly apply the test.

COUGH.—I have been a reader of COMFORT for some time and could not do without its information. I have a nice milk cow seven years old, milking well and a very hearty eater. She has had a cough for several months, coughing worse when I feed her salt. I do not know any cause for it. Please advise me what to do.

R. W.
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A.—The tear duct may have become blocked and would cause such a lump and also a flow of tears over the cheek, or there may be a collection of pus in a sinus of the skull. Both conditions would require the services of a skilled veterinarian. We cannot suggest any home treatment that would help.

The Awakening (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22.)

Mary Somers. What had he to offer any girl? The light he had that day seen in her eyes daz-zled him. Though he knew that the fight to give her up must go on, for this one hour he would

Must it be always a dream?
Hardly daring to hope, Ellsworth worked on, and remembered.

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The tour of the Zouaves during the summer of 1860 was a series of triumphs. They defeated in turn all the smartest companies in all the Eastern cities. Hundreds of Zouave organizations sprang up in their wake. They acted as a leaven of interest in military matters. Ellsworth returned to Chicago the most talked-of young man in the country.

Here and there, as before, a harsh criticism might be heard, but his hidden enemy no longer thad the entire press to aid him. Ellsworth had won the newspapers.

New York he took by storm, yet in the mass of faces that stretched before him during the whirlywind drill, he watched for but one. Women split their white gloves in wild applause. There was an element in Ellsworth, in the vivid brilliancy of his look, in the swift and graceful energy of his bearing, which won to him both individuals and the masses. But the silent praise of one girl who sat motionless, almost breathless, shone into his heart:

He saw her only for a moment. The time of the Zouaves in any city was measured by hours, and the business of the tour took up almost the last free moment. In the whirl of events, he was grateful for even so little. Mary had dreamed of this meeting for weeks. She had planned all she would say. When the time came she said none of the glowing words of her thoughts. Later these came back to her with impotent insistence.

"But he knows, he knows without my words,"

"But he knows, he knows without my words," she comforted herself.

He had prophesied the truth when he said that he would read but little law that year. A more timely, a more vital question exercised his untiring energies. To the cause of Abraham Lincoln he devoted every fiber of his being. He campaigned through Illinois, speaking at the country towns, good-humored, straightforward talks, boyish yet convincing. Assured in his own mind of the result of the elections, he dreamed and planned of the great things that might be done for the army and the state militia. He was full of a project whereby the entire system could be

Though the strain was over, Edsworth worked incessantly during the whole winter with youthful prodigality of strength. To him Lincoln confided the preparations for the journey to Washington. That completed, and the inaugural ceremonies over, he discovered that he was worn out and ill

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John Hay, who was now attached to Lincoln's personal staff, came to sit by his bedside one April afternoon.

"This is a fine way for you to act, Lieutenant," he chaffed. Ellsworth had already been given a commission in the regular army by the President, as a step toward his coming work in the War bepartment. "I told Mr. Lincoln what his commission had done for you, and he said if a slieutenancy could make you as sick as all this, he'd be afraid ever to let you get a higher rank. You're doomed, my boy."

"He may fear for my life," Ellsworth smiled wanly, "but he believes in my militia plans, at any rate."

"Here, you mustn't talk any more. I don't want a fever patient on my hands."

Ellsworth lay still for a time, looking with half shut eyes at the reddening western sky. Finally he spoke.

"War, John?"

"Yes, we all know it now."

"I have felt it coming for a long time, John. And it is going to be a long time, John. And it is going to be a long that struggle too. The country at large does not realize it yet, but the awakening must come soon."

They sat silent until Ellsworth spoke again. "You know I have a great work to do, to which my life is pledged: I am the only earthly stay of my parents; there is a girl whose happiness I regard as dearer than my own; yet I could ask no better death than to fall next week in defense of Sumter. I am not better than other men. You will find that patriotism is not dead, even if it sleeps."

When Hay brought the news that Fort Sumter had fallen, Ellsworth did not wait an instant.

"What are you doing?" cried John. "I heard the doctor fell you, with my own ears, that you must stay in bed for another week."

"There is work to be done."

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"The going to resign my commission," declared Ellsworth, vainly trying to dress with his accusioned speed, but weak and unsteady from ill ness.

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Children's Happy Hour

The Uncle Sam Doll

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HE little girl in the picture is Martha Rush. She is just as cute as she can be and does what her mamma tells her to nearly all the time, but some of her habits are not quite nice enough for such a dear as she is. Of course I don't blame Martha altogether, because she is so young, but I do think her mother ought to be a little more strict with her. Just imagine a girl of her size playing with a soiled wooly dog in bed and then running around the house without being fully dressed, on chilly mornings, too; why, it's perfectly ridiculous. That's Martha's worst fault. She's in such a hurry to get playing that she just doesn't care how she looks. The other morning when her mamma was brushing the snarls out of Martha's hair, the fittle dickens squirmed away and ran out of the black door and all the way around the house and then had to be coaxed in with candy. I think it's astful, but her mother just laughed and said: "Why, dearle, folks'll think your're a regular tomboy if you don't let me finish dressing you."

"I wish I was a boy," answered Martha, "and never had to wear stiff, clumsy old dresses."

Her aunt Julia was there, and she soothed her by saying: "When you come to visit me, honey, I'll let you wear boy's clothes if you want to."

This pleased Martha and she clapped her hands and cried out: "Oh, auntie when will it be. I'm

swimming." But wait till I tell you what the prize was,—a regular boy's bathing suit. Doesn't that beat all?

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Martha was as happy over it as you would be over a brand new dress with lace and embroidery on it, and early the next day she had it on and was in the water having a merry time.

A little boy came along and played with her for quite a while but finally he wandered off somewhere. His bathing suit was just like hers and his hair was the same color too.

Martha watched him till he was out of sight, then she sat down on the sand and presently she grew so drowsy-that she just curled herself up like a kitten and went to sleep. After some time a servant came looking for the boy for he had been away since morning. The servant was a new one and when he saw Martha asleep he thought it was the boy he was sent to bring home, so he gently lifted her up in his arms and carried her to the big house and put her to bed.

That night she woke up and began to wonder where she was. The wall paper and the bed and the carpet were strange and even the tick of the clock sounded different, and to make matters worse she was as hungry as she could be.

There was nothing else to do but cry, so that's

There was nothing else to do but cry, so that's what Martha did. Soon a nice lady came in, but when she saw a girl where her boy should be, she nearly fell in a faint. Of course our little friend expected to see her own auntie and when the strange lady picked her up she cried louder than ever. Just then the little boy ran in and wanted to know what was wrong. He had been sleeping in another room and did not know about the servant looking for him. Martha quieted when she saw film and soon the tangle was straightened out and she was on her way to her aunt's home. want to."

This pleased Martha and she clapped her hands and cried out: "Oh, auntie when will it be. I'm just crazy to!"

After that she kept teasing her parents until finally, during February, her kind aunt persuaded them to let her go and visit at the seashore. Yes, the seashore at Palm Beach, Florida, where it is so warm that they go in sea bathing all winter. This tickled Martha immensely.

On the night of Washington's birthday there was a tableau of children and she dressed like a boy in an Uncle Sam suit, and bless me if she didn't win the first prize for having the most appropriate costume. Yes, really she did. Everybody, even the judges, thought she was a boy, and when they gave her the prize they said, "Here, Tommy, have lots of fun tomorrow in safe again."



Cut-Out Doll Directions

Paste the whole picture on smooth cardboard and color them with crayons, chalk or water and rub with hands from the center towards the edges to press out all wrinkles. Use boiled flour paste. When neatly pasted put it in a big book for at least one day or night to dry. Next cut out each figure, hat and suit with scissors

Comfort Sisters' Corner (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 23.)

St.-Louis, 4332 Eichelberger St., Mo. Dear Mire. Wilkinson and Street I was not there by his side to help him. When we had a meat market, I cut the meat just as he did: I was not there by his side to help him. When we had a meat market, I cut the meat just as he did: In fact, we had two markets, and I had charge of in fact, we had two markets, and I had charge of mean of her country all say "give me the country girl raised by one of the South's dear old-fashioned mothers," and that the city girls know very little was time to say something in defense of the city girls. I was born and raised, in a large city, and I could not let such a slur pass. Seems to me, Arkansas sister, you know very little about the city people, or you would not make such a ridiculous remark.

There are just as many old-fashioned mothers may be read to be a slur pass. Seems to me, Arkansas sister, you know there was a live and a mental lives. She made it her business to see that we were always in good company, and taught us the many things a girl ought to know in caring for a home. So I don't see why we should not make suitable companions. Where do you suppose they all go-South for them? A little home of the girl is just as anatious to own as little home of the girl is just as anatious to own as inclusion of the city. I would show you thousands of little home of the girls is just as anatious to own and the suitable companions. Where do you suppose they all go-South for them? A little home of the city, rill and therefore know holesome food, and have gardens in which they girls. They keep their homes neat and clean, cook good wholesome food, and have gardens in which they girls. They keep their homes neat and clean, cook good wholesome food, and have gardens in which they will be contrained the country of the work of the will be contrained to the city. I would show you thousands of little home of the city report for the work of the country of the country of the proposed of the country of the



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all and has never been sick since we were married. I weigh one hundred and fifteen pounds.

We have one child, a boy twelve years old, in the high school. He is taking a four years' general course, including the Spanish language. I am thankful to say that he has had no doctor since he was three years old and I think it is due to my careful watching.

I, too, am disgusted with the slow progress of Uncle Charlie's Home Fund. With the building material as it is now you could not build a home for less than \$5,000.00. Lumber is sky high and so is brick. I make a motion that we give him a dime shower during this month. I am sure that the majority could afford that shuch. Just take an ordinary post card, and put the dime in the center, fold the edges over and stitch with a needle and thread so that the dime cannot slip out. Take a piece of writing paper and fold it the size of the envelope to be used, and put the dime into it, seal up your envelope, put on the stamp, and away goes our dime to help to increase Uncle Charlie's Home Fund. Now, sisters, let us get together and do this. The address is Charles Noel Douglas, Augusta, Maine, care of COMPORT.

Best wishes to all,

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Best wishes to all, MRS. ED. TURCHECK,

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

When I read Mrs. V. M.'s letter I was inclined to smile, for I think she is making a mountain out of a molehill. Sixteen years ago (I am now thirty-three years old), I married a man almost fourteen years older than myself. I, too, had been making my own way in the world and hag been for over two years, and am certain that I did not love him at that time. I had known him only about six weeks when we were married, after an engagement of a little over a month. I did not love him, although I could not help but respect him. He was a day laborer with no educations He had never been inside a schoolhouse. I did not, nor do I now, consider that a fault, but rather a misfortune. And as for his grammar, when we were first (CONTINUED ON PAGE 29.)

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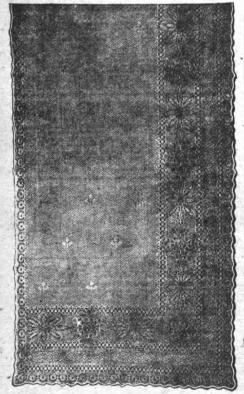
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In writing this department always sign your true name and give your address. We print only fictitious names or initials, but we require true name and address for our own information so that we may answer by mail when, as often happens, we receive more letters than can be answered in this column.

ERE it is the second month of the new year and it doesn't seem more than a week ago that we drew up and signed our New Year resolutions. Notice, though, that I am not asking embarrassing questions about aforesaid resolutions—I really think my sixth sense, which, as you doubtless know, is tact, is rapidly developing. At least, I'm doing my level best to develop it, for I realize its importance. "Talent is something, but tact is everything. Talent knows what to do, but tact knows how to do it." Mind, I'm not saying a word against these good, plain-spoken sort of people, but we've got to admit that they ruffle our feelings dreadfully at times. I'm not advocating deceitfulness in the least, but I am a firm believer in the efficacy of tactfulness. Try it and see for yourself.

The first letter is from Peg of Ohio (though maybe she meant 'pig'') who has been engaged for two years and now her fiance wants her to marry him, but she doesn't "like the idea of giving up her freedoin," and furthermore the young man's work makes it necessary for him to live in another city, where he must room and board among strangers, and she thinks I will agree with her that 'such a life in a large city with only a limited circle of acquaintances is not very desirable"—for her own sweet self, she means. My advice is: Don't, with a capital D; for if you feel that way about it, you never can live up to the part of the marriage ceremony that reads: "You will love, honor, cherish and care for him, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, and, leaving all others, you will cleave only to him, so long as you both shall live?' I'd release him from the engagement, if I were you, and let him find some girl less selfish than you who is willing to make him happy and comfortable and not regard it as a sacrifice. You want your happiness wrapped up in tissue paper, tled with ribbons and handed to you on a silver platter, don't you? I wonder wint you will do about it? Don't marry him unless you really want to, regardless of all I have said.

Betty, Thomaston, Ga.—''Why doesn't he propose?'' Goodness only knows. I don't. Perhaps you show

of all I have said.

Betty, Thomaston, Ga.—''Why doesn't he propose?''
Goodness only knows, I don't. Perhaps you show
too plainly that you want him to. Don't write to him
every day, even if it is in answer to his letters, and
see if that jolts him the least bit.

see if that joits him the least bit.

K. L., Oklahoma.—This letter is the very limit, and if it wasn't so pitiful it would be funny. Here's a woman of thirty-five who left her husband, even though he was kind and good to her, because she was taller than he was, and now she is "struck on a young man nineteen years of age" and wants to know whether to get a divorce and marry this Infant Wonder or go back to her husband and her thirteen-year-old son. And to think that such a fool woman should get a good husband! I don't think he shows very good judgment in being willing to take you back, but if he is kind and generous enough to forgive you, my advice to you is to hustle right back to him and spend most of your time making him happy and the rest of the time thanking God for such a husband. Incidentally, your son might need a little mothering. Console your youthful lover with a toy of some sort and he will be happy. Before long a younger and prettier girl will claim his love and you won't be eyen a memory.

Lonely Girl of Texas.—I greatly fear that you'll

Lonely Girl of Texas.—I greatly fear that you'll be even more lonely than you are now if you, at seventeen, marry a man of forty-four. There is a time in nearly every girl's life when she is madly in love with a man many years her senior—I know all about it, you see—but it seldom lasts. Seventeen is too young to be married, anyway. Wait until you are twenty-one, and then if you want a husband 'most, fifty years old, I'll wish you joy and dance at your wedding.

A Waif, Bowie, Texas.—If you want to frighten Jimmie clear across the Rio Grande, you go right ahead and propose to him. Have patience. Maybe you don't love him as much as you think you do. How old are you?

Montana Kid, Montana.—If you were sixty-nine years old, crippled with rheumatism, and had false teeth, a glass eye and wore a wig, maybe Dame Grundy wouldn't have too much to say if you lived alone and entertained your men friends unchaperoned, but since you are young and pretty, don't do it; for the world—or the older and plainer feminine portion of it—will never forgive you. Don't you know of some companionable, elderly woman who would live with you? (2) Always thank everyone for every little favor, no matter if the other girls say it is childish. It isn't. (3) What a shame that your 'heavy, curly, gold-brown hair' tumbles in ringlets around your face and makes you look so young! If you feel so terribly about it, you might have it clipped off, but I don't think you will. I've known girls who felt 'just terribly' because they had curly hair. But thousands of others not blessed with the adornment with which nature has kindly favored you would envy you.

Three Chums, Delhi, Okla.—Here are three chums and all in love with the same fellow and want to know what to do to make him show which one he cares for most. Candidly, I don't think he cares so very much for any of you, but you might accept the attentions of three other young men and give this uncertain one a chance to think things over. (2) It certainly is wrong for a girl of sixteen, or any other age, to allow a married man to take her to places of amusement, even if his wife is away, and if he is, the right kind of a man he won't do it, any more than a girl will allow it if she is the right kind of a girl.

a girl.

Babe, Rockford, Ill.—Evidently you are all that your name implies, if you don't know that "get me" is a slang expression meaning "Do you understand?" (2) No, it isn't proper to ask a young man for a present—or anyone else, for that matter. (3) It is not only vulgar and silly for the young man to wink his right eye every time he meets you, but exceedingly dangerous; he should use his left eye once in a while and thus divide the strain. It would be a dreadful thing if he should wear his good right eye out.

Nellie, Clay Hill, Ga.—Forget all about both you mention and any others you meet, and pay strict attention to your studies for the next four or five years. Fourteen is too young for beaux, and your parents should know better than to encourage it, but it seems they don't, so it is up to you to show that you have better judgment than they have.

you have better judgment than they have.

Bunny Girl, Stoutland, Mo.—Most assuredly you should "quit" the man you love if he is "somewhat of a drunkard," but why force yourself to love another immediately, or have you just naturally got to love someone? Better take a vacation and rest up and then you can love all the stronger next time. (2) Yes, of course, go shead and use such words as "dearie," "sweetheart," and "honey" in your letters to men if you want them to laugh at you and call you foolish. Don't scatter your endearing words around so promiscuously, else you won't have any left when you meet the man. Let your motto be "Conservation."

An Indecided Friend Green Leaf Del—No. I don't

An Undecided Friend, Green Leaf, Del.—No, I don't think it right for cousins to marry. It is decidedly wrong, eugenically speaking, and it is forbidden by law in some states.

Skinny, Washington.—Courageous girl, to sign such a nom-de-plume as that. By all means, wait until the war is over before you marry your soldier sweetheart, if you are marrying him simply so he won't



Dimples, Washington.—Don't, worry about being in love with a man who doesn't love, you, if you let another kiss you and still another put his arms around you. I am surprised that you allow such liberties. Your letter was very well written and I should think you'd know more. Some time you'll really love a man and he won't love you because you've cheapened yourself by kisses and caresses from other men. Please, little girl, don't do so any more.

Blue-Eyed Babe, Maryland.-How should you treat

Bue-Eyed Babe, Maryland.—How should you treat four fellows who spread molasses on your best friend's carriage seat? Unless there is a change for the better in the sugar situation, I'd treat them with the utmost respect and courtesy, and maybe they'd give you a jug of nice molasses. Seriously, my dear, it was a mean thing to do, and I'd forget they existed, if I were you.

There, all your questions have been answered, except a few that were too ridiculous to bother with, and I've tried to be nice to every one of you—and still be helpful—because I want you to regard each message as a little home-made valentine from me, and most assuredly I want this Saint Valentine's Day to be one of the best of the year for you.

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HIGHLAND, N. Y.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

As tomorrow will be wash day I will send along a few ideas that have helped me. I keep a pair of white wool gioves just for hanging out clothen in cold weather. I wash every dây except Sunday, not that I am so very neat but I have four small children and it is easier for me to wash a few things than so many in one day. I have to carry the water in and out of the house. While I am washing I put my clothespins in the warming oven and heat them quite hot before going out. All small pieces, like handkerchiefs, I fasten together, or pin them to a larger piece before going out into the cold.

I would like to get letters and will try and answer all i revelve.

Sincerely your sister reader. Mrs. F. W. MINNARD.

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

Not so very long ago I read a letter in our paper of a discontented wife who did not marry for love. She was afraid she was going to meet "someone" later ou whom she would love. I, when I was very much younger and sillier, thought I truly loved a man. He was in every way my beau ideal. Well, our romance didn't 'pan out' at all. So I made up my mind, having first read Rudyard Kipling's poem "De Vampire" that that was what I would become. I set about my task and married one of God's noblemen, really he was, but I didn't love him in the least. I was simply paying off my debt to all men Yor the way one of them had treated me. I didn't appreciate my husband's goodness and he worshipped me. Then I met another man who loved me too. In the first place it was only liking but I led him on. He was married. I broke his wife's heart and then threw him aside. In a year I woke up, or in other words I fell in love with my husband and I knew I had never loved the first man at all. Then I told my husband all, not shielding myself in the least. You will say, "It serves her right if he casts her off," but he didn't, he forgave me all my sin. So now I know what thrist must be like for I saw a small likeness of Him in my husband. We are very happy now. So this is my measage to all discontented wives—forget it: love your husband with all your heart, serve and honer him if he is worthy, unless you would know my sorrow. This confession really hurts but I am sending it in hopes it will help. Sometime I hope to be able to prove that I am not all had.

Best wishes to all the sisters.

EELANGER. KY.**

DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I think COMFORT is the best magazine printed and I enjoy every page from cover to cover—except the "fussing" letters. Sisters, why quarrel over which are better, city or country people? We are all children of the same dear God and one is of no more importance to Him than another. If we are not broad-minded enough to see both sides let's not write about it at all. I'm sure if Georgie had realized what strife she would cause by her letter she would not have written as she'did. Just-see what a few harsh words can do, sisters. I was born and reared, in the country but have honorable, refined friends in both city and country. We may search the world over and will always find both good and bad in every community, whether it be city or country.

Dear little M. B., may God bless and help you.

country.

Dear little M. B., may God bless and help you. am sure you have been more sinned against than sinner and if you will keep to your resolve "to be a lady from henceforth" you will finally live down your fail you.

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fall you.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTEMS:

I have just been reading your interesting letters but when I read Mary Heinsohn's letter I could keep silent no longer. You do not know what real country life is. Mary. I am twenty years old and have lived in the country all my life. There are six of us children at home and an older sister is married. We have a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and raise almost everything that can be grown in Arkanass. I work in the field and enjoy it. We have a fine peach orchard and I also, help there. We have a fine peach orchard and I also, help there. We have horses, cows, hogs and chickens on our farm, so you see we do not have to depend on sait pork for food as we are not so stingy that we do not have roast chicken and we don't go to a chicken supper for it, either. We have fine achoels here and while I do not attend school now, all of my sisters and brothers do. My father, older sister and I hold first-grade certificates. I have taught school three years. We have an Overland car and can go where we please.

Mary, I sinceptly hope when we hear from you again you will have learned more about the country and sweet country life and will be teaching those ignorant neighbors of yours.

Love to all,

SLICKFOO, IDA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMPORT READERS:
First of all I want to express my appreciation of

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To turn heel, sl. the 1st st., k. to seam st., p. that; k. 5, sl. next st., k. 1, pass sl. st., over, turn, sl. 1st st., p. 11, p. 2 tog. turn *, sl. 1, k. 5, p. seam st., k. 5, sl. 1, k. 1, pass sl. st. over, turn, sl. 1st st., p. 11, p. 2 tog. and repeat from * till all the side sts. are in and 13 sts. are on

Gussets. K. 13 sts. on heel, and pick up with same needle the loops along the side of the flap knitting each loop, knitting the sts. for the instep on to first needle. On another needle pick up the loops slong the other side of the flap and k. 6 or 7 sts. from top of heel. Then k. one row plain. On first foot needle k. 1, k. 2 tog., k. to with 3 sts. of the end of the second foot needle, k. 2 tog., k. 1, k. instep needle, then k. 2 plain rounds and decrease in same

way again.
Continue these last three rows until the stitches have been reduced to the same number as were knitted round the ankle. Continue to knit until foot measures seven inches.

After purling seam st. k. one fourth of all the sts. in round; then turn, p. to seam st. and p. as many sts. on other-side of seam st. This will make one half of sts. with seam st, or needle and the other half on two needles.

On heel sts. k. 1 row, then p. 1 row, in turn p. the seam st. in the knitted row and slipping the first stitch in each row, for as many rows are there are stitches on needle. This is the

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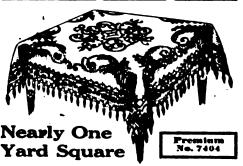
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and force us to sue for peace. This war is the last dying kick of divine right monarchs against the onrushing tide of world democracy. In this hour when every American, whether of foreign birth or not, and whether this is a war against the country of his birth or not (for he realized when he came here that a war against his native land was possible, and knew he had no right to come unless he was willing to defend his adopted land against all comers) should do his all, not merely his bit, if democracy and freedom are to live, and they must and shall live. If we falter now we go back to the dark ages, and Prussian brutality and bestiality, lust and frightfulness will scourge humanity and dominate the world. If we are conquered, Washington and Lincoln will be torn from their graves and their ashes scattered to the winds, and kings, princes and titled tyrants will lash our quivering hides with whips of scorpions. Ernest Graf knows this, and you too must know it. Humanity here will be put on the caps and crucified for the edification and amusement of blood-thirsty barbarians just as has been done in Europe.

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Dear Uncle Charlie:

Like most American mothers I'm profoundly interested in this war, and deeply concerned about its outcome. I've always thought that if we lost this war it would be due largely to the activities of the enemies within our gates, who seem to be allowed to do pretty much as they choose. They have poisoned the minds of our people everywhere, turned them against their own country, turned them against everything and everybody except the Kaiser and his fiendish war machine. If our people had not had their minds poisoned, and knew what I know about this war, for I have loved ones in it, they would be bending every atom of their strength and energy in an effort to down the common enemy. In some cases the poison has gone so deep I fear nothing but actual invasion and the slaughter of their own kin would wake some of them up. Now some are waking up and want to know, and if we can get the truth into the hands of these people they can combat some of the lies of the traitors and spies who are doing such fiendish work. You are doing a wonderful work, Uncle Charlie. Thank God there is one magazine, good old Comporar, that is one hundred per cent American and willing to put its patriotism before its pocketbook. Won't you tell as where we can secure those pamphlets the Government is issuing about the war so we can combat the lies of our enemies, take the truth to those who have been deceived and put something in the hands of our school teachers that would help them to spread the truth in the schools, so that it can be carried home to the parents.

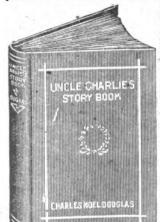
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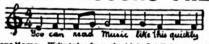
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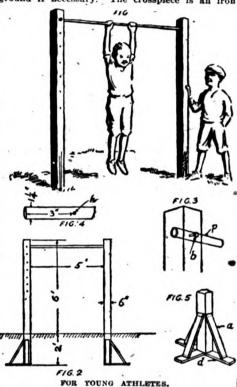
A Corner for Boys

By Uncle John

HIS month brings us the anniversary of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, the two greatest men America has ever produced. They not only served their 'country gloriously by bringing it safely through the perils which threatened its existence in their times, but by their wisdom, patriotism and force of character raised the ideals of humanity the world over. In the present crisis we can do no better than look to their teachings for guidance and their lives for inspiration. The great principles of liberty, justice and mercy, for which they contended so strenuously in their day, are eternal and unchangeable, the same now and forever. They loved peace and hated war, but worse yet they abhorred oppression and were willing to suffer any calamity of war rather than accept peace with dishonor and submission to oppression. It is against an equally dishonorable form of oppression that our country and its allies are now fighting in the world war. I hope you boys will read in this number the story of what France did to help us in our war for independence.

Turning Pole

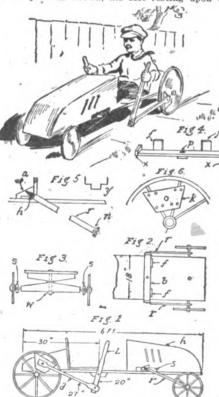
The turning pole is perhaps the oldest and most popular of athletic oewices. In this plan the posts are six by six inches and eight feet long. At least two feet should be underground. Fig. 5 illustrates the method of bracing the base to keep the posts rigid. The pieces "a" and "d" are three feet lengths of scantling. They are firmly spiked to the upright. It is some little trouble to dig a hole large enough to receive this flaring end but it must be solid. If possible set it in concrete and allow two weeks for hardening. Other braces may be placed over the ground if necessary. The crosspiece is an iron



pipe of the size marked. Note in Fig. 4 that a hole is bored three inches from the end of the pipe to receive the boit "b" in Fig. 3. This keeps the pipe from turning. To make the device adjustable, holes are placed three inches apart. In one post they go all the way through and in the other one half way. To lower the pipe you remove the boit "b" and pull the pipe through the hole and insert it in the one underneath. The adjustability of the bar permits you to try a greater variety of stunts and makes the turning pole a veritable outdoor gymnasium.

A Hand-Power Racer

This wagon is propelled by working hand levers back and forth and is steered by manipulating a crossbar with his feet. The rider must sit in the position shown, his feet resting upon the



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Bar, which is shown in Fig. 4. The heels press against the blocks "f, f." The center bolt or pivot which permits the bar to move is marked "p" and the end blocks to which the steering rods are attached are marked "x." Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the entire steering mechanism. The main part or crosspiece is marked "b;"

the heel rests "f, f;" the rods which run from the ends of "b" to the axle "r." The rods are of wood, preferably buggy spokes. Fig. 5 clearly illustrates how they are attached. The letter "r" is the rod itself; "n" is the notched end which fits over the axle; "h" is a hinge joint which allows the bar to move forward and back. Fig. 3 is a picture of the front wheels, to which the steering gear is attached. The letter "s" is an end view of the rod bolted to the axle, by means of the joint "n." A one fourth inch bolt three inches long is used for each one. The boit "w" is eight inches long and three fourths inches in diameter.

The drive or power levers are seen in Fig. 1. Shape two buggy spokes like "a" and "L." Drill three one fourth inch holes at the points shown. Leave the end hole until you have otherwise completed the double lever and tested it for length. You can then bore right through the spoke and the block attached to the rear wheel at once. Fig. 6 is a detail of the double one inch block bolted to each of the rear wheels.

The hood in front is for appearance sake only. The sides of it are made of wood and the curved top of sheet metal. Fix it up to look like an auto and paint it accordingly. The power wagon when finished is strong and reliable, the idea is simple and the work easy. In coasting, the drive levers can be used as brakes.

Puzzle

Divide this orchard into four equal parts with a different number of trees in each part and no dividing lines touching any.

Indoor Game

buckeye tree and told your part-ner so; the lat-ter would name



THE ORCHARD.

ter would name
a half-dozen
wrong species in order to puzzle the listeners,
and then using exactly six words would say,
"Well, now, is it a buckeye?" If you are closely
noting the number of words used, you will know
at once that it is, and much to the surprise of
the company will say, "Why, certainly." The one
asking the questions must be careful not to use
six words in any of the preliminary queries. This
little trick is amusing and will puzzle folks who
seem to be keen in solving mysteries. Never,
inder any circumstances, divulge the method of
discovering the right answer, and occasionally
change the number of words in the key question.

Permutation

When a certain teacher attempted to size a class composed of 10 boys, she found to her surprise that they were all the same height. As it was considered an honor to be first, she told them she would permit one to have the place one day and another the second day and so on until all possible ways of arranging them were exhausted. Some of the boys thought this would take a month, some said a year, but when they asked the head professor to figure it out he told them it would take exactly 3.628,800 days, or in other words 13,000 school years. This principle of mathematics is called permutation. To find out how many different ways any number of things can be arranged, multiply all the terms together. In the case cited, multiply 1x2x3x4x5x6x7x8x9x10, which gives the answer above.

Try to earn and save some money to buy thrift stamps. To do so will help you as well as being a patriotic duty to help your country to win this war. Ask your postmaster or rural mail carrier for the stamps and for full information about

em. Good by, and be good boys 'til we meet again. UNCLE JOHN.

The Modern Farmer

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18.)

pigs should come strong and find plenty of milk for their sustenance.

Brought to the farrowing time in this desirable condition, given a clean, dry bed in a sanitary place and handled daily so that the sow will not fear man, there should be no need for pig forceps, but the attendant should refrain from feeding the sow for 24 hours after farrowing, should merely allow laxative, tepid drinks and should see that a wide board is spiked to the wall around the pen at such a height that it will protect the pigs when they get under it to avoid being laid upon by the sow. Only the cross, nervous, constipated, unprepared sow eats her pigs. Loss from that vice will largely be avoided by the treatment we have prescribed, but if any sow starts killing her pigs, let her have all the salt she will take. That often stops the trouble and it is better than feeding salt pork. Prevention is far more important.

Given the right start, the pigs should do well and develop quickly, if the sow is allowed her freedom with them, on clover, alfalfa, rape, rye or other green stuff, and if, in addition, sweet skim milk and meals are allowed. Stunting of pigs starts with poor feeding and care of the pregnant sow and is made certain and disastrous by inadequate feeding throughout the nursing period and after weaning of the pigs. Keep the pigs growing fast from "the word go." That it is made cheapest while pigs are growing fast during the first few months of life.

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The Questions and Answers constitute one of the most valuable features of this department and we urge our farmer subscribers to read all of them carefully each month, as you will find that they contain much useful information and advice on practical problems that are troubling you as well as those who have asked the questions. Gut them out and paste them into a scrapbook for future reference. This will save you the trouble of writing us and will avoid delay in getting your answer when you need advice on these same matters. We are glad to receive inquiries from our subscribers and to advise them on all matters pertaining to farming.

Questions and Answers

ALCOHOL FROM SAWDUST.—I have just read in COMFORT an article entitled "Alcohol from Sawdust." I would like to ask if alcohol can be made successfully from peat soil (which is all vegetable formation), and just where I could obtain full and detailed information concerning how to manufacture same.

A. R. Est Jacksonville, Ore.

A.—Write the U. S. Forest Product Laboratory, Madison, Wis., for detailed information relative to the manufacture of alcohol from hawdust. We do not believe that any effort has been made to make alcohol from peat. So far as we know the experiment is yet to



be tried. Possibly some wood alcohol might be ob-tained by the destructive distillation of peat, as it is from wood in the process of making charcoal, but we doubt the possibility of obtaining ordinary alcohol (grain sicohol) from peat.

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CRAYTISH, MOLES, CARRAGE WORME.—Please tell me how to rid my garden of crayfish and moles. I would also like to know what can be used successfully, other than Paris green, to destroy cabbage worms—something to use when the cabbage is so large that Paris green would be dangerous to use.

A.—Moles can be caught in a "mole-trap." There is no poison for cabbage worms that is not dangerous to human beings if eaten. Arsenate of lead is a good poison, but sticks closer than Paris green and is quite as dangerous, if not more so. We have been told by some gardeners that they successfully destroy cabbage worms on large cabbage by sprinkling the cabbage worms on large cabbage by sprinkling the cabbage worms and leaves with common sait dissolved in water. We have never tried this, but it is such a simple remedy that it might be tried out first on a few plants without much trouble. We are unable to give a remedy for the crayfish nuisance.

PEACH TREE GUMOSIS.—Several of our peach trees exude gum and the peaches do the same, and the peaches do not grow to any size. Is there any remedy for it?

A.—Gumosis, is usually caused by injury of some sort to the bark of the tree or the skin of the fruit. The bite or sting of an insect may be sufficient. There is no remedy except prevention. Little peach is a disease not fully understood. Both these conditions are helped by promoting a more healthy growth of the tree by cultivation and the use of fertilizers.

A Peculiar Farm .

A mountain cave which is, in effect, a huge cellar, is the site selected by a Western man for agricultural experimenting. The unvarying temperature, the balanced state of humidity and the absence of light, greatly favor the growth of some kinds of vegetation, and with proper selection of plants and fertilizing it was bound to prove a success, which indeed it has done. The first work was to clear away the salty deposit left by vanished oceans, then on the hard limestone, compost was spread for a seed bed. Mushroom spawn was broken up and scattered and almost without care it matured and produced an abundant crop of the much-prized fungus. Next, celery and rhubarb plants were set in and they prospered prodigiously, the average growth of the latter being one inch a day. Another use to which the cave was put was that of a storage plant. It has every advantage which men try in vain to put into such plants and so admirably suited to the work did it prove that now farmers many miles away are using it. There are many caves in this country, but most of them are too cold or too inaccessible to be employed as plant incubators or public cellars either.

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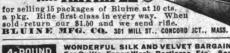








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The Family. Doctor

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W. C. P., Iva, S. C.—The loss of voice may be due to hysteria, paralysis of one of the vocal chords—so that they do not approximate sufficiently for phonation—or some small growth on one or the other chord sufficiently large to prevent speaking aloud. The first condition should be treated by suggestion and cold douches to the spine, with gentle massage of the larynx. The local application of electricity also would be beneficial in either of the first two causes mentioned—using the galvanic current only. Any other condition must necessarily have competent medical assistance. The removal of growths from the larynx is now accomplished with ease and without discomfort to the patient.

Farmer's Wife, Oklahoma.—You may have an intramural fibroid tumor of the uterus, or you may have delayed involution of the womb after confinement, or a falling down of the womb after confinement, or a falling down of the womb due to being torn at labor, causing congestion, back-ache, etc. Tonics, operative procedures of some kind may be useful. You should not nurse your baby after the return of your menstruation as your milk lacks quality and the baby will not grow or thrive on poor milk.

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"Old Timer," Calvert, Montana.—Your trouble is undoubtedly so-called urticaria, You should regulate your diet at once. Give up red meat and eggs. Eat green vegetables, fruit, and above all drink plenty of good spring water—not less than two quarts a day. Baths are of course useful, especially baths containing Epsom salts, one pound to the bath. Also the use of ordinary bran mixed in with your cereal.

Mrs. M. R. D., White City, Kansas.—Try putting some lycopodium in your stockings. A drying powder, not too fine, will sometimes work wonders in such cases. Undoubtedly change of climate has had much to do with your condition.

M. A. P., N. Pemona, California.—Keep your hands out of dish-water and use raw linseed or olive oil as a daily lubricant, as well as a cleanser for your hands. So-called cold cream will also do good especially if the cold cream contains a small amount of lanolin.

E. F., Victoria, Texas.—From your description, your shortness of breath is undoubtedly diatetic, as your physician evidently thinks. You should see to it that your constipation is remedied, your diet limited to those foods that agree with you and drink plenty of water. Use no pastries of any kind, but eat good ripe fruit and green vegetables, always leaving the table before your appetite is fully satisfied.

Mrs. H. D. S., Bend, Oregon.—Your symptoms point to a neuritis of the intercostal nerves. In other words to a neuralgia of the nerves located between the ribs. Sometimes large doses of quinine sulphate will relieve the condition. It should be combined with a good calomel purge.

Mrs. G. R., Plainville, Kansas.—You undoubtedly have several adhesions following your operations. Massage, electricity, and regulation of your bowels, with the addition of high-up enemas of some saline might relieve and perhaps cure you. These, however, should be done under the advice and care of your physician only. only.

only.

J. K., North Middleton, Ky.—Try a hot salihe bath at night, with massage of the hands and feet just before retiring.

Miss L. H., Canton, Miss.—You probably mean the Bulgarian Bacillus, used for modifying milk. This can be obtained of any good druggist. Your dry skin may be due to the lack of fats in the system. Try using cod-liver oil after meals in small doses.

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Mrs. May V., Lisbon, Ohio.—As we have noted several times in COMFORT, your trouble is neuralgia of the intercostal nerves, and not lung trouble. A good tonic would benefit you. This you can get by consulting your local physician.

Mrs. C. R., Nielsville, Minn.—You are a 'bunch of nerves' and magnify everything. Give up doctors, take good out-of-door exercise every day, eat digestible food, drink good spring water, give up your tea and coffee, and add a spinal douche, before you retire, as described often in COMFORT. Try, in other words, good hygienic treatment, and above all forget your many symptoms and imaginary troubles.

R. E. F., El Dorado Springs, Mo.—Your trouble

R. E. F., El Dorado Springs, Mo.—Your trouble may be of malarial origin, or due to the need of glasses. You should have your eyes examined by a good specialist las a beginning. Maybe this will be the one thing needed to correct your trouble, if not correct your crouble, if not the one thing ne

cure you entirely.

Mrs. L. L. R., Roark, Mo.—Maybe your irregular menstruation is due to chronic malaria. Child-birth should have helped you if not cured you. You may have some displacement of the uterus which needs attention. Would advise the employment of some good local doctor, and operation if necessary.

D. H. R., Newark, New York.—You should consult a good doctor, and have him put you on a good aftipruritic diet, even going so far as keeping you on rice with milk and water for a time. Try this exclusive diet and see what it will do for your inchese itching. Add also when retiring a good hot bath to which is added a pound of baking soda.

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W. O., Portersville, Cal.—You should go on a strict diet. Omit all foods of the starchy variety as well as sugar, and pastry of all kinds. You should exercise daily. Take long walks, drink plenty of water. Hot vaginal douches also will be beneficial, especially combined with a teaspoonful of table salt to the quart of water. Possibly your appendix is at fault. Consult some good surgeon and if the appendix is at fault have it removed at once. Of course observe all the ordinary hygiente measures, such as quent bathing, looking after your teeth, etc.

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Mrs. R. R. S., Dolores, Col.—Your trouble is intense introspection, and no doubt many of your troubles are imaginary or directly due to your mental attitude. You should observe all the rules of hygiene, as to care of your tody. Eat only such foods as agree with you and are acceptable, never forcing your appetite. Get engaged in some activity or sport that will build up your physical condition and will lead you for the time being at least to forget your troubles mental. Cold baths are salways indicated and should be used as described often in this magazine. You are not exercising enough to make the skin active and thus relieve your kidneys. Drink more water and omit tea and coffee. Hygiene, exercise and the control of your mind by the ways indicated will cure you.

E. C. M., New York.—Some stages of consumption

E. C. M., New York.—Some stages of consumption are curable, but the treatment in a given case must be left to the skill and experience of the doctor immediately in charge of the given case. Pains in the chest may or may not have some significance. They may be simply of neuralgic origin. But-pains with slight cough plus temperature at times during the day with loss of weight, means more than pains without the accompanying symptoms mentioned.

F. F. Waunakee. Wisconsin.—You should be very

without the accompanying symptoms mentioned.*

F. F., Waunakee, Wisconsin.—You should be very thankful that you have your father with you after passing through with such a condition as you have described. You evidently know the usual diabetic diet, but after the loss of a limb from gangrene, we should advise an ordinary diet free however from too starchy foods. The pain in the stomach might be relieved by the ordinary mustard plaster, or the use of the turpentine stoupe. A few drops of turpentine sprinkled on a fiannel cloth wrung out of very hot water. Let him eat little and often, and above all insist on his drinking a lot of water—at least two quarts a day.

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The Girl He Loved

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congratulated on your cook, Lady Levallion. I never ate better chicken done with almonds than

never are better chicken done with aimonus than this."

"I hope you won't get tired of it," she returned. "Levallion is so fond of almonds. He arranges the dinners, you know. I should have roast beef and plum tart, he thinks—and so I

Lord Chayter thought she looked as if she lived on peaches and cream, but he did not say so, for something caught his attention.

"Do you never have the blinds down in this room?" he inquired suddenly. "Oh, I see, there are none. But don't you think it's rather uncanny to look over the table and candles and things, and the ladies' pretty frocks, to those blank, dark windows? It makes me feel creepy," frankly. "As if ghosts might be peering in!"

"We never use this room when we're alone. The windows must be a fancy of Levallion's. I don't see very well how we could have blinds on them."

For the state dining-room was on the ground floor in the oldest part of the castle, and the windows were sunk deep and narrow in the six-foot wall which slanted away from them till each foot-wide window-glass made the apex of a wide

supple V.

"I should!" said Lord Chayter, who was fat and fair and screw-up eyed. "Makes me nervous. Now look, just opposite us! Couldn't you swear some one was looking in? though, of course, it's all fancy."

Lady Levallion's glance followed his and grew suddenly startled. For, though it was gone in an instant, even as she looked at it, there had been something like a white face, like gleaming eyes, pressed to the window-pane of the embrasured window.

window.

"There, you see! Though it's either imagination or a gardener's boy," said Lord Chayter.
"Don't look so frightened."

"I'm not frightened." quietly, "but I think you're right. Those blank windows make the room uncanny. I'll have something done to them tomorrow," but like lightning her thoughts had flown at the sight of that face against the glass to the strange woman who had come to inquire for Adrian; though there could be no earthly connection.

nection.

"Let her look!" she thought contemptuously.

"She won't see much to please her. And not a soul in the house knows anything about Adrian and me, and that's all I care about." Quite unconscious that Tommy and the duchess suspected what Sister Elizabeth knew; and that every wind that blew, every hour that passed, was pushing her nearer to the greatest horror any woman can face.

"Screens would do it," refurned Lord Chayter serenely, turning some attention to his dinner, and determined to drop a hint to Levallion. For there were windows on both sides of the big room, and it seemed a coincidence that if any one had looked in they should have chosen the side behind and not facing Lord Levallion's sharp eyes. He gave the subject what he considered a happy turn. "Captain Gordon looks pretty shaky! He ought to be careful, if he prefers earth to heaven," he observed. "Better keep him here and let some of these charming ladies take him in hand. He wants a course of petting, the platonic kind, you know!" Ravenel caught the duchess' eye, and rose thankfully.

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"Any one on earth to nurse me rather than you!" Adrian had said. But her punishment would be more than she could bear if she must stand by and see any of these women do it. She utterly forgot that white phantom face at the dark window.

"To Clean White Felt Hat. (Requested).—Mix a cup of gasoline and three tablespoons of corn-starch to a paste and rub on hat. Keep gasoline away from fire.

"CHAPTER XIX."

And yet it was not such a phantom, after all! Inside were women in satin gowns, sitting at their ease among lights and flowers and frivolous talk. Outside in the damp chill of the autumn rain stood another woman, raising herself uncomfortably to the level of that unblinded window. Cold to the bone, sick with envy and despair, she saw the lighted room as at the stage of a theater where she should have been among the actors, but had been cast out into the pit.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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embroidered skirts for every day, but just one for best. I have three baby blankets.

This may not sound nice enough for some but I wish you could see my baby clothes. They are prettier than a great many I have seen and they keep baby warm and clean and are not burdensome. My motto is,—have plenty but waste nothing.

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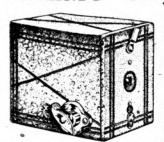
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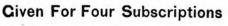
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out they go, almost without exception, to missions or societies in the large cities for distribution.

C. P., Buchanan, N. D.—Many Comport readers desire to aid in the war by taking up nursing and we believe that most of the inquirers do not realize that it is no light or simple task to learn to become a nurse capable of dealing with the conditions that must be met in the present conflict. The Red Crosshas uniform qualifications to govern the enrollment of its nurses. No training school is conducted, but the local committees of the society are empowered to enroll graduate nurses who fulfill the requirements prescribed by the National Committee. To be eligible an applicant must have had at least a two years' course of training in a general hospital which includes the care of men, and which has a daily average of fifty patients or more during the applicant's training. In states where registration of nurses is required by law, an applicant to be eligible must be registered. She must be a member of and endorsed by an association affiliated with the American Nurses' Association, have the endorsement of the training school from which she graduated, and must submit such evidence of her fitness for the work as may be acceptable to the National Red Cross Committee. Applicants must be at least twenty-five and not over forty. Health, strength and a good education are essentials.

H. L. R., Beebe, Mont.—See answer to C. P. Bu-

H. L. R., Beebe, Mont.—See answer to C. P. Bu-chanan, N. D. Your first step should be to obtain entrance to the training school for nurses of some large general hospital. Write to the superintendent of such an institution for information regarding the en-trance requirements.

Mrs. H. M. Higbie. Mont.—There would not be

Mrs. H. M., Higbie, Mont.—There would not be much value to your pearls obtained from mussels if they are very small. No one could judge of their worth without having seen them, as value depends on size, color and shape. Show them to your nearest jeweler.

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Mrs. R. M., North Bergen, N. J.—One of the best methods of treating small skins that are to be used for muffs and hats is as follows: Tack on a board, flesh side up, and remove all bits of flesh by scraping with a blunt instrument, and the skins can be also washed with a solution made of a pound of alum and a quarter of pound of salt dissolved in a gailon of water. Remove surplus moisture and sprinkle with a mixture of powdered alum and salt in the same proportions as the solution. Let this stand over night, and the next day sprinkle again if the skin has absorbed the mixture. Two or three days of this treatment should be sufficient—the idea being to have the skin given all the alum and salt it will soak up while still fresh and moist. When the skin is thoroughly dry after this treatment it must be worked carefully by hand to make it soft and pliable. If through accident or delay the skin becomes too dry, it may be softened by soaking for a short time in lukewarm water—care being taken to remove it from the bath as soon as possible after it is sufficiently softened. softened.

A Subscriber, Bonanza, Ark.—See answer to Mrs. R. M., North Bergen, N. J.

Mrs. M. W. C., Fidelity, III.—Total, eclipses are very infrequent in any one place, compared with their actual frequency of visible occurrence somewhere. During the 19th century, total eclipses of the sun were visible in some part of the U. S. in the years of 1806, 1834, 1860, 1869, 1878, 1880, 1889, 1900. F. L. M., Oakwood, III.—You are mistaken regarding the land to which a child of a soldier in the Civil War is entitled—as you have been told. Your nearest U. S. land office would be at Marquette, Mich. Write there for information, addressing J. L. Hefferman, Register. There are over 90,000 acres of government land in Michigan.

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A Subscriber, Martinsville, O.—Porto Pico, is one

hole on the inside of the shuttle. A further description of this handy little device is hardly necessary for every woman who does tatting will see at a glance how really indispensable it is and how greatly superior to anything else ever designed for the same purpose. Being made of genuine sterling silver, you can have your jeweler engrave it with any monogram or initials desired. One of these shuttles engraved in this manner makes a very acceptable gift for any woman or girl who is a tatting worker. We will send you this tatting shuttle free upon the terms of the following

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and the climate inland is preferable to that of the coastal region, which is inclined to be too warm and damp. There would be better places for a tuberculusis patient than Porto Rico, but the climate would be much better for the disease than that of Ohio. Lady Prescott now arose, saying, with her genial smile:

Sibyl's Influence

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white robes, looked back at her—a woman with an abundance of shining, yellow hair, falling like a golden mist around her; a broad, low forehead, large gfny eyes that could be soft and languishing, or bright and hard as steel, and which were shaded by long, curling, silken lashes; a nose trather long and sharp, yet which, withal, had something, of patrician look, while the mouth, though a trifle large, was handsome and expressive.

Her skin was fine and white, without a speck or flaw upon its satin smoothness, and her arms, from which the large, flowing sleeves of her robe fell away, were perfect as a piece of rare sculpture. But her hand, though delicate in outline, rosy of fint, and soft of texture, had, nevertheless, a strong, wiry, cruel appearance.

"I have the advantage, though many might consider hers a richer style of beauty." she said, "but I have a thousand arts and wiles to attract, of which she is perfectly innocent.

"Yes, Miss Sibyl Prescott, I have the advantage over you: I am your bitterest foe, but I'll make you think that I am an angel of light. And as for your handsome knight, I'll pit my charms against yours, and we'll see who will win in the race. I, with my knowledge of the world, of men and things, do not fear much as to the issue; and it may be well worth the conflict, since I understand that the Prescotts are immensely wealthy. And now, since I have settled upon a plan for my campaign, I think I will go to bed."

And, suiting the action of the world, Miss Therwin was soon sleeping as quietly and sweetly

And, suiting the action of the world, Miss Therwin was soon sleeping as quietly and sweetly as if she had never thought of plotting the overthrow of an innocent life.

The third day after the birthday reception Miss Therwin made her duty call at Lady Prescott's.

She found the two ladies and Raymond forming a happy trio, sitting around a cheerful fire in a charming parlor, looking out upon a bright southern landscape.

Raymond could not fail to remark the two beautiful women, as Miss Therwin came forward and greeted Sibyl with every appearance of delight.

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Miss Therwin at once made herself the center
of attraction, both by her right as a guest and
by her brillhant conversational powers.

She had traveled a great deal; so also had
Raymond, and, by degrees, she adroitly managed
to monopolize him upon subjects concerning which
they alone were familiar, while Lady Prescott
and Sibyl, blissfully unconscious of the duplicity
of which they were the victims, became delighted
listeners to brilliant, vivid descriptions, anecdotes, wit and repartee, that were really very
enchanting.

Their caller very unfashionably stayed an hour,
and only started up in pretended dismay when
the door opened, and a servant brought in lunch.
"I beg pardon," she said, flushing and laughing, as she looked at her jeweled watch. "I had
no idea that I was overstepping the bounds of
etiquette at this rate."

"No apology is necessary, Miss Therwin, when
you have such power to charm the time away,"
Raymond said, gallantly.

A deeper color stained her cheeks, as she
turned her expressive eyes upon him, saying,
"I shall charge all the blame to you for tempt-

gayly:
"I shall charge all the blame to you for tempting me into such enchanted regions."

Lady Prescott now arose, saying, with her genial smile:

"Since you and Raymond have given us such a delightful 'feast of reason and flow of soul,' I shall insist that you bring your minds down to more substantial viands for a while, and join us at lunch."

Miss Therwin modestly demurred, but her hostess would not be denied, and she finally consented to remain, providing Sibyl would consent to accompany her upon a drive afterward.

The young girl gave the desired promise, and another hour passed as 'pleasantly as the previous one had done.

Then Sibyl donned her rich sables, and crowned her pretty head with a lovely white velvet hat, with its nodding, graceful plumes, and its three small scarlet poppies just touching her midnight hair, giving 'color and effect to the whole, and the two girls went gayly forth upon their drive.

"I think I never saw two prettier girls together in my life," Lady Prescott remarked, as she and Raymond stood watching them from the window, as they drove away, and waved them a smiling good by.

"They are very beautiful, mother. Sibyl has the purest, sweetest face, but how exceedingly talented and cultivated Miss Therwin is:" he replied; and his eyes lingered upon her face as long as he could see it.

"Yes; but remember that she has had the advantage of several years—four, at least, I should say—over Sibyl," Lady Prescott answered, with the shadow of a frown upon her fine face.

Somehow she did not exactly believe in the brilliant guest of General Maplewood, and it did not please her to have Raymond quite so enthusiastic over her accomplishments.

"We must give Sibyl a little change, in the way of travel, when it comes to warmer weather," he remarked, thoughtfully.

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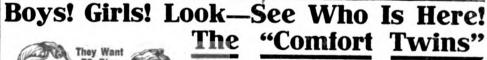
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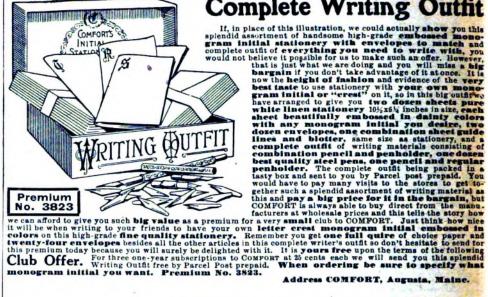


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tine Post Cards.

Feb. 14 is considered as St. Valentine's Day although Valentines are used all through the month. It is a beautiful custom that appeals to all, both young and old—the exchange of these tender Cupid dart missives between husband and wife, sweethearts, near and dear friends and relatives. And, of course, the children like to exchange with their little friends these dainty love tokens beginning on the fourteenth of February, the month when the birds are supposed to choose their mates. Most of the schools now have Valentine Boxes in which the children drop their Valentines to be distributed later in the day, an hour or more being set apart by the teacher for that purpose.

Our illustration is, of course, greatly reduced in size. The large beautiful lace Valentine is actually 6 inches long and nearly 5 inches wide, of pretty and fine lace work raised two inches on an accordion plaited standard with a heart and gold decorated base and a charming illustrated sentiment of verse on the inside. Then there is a dainty lace pattern on an embossed card over 6 inches long and nearly 31-4 inches wide, over the pretty face of a young maiden giving the fine Pergola effect so popular in the olden days. Another is a pretty heart-shaped canopy of elevated lace paper on a background on which is shown a childish figure on the inside and you find an illustrated verse of tender sentiment. A magic Turnover Valentine first appears to be an ordinary folder, then presto—a flip of the finger and it unfolds and shows a smiling little girl sitting on a stile and an expectant youth standing at a short distance. We also include in this remarkable collection two pretty embossed heart-shaped folders with verse inside, four choice assorted Valentine Novelty Cut-Outs of little children, two red and gold illustrated and inscribed Valentine Hearts, one beautiful embossed Cupid and Heart Floral Bookmark, printed in bright colors on a tinted background and five handsome Valentine Post Cards embossed in gold and many bright colors showing flowers and children at play each having the snitable sentiment expressed by an appropriate verse underneath.

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Three Wheel Chairs in January 449 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

War conditions complicated by unprecedented bad weather are responsible for the decline in the volume of wheel-chair subscripions the past month so that three chairs is as many as I can award for January.

The three January wheel chairs go to the following shut-ins. The figures after their names indicate number of subscriptions sent in by them or by

their friends for them.

Mrs H. B. Newell, 1824 E 27th St., Des Moines, lowa, 129; Susie Harbin, Kansas, Ala., 126; Florine Weldon, Rochelle, Ga., 113.

Mrs H B Newell, aga 34, is badly crippled by rheumatism in her lower limbs. Since June, 1916, she has been unable to walk. She has two small thildren to care for and her husband's wages are barely sufficient to provide necessaries for the family You can imagine what a blessing the COMFORT wheel chair will be to this poor woman.

Little Susie Harbin, several years a cripple, is a patient sufferer and in much need of a wheel chair. The one I have sent her will be a great pleasure to her and a help to her widowed mother in taking

care of her.

Florine Weldon, age 10, has been a cripple from birth She is helpless, not being able to use her legs or arms, and has to be lifted and carried about when moved. The poor child is an orphan and is dependent on relatives for support and care. J M. Baker, Lillian Luke, Alice Weldon and other good ladies of the Woman's Mission Union have canvassed and procured the subscriptions for little Florine's wheel chair, which, as Mrs. Baker writes, she is "awfully" in need of.

On our list of applicants are many other unfortunates who are "awfully" in need of a wheel chair and have no hope of obtaining one except through COMFORT'S Wheel-Chair Club.

Of course I know that the Red Cross work and the other war charities are making heavy drafts on your time and your purses but, even so, we must not forget or neglect our home charities, and least of all the crippled shut-ins.

Surely you can spare a little time to get a few subscriptions on the wheel-chair account. Every little helps, and never was there a time when the shut-ins were more in need of help. Kindly do your

best to help
Our Roll of Honor and the letters of thanks, printed below, are interesting.

Sincerely yours, W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 25 cents each usent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credified to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL-CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the trength; too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little taster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friends to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

Simply Delighted with Her COMFORT Wheel Chair

MAHL, TEXAS.

Mail, Texas.

Dear Sir:—The wheel chair for Mrs. Maggie Winder has arrived in good condition and I wish to thank you many times for your liberal offer that made it possible for me to help obtain it for her. I know there are many more needy shut-ins who would be delighted if they could obtain one of your wheel chairs. I shall tell others how we secured this one, and I shall help them to get one in the same way. Mrs. Winder is simply delighted and can use the chair all right. If any more subscriptions are due you on her chair I will try to get them soon, and if the account is square I will send what I can to help secure a chair for someone else. Thanking you again, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully, Mrs. Mollie Hogan.

Wheel Chair Received in Good Condition

KITE, GEORGIA.

DEAR MR. GANNETT:

I received my wheel chair in good condition, for which I thank you very much, and I thank all those who helped me get subscriptions. I will send you my picture as soon as I get one. Wishing you and Comront the success which your good work deserves, I gratefully yours,

MRS. W. T. McBRIDE.

Little Girl Proud of her COMFORT Wheel Chair

GAINSVILLE, ARK. DEAR MR. GANNETT:

DEAR MR. GANNETT:
We wish to thank you and the many friends who helped us get the wheel chair for our little Callie. The chair came in good shape, freight all prepaid. Callie is proud of her chair and sits in it nearly all the time. I will send you one of her pictures when I have them made. With best wishes to you and COMFORT, Sincerely your friend,

M. A. WILLIAMS.

COMFORT Wheel Chair a Great Help

FREDERICK, OKLA.

DEAR MR. GANNETT:

I received my wheel chair in good condition and am very proud of it. I want to thank you and my many friends who helped me get the 200 subscriptions in so short a time. I can now go to church in it,—what a great comfort! May there be many more of your wheel chairs go out to carry comfort to the shut-ins, and may you be richly blessed, as you deserve, for your good work.

Sincerely your friend, MARY BRYAN.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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Mrs. Blanche Jamieson, Maine, for Eastern Maine General Hospital, 85; Louise Carpenter, Miss., for own wheel chair, 50; Susan Rumpf, Montana, for own wheel chair, 50; Susan Rumpf, Montana, for own wheel chair, 51; Mrs. Berry Jansen, Ill., for Carl G. Janisen, 29; Etta Clark, Ala., for Susie Harbin, 26; Mrs. 8. M. Hunnicutt, N. G., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La., for Mrs. Louisa Myers, 25; Mrs. R. E. Schell, Colo., for Verna Dutro, 21; Mrs. S. E. Gothard, Texas, for C. M. Gothard's boy, 20; Eva Blythe, Tenn., for Blythe, 16; Mrs. Roy Wilson, Ga., for own wheel chair, 14; Mrs. R. W. Phillips, New Mexico, for Bernie Phillips, 12; Lucille Smith, Iowa, for Olive Stribley, 12; Miss Al. Strieber, Minn., for Mrs. Lawrence Olsen, 12; Mabel Wade, Indiana, for General, 11; Viva Proffitt, Ky., for Roscoe Proffitt, 11; Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Jones, Texas, for Bernie Phillips, 11; Mrs. T. J. Ragland, Texas, for Mr. T. J. Ragland, 10; Lillian Luke, Ga., for Florine Weldon, 10; Edw. H. Obert, N. J., for Mrs. H. B. Newell, 9; Mrs. H. L. Henderson, Pa., for General, 8; Mrs. O. B. Williams, Texas, for Bernie Phillips, 8; Miss Julia Adams, Miss., for Jack Adams, 8; Mrs. Belle Olmstead, S. Dak.,—for General, 8; Mrs. John West, Texas, for Lovie Belle Taylor, 7; Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Ala., for Lovie Belle Taylor, 7; Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Ala., for Lovie Belle Taylor, 7; Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Ala., for Lovie Belle Taylor, 7; Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Ala., for Lovie Belle Taylor, 7; Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Ala., for Lovie Belle Taylor, 7; Grillie Price, N. C., for General, 6; Mrs. M. A. Spears, N. C., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 6; Mrs. Ma. Spears, N. C., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 6; Mrs. Ma. Spears, N. C., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 6; Mrs. Ma. Miss., for General, 5; Mrs. Martha Jenckel, N. Y., for Willle Price, 5; Mrs. R. P. Colbath, N. H., for General, 5; Miss Jewell Fox, Okla., for Mark



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Mrs. T. L. H., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the use of the wrong name by your annut at the time of her marriage would not invalidate her marriage, unless such use was for some fraudulent purpose, in which event it might be evidence in any action brought by her present husband to have the marriage set aside on the ground of fraud. H. S., New Jersey.—We are of the opinion that the laws of your state provide for compulsory compensation to all injured workmen for injury or accident arising out of and in the course of employment causing disability of over two weeks of each, unless intentionally self-inflicted or due to intextion; that all industries are covered in the absence of contrary election, and all employees except casual, non-resident aliens and certain public employees; that the entire cost rests upon the employer; that the rate and number of weeks for which the compensation must be paid is regulated by the nature and extent of the injury, the amount of pay of the person injured, and the number and age of the dependents; that the enforcement of the law is in the hands of the judge of the court of common pleas, who shall hear and determine any dispute as to a settlement in a summary manner, subject to review of questions of law by the supreme court.

Mrs. A. G., California.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that, upon the death of a married man leaving no will, his widow would receive one half of his community property, and that the balance would be distributed as his separate estate. We think that in the absence of both a will and descendants, his widow would receive one half of his separate property, the balance going to his parents, brothers and sisters or their descendants, depending upon who is left, if none such the whole estate would go to the surviving widow.

Mrs. L. McK., Tennessee.—We think that if there was a defect in the marriage of the man and woman

Mrs. L. McK., Tennessee.—We think that if there was a defect in the marriage of the man and woman you mention, they should now have a new ceremony performed. We think if the man you mention does not wish his property disposed of as provided by the laws of intestacy, he should execute a will disposing of his property in such manner as he may desire.

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Mrs. M. S., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow and one child, the widow would receive dower of a one third interest for life in the real estate and one half of the personal property, absolutely, after the payment of debts and expenses, the balance of the estate going to the child, whether or not the child was by the surviving widow or by a former marriage.

V. M. H., Nebraska.—We do not think the life tenant of the land you mention can convey any greater interest in the land than she herself possesses. We think that an absolute present title to the land could be conveyed only by the deed of the life tenant, and the deed of the person or persons entitled to the remainder interest therein.

Mrs. M. B., New Jersey.—We think that if there

mainder interest therein.

Mrs. M. B., New Jersey.—We think that if there is a survey defect in the title of the property you have purchased, you should reject the title before accepting the deed and paying the purchase price, unless the defect can be corrected in some way; but if you have already closed the title and paid over your money, you will have to proceed against the grantor upon the covenants of the deed for such damages as you have suffered by reason of the defect in title, provided your deed is a full covenant and warranty deed; if there is no covenant of warranty in the deed, we think you will be unable to recover any-of your damages. We think you should have had a survey and title search made of your property before taking title and paying your money for the property.

A. J. L., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state,

A. J. L., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if the woman you mention was legally committed to an insane asylum, it would now be necessary to get her discharged in order for her to return to her daughter's home; we do not think this should be a very difficult matter if the woman has recovered from her insanity. We think you should take the matter up with the authorities and have her examined, and then apply for her discharge.

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J. G. D., California.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that all property, both real and personal, of the wife, owned by her before marriage, and all that she may acquire afterwards by gift, bequest, devise, or descent, with the rents, issues and profits thereof, shall be her separate property, and may be sold, conveyed, mortgaged, incumbered, or assigned by her without her husband's consent; but that all property acquired after marriage by either husband or wife, except such as may be acquired by gift, bequest, devise, or descent, shall be common property; but whenever any property is conveyed to a married woman by an instrument in writing, the presumption is that the title is thereby vested in her as her separate property. We think that the husband has the entire management, with absolute power of disposition, other than testamentary, of the community property, except the homestead, and except that he cannot dispose of it with a view to defraud the wife of her interest therein, but he cannot make a gift of community property or convey the same without a valuable consideration, unless the wife in writing consents thereto; upon the death of the husband the wife succeeds to one half of the community property, after payment of debts and expenses of administration. In case of divorce, the common property shall be equally divided between husband and wife, except when the divorce is granted on the ground of adultery or extreme cruelty, in which case the court apportions the property in its discretion.

Mrs. E. I., Carpenter, Okla,—Upon your statements, we are of the oninion that if your husband voluntarily.

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Mrs. E. I., Carpenter, Okla.—Upon your statements, we are of the opinion, that if your husband voluntarily performed the work you mentioned on the government land you mentioned, upon simply the verbal consent of some government agent and it thereafter turned out that the land in question was reserved by the government for some other purpose than that under which you propose to lay claim for same, we think he did this work at his own risk and that he should have made sure that he could get a government grant before doing so. But if there was any fraud in connection with the awarding of this land to some one else, we think you might have ground for contesting his claim to same. We think the question of your rights depends largely upon facts not submitted in your inquiry to me. We think it might be advisable for you to take this matter up with some one in your locality with whom you can go into greater detail. If you could interest your Congressman in your behalf, he might be able to prevail on the authorities at Washington to right matters for you.



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Lady Prescott spoke warmly, and shot a shy glance at her son, to note the effects of her words upon him.

words upon him.

The tender smile that curved his lips when he spoke of Sibyl, as well as the soft light which shone in his eyes, assured her that, however much he might admire Miss Therwin intellectually, Sibyl was the one who alope could reach his heart—and she was content.

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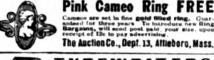
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Mrs. Folly Hobbs

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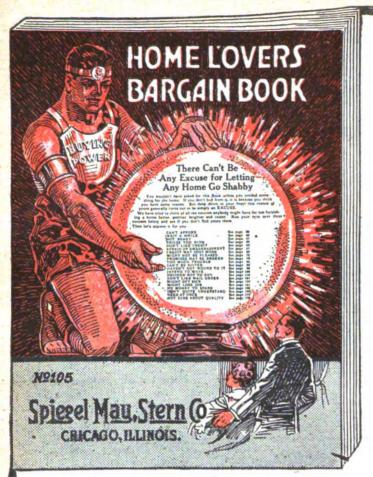
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Keep Hens, Produce Eggs, Raise Chickens, Other Poultry, too, if You Have a Place for Them

EVER did Eggs and poultry command such high prices, and, with the demand for them increasing and the supply diminishing, there is every indication of higher prices with the sky the limit, especially for eggs. There is a prospect of good profit in keeping hens, both for egg production and for poultry, notwithstanding the high price of feed which has induced so many to reduce their flocks that there is danger of an egg and poultry famine. And this danger is so imminent that the U. S. Food Administration has prohibited the sale of hens and pullets for food during ten weeks beginning February 11, except birds shipped to market or put in cold storage before the order went into effect. The purpose is to prevent further scarcity of eggs and diminution of the flocks this spring.

This prohibition will cause a heavy drain and large depletion of the stock of poultry in cold storage. The demand for poultry has been given a further boost by the Food Administrator's ruling that fowl may be served and eaten on meatless days when the use of beef, lamb, mutton, pork and veal is forbidden. Everybody who has a back yard and shed should fit up and keep some hens, if possible, enough to provide the family with eggs, and raise poultry for the home table. Not much space is needed for that, and the farmers and others who have more land and larger accommodations should increase their flocks. Work your incubators and brooders to the limit of their capacity. Those wishing to start in a small way can do so by purchasing day-old chicks. For those favorably situated there will be good money in raising turkeys, ducks and geese. Help win the war and at the same time make a profit yourself by raising fowl for egg production and poultry.

More War Gardens Needed

LTHOUGH, because of bad weather and an unusual prevalence of insect pests, the season was most unfavorable last year's war gardens as a whole were successful and did much to help supply the tables of their owners and to relieve the strain on our overtaxed national food supply. The food question is daily becoming more troublesome and the outlook is positively alarming. The world is facing famine. and if the wolf of hunger is to be kept from the door of the American home we must all, not only practice strict economy in the use of food, but also do our utmost to increase the production of food. The slogan has been "Food Will Win the War," but if we do not produce the food--which means more food than ever before—we shall lose the war and starve. Therefore the necessity for more and larger war gardens.

To the farmers we must look for increased production of wheat, corn, rice, field beans and other staple crops, and the Government must take effective measures at once to help them overcome the shortage of labor, seed and fertilizer, and to encourage them by guaranteeing remunerative prices for their products, as we pointed out in our February editorial. But there is urgent need that the utmost efforts of the farmers should be supplemented by back-yard gardens. In the cities, towns and villages everybody who has a back yard or can get the use of a plot of land should plant a vegetable garden. It will be an important saving in the cost of living by supplying fresh vegetables in season and, if the surplus is canned, through the winter also.

Because of the scarcity and high cost of labor the men on the farms will be so busy with the large crops that they may think they can not spare the time to bother with the home garden this year. It would be a great mistake to neglect the garden, and if the men are too busy or indifferent the women should see to it. Under the mother's supervision and with a little help the children can plant and care for a small but worthwhile garden. It need not be hard work, and

with proper encouragement they will take an interest in it. There is a scarcity of seed of all kinds this spring and those who do not buy early are likely to be disappointed in finding the supply exhausted. Some seed houses already are refusing to fill large orders.

Zone Rate Postage Hardship to People Living far from Publishing Centers

OME Congressmen have sense enough to oppose, and courage enough to denounce the application of the zone rate system to second-class mail (magazine and newspaper) matter as a hardship and an injustice to the people who live far from the publishing centers. They also condemn it on the broader ground that it will be detrimental to the general welfare by promoting ignorance, impeding progress and standing as an obstacle in the path of national unity.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, member of Congress from Montana, who has the distinction of being the first and only woman elected to Congress, voted against the zone rate bill when it was adopted, last October, and is now aiding in the effort to get it repealed. In recent letters she gives her reasons as follows:

"I do not approve of the zone system and voted against it in Congress. * * * * * The fact is, that, coming from Montana, I understand perfectly what hardships the zone system imposes on people living far from the publishing centers: Furthermore, most of the magazines have an educational influence, in many instances constitute the only form of education, and this tax is likely to put them out of the reach of these people. * * * * I know how unfair the zone system is when it is considered that the great publishing centers are mostly all in the East."

These zone rates of magazine postage were foisted on the country as one of the tax features of the War Revenue Bill for the purpose, as it was claimed, of increasing the war revenues. The hollowness of this pretense has been exposed in one of our previous editorials, and Miss Rankin's opinion that the zone rate system will not prove profitable to the Government is thus expressed: "I believe that this tax will be useless as a war tax, for it will defeat its own ends." In other words, the zone rates will put the magazines out of the reach of so many people as to cause a large reduction of circulation and a corresponding loss of postage income equal to or exceeding any gain through higher rates.

Undoubtedly Miss Rankin is right in her prediction. Her opinion coincides with that of the publishers and others in a position to judge. She knows the people of her own State, how are situated and how they will be affected. There are, in other States, millions of people similarly situated who will be affected in like manner. Take, for instance, the great State of Texas in which Comfort has rising ninety-seven thousand subscribers. The line between the seventh and eighth zones divides Texas so that more than half the State comes within the eighth zone and the other part within the seventh zone from Augusta, Maine. All of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and the larger part of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado are in the eighth zone. The rest of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, all of Oklahoma and Louisiana, a part of Florida and Alabama, nearly half of Mississippi and Arkansas, and the most of Kansas, Nebraska and the two Dakotas come within the seventh zone. But look on the map in February Comfort and see for yourself what zone you are in as a Comfort subscriber.

Some other objectionable aspects of the zone rate proposition are concisely and forcibly stated in the following expressions of opinion by other

members of Congress. Hon. Henry Z. Osborn, of California, in addressing the House said; "I object to the zone system, because it tends to denationalize our governmental system." Congressman George R. Lunn, of New York State, writes; "The zone system, as completed, I consider absolutely dangerous. It will make the people provincial. * * * * A great many people seem to think that a postal system is run as a moneymaking proposition. I do not so consider it. think of it first as a public service agency. It constitutes a great University of Democracy. Cheap rates on periodicals do more to educate the masses of the people than any other one thing." Congressman Stuart F. Reed, of West Virginia, is for uniform, level rates, and he writes: American people should be treated as equal, and the burden should not be borne unequally by any particular class or classes." Congressman Martin D. Madden, of Chicago, says: "If there ever was a time when national thought was needed, this is the time. * * * * The nation should be one in thought and action; it should not be divided into segments, and I know of no better way to force a division than to create zones within which literature must be distributed, if distributed at all." Hon. Frederick D. Gardner, Governor of Missouri, says: "I am in favor of low postal rates for newspapers and periodicals of all kinds, because they not only stimulate industry, which is so necessary at the present time, but they educate the masses of our people, which is also vital at this time."

These and a number of other Congressmen, who hold the same views, are laboring, with the aid of certain Senators, to get the zone rate system abolished before it goes into effect next July; but they are in a minority, and when it comes to a vote the cause will be lost, unless enough Congressmen can be won over, from the ranks of those who stand for zone rates, to turn the scale. If you are in favor of equal rights and postal privileges and uniform rates for all, write to your Congressman or cut out the petition printed on page 24, sign it, get your friends to sign it and then mail it to your Congressman at Washington. If he is already favorable, it will give him ammunition to fight with; and if he is now opposed, it may open his eyes to the light of reason and perhaps make a convert of him. The people's rights are at stake; it is the people's fight, it is your fight, and if you will not do your part to help those who are fighting your battle in Congress, how can you expect to win?

Worse and More of It.

N the map which we printed on page 3 of February Comfort and in our editorial which accompanied it, we stated that the postage rate on newspapers and magazines is One-Half cent per pound in Canada. We did this on information from a reputable and, as we believed, reliable source. But we have just now received a communication direct from the Deputy Postmaster General of Canada informing us that the rate on newspapers and magazines published in Canada is A Quarter of a cent per pound throughout Canada and to any place in Great Britain, Mexico and certain British Possessions.

The fact is that our statement that the new rates in the United States (recently adopted but not yet in effect) are "3 to 20 times the Canadian rate," should have read 6 to 40 times the Canadian rate. With these corrections in mind, kindly take another look at our February editorial and map. We were too conservative in our previous claims. The truth doubles our statement of the difference between the Canadian rate and the rates in the United States, and makes the comparison still more startlingly impressive. Will you stand for Magazine postage rates 6 to 40 times the Canadian rate?

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City of Dreams

By Maud Mary Brown

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PART L.

URSE the luck!" Randolph Noble kicked his bags into place, settled himself in a corner of his seat, and for a half-hour after his train left Albany, quite frankly sulked. The unusual experience of herding with the great unwashed—his own words—in an ordinary day coach made a disagreeable conclusion to his tedious annual pilgrimage home, where his aging and disappointed father invariably discoursed at length on the desirability of a business career for his only son in the smoky, forgy factory town of his birth.

Noble was a personable youth, under thirty yet, but with lines already etching their way about his cynical mouth and eyes, and with a figure thickening from over-indulgence.

Pre-ently, having turned from his gloomy observation of the darkening landscape, Noble's eyes fell and lingered upon the girl across the giste. Precisely what attracted him he would have been at loss to have told, for her face, turned steadfastly to her window, was hidden from him, but whatever mysterious quality it was, it was affecting others also, as his hasty glance about him confirmed.

It might have been her absolute immobility as she sat braced against the joiting of the train; it might have been her youth—one could see youth in the dazzling whiteness of her slender throat and in the heaviness of her simply-coiled, drisky hair; it might even have been sympathy, for the simple black of her garments was the insignia of a recent bereavement.

Whatever it was, it successfully chained Noble's interest. Once he made a journey into the smoking compartment on the chance that on his return he might surprise a glimpse of her face. It was futile. To her absorbed mind, her fellowinvelers did not exist.

When, finally, the train neared the city, Noble fancied that the girl's figure became even more rizid, and that her hands, lying idle in her lap, elenched nervously, and obeying an impulse which her gave himself no time to ridicule, he crossed the aisle.

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Ceclly Alden did not turn her head. "Only by going away," she answered distinctly.

Noble paused only for one discomforted look over the girl's outraged shoulder, and then, feeling like a chidden schoolboy, he lifted his hat and left the car to avoid the amused and curious eyes of the witnesses of his rebuff.

"I deserve what I got," he mused ruefully: "of all the asinine things for a man to do! Well, she has demonstrated the fact that she can take care of herself."

When Noble stepped from the train at the Terminal, he discovered that Cecily had preceded him and had halted uncertainly, a slight confusion in her manner. He was not prepared for the elusive charm of the face which she turned toward him.

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It was a colorless face, broad of brow and ending in a firm, small chin, and it was accented by smoldering gray eyes whose large, dark pupils deceived one into thinking them black. Her sensitive, scarlet mouth was slightly tremulous. "I am going to disprove the popular belief that a burnt child dreads the fire." Noble approached her, hat in hand, to say. "You see, I am the presumptuous person whom you recently and reasonably scorned. However, I am a forgiving brute." He smiled disarmingly. "Please." he added in a more serious voice, "please don't think that I am trying to be offensive, but if, as I suspect, you are a stranger in the city and no one is meeting you.—"

"I know precisely where to go." Cecily cut him short to say, but Noble felt that the serene assurance had left her voice.

"Of course. Perhaps you will permit me to take you to a taxicab."

"No, thank you." But she lingered uncertainly. "Wouldn't it be better to tell me just where you wish to go?" There was an edge of annoyance in Noble's voice which, perhaps, reassured Cecily, for she opened her bag and removed a slip of paper, handing it to him silently.

Noble plucked reflectively at his lip as he studied the address. "It's one of those working-girls' hang outs, isn't it?" he said. "Do you know how to get there?"

"To might, but I wouldn't if I were you. I will see that you get there safely."

He grinned at the frightened gesture with which she denied him.

"Warned—what? Well, don't worry. I hadn't a thought of offering to take you there myself. In fact, I'm due somewhere else at this very moment. I am going to call a messenger boy to pilot you to the Mary-Jane house. You wouldn't be frightened with a uniformed attendant, would you?" He quizzically smiled into her serious eyes.

"You are very good," she said breathlessly, as they made their way to the waiting-room. "Please forgive me for being so s

"Please forgive me for being so suspicious."
"Oh, that is quite all right," Noble returned carelessly. "Now if you don't mind waiting right here, I will corral that boy," and before she had time to reply he had woven himself into the shifting pattern of the crowd.

In spite of herself, and angry because of it, Cecily was confused and troubled. She had not anticipated fright upon reaching the city of her dreams. To be sure, she came from a little Vermont town, but had she not had two enlightening years at college? She felt resentful because they had failed to prepare her for this—to fortress her against this rushing indifferent because they had tailed to prepare her for this to fortress her against this rushing indifferent throng.

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"Here we are, Miss—"
"My name is Cecily Alden."
"Corking! It makes me think instantly of spice cookies and mignonette."

The merest suggestion of a twinkle lighted Cecily's eyes. "The flesh first. How distinctly masculine! And you look to me like a man whose knowledge of the fragrance of mignonette is purely academic."

Her grave audacity was irresistible, but Noble flushed unaccountably. He suspected that this country girl was enjoying herself at his expense.

"I must be gone." The gravity had returned to her voice. Already she regretted her familiarity, "Thank you for making things so easy for a stranger."

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Noble drew out a card and scribbled on it. "The boy's number," he explained, handing it to her. "He will have you there in twenty minutes." "Thank you," she said again.

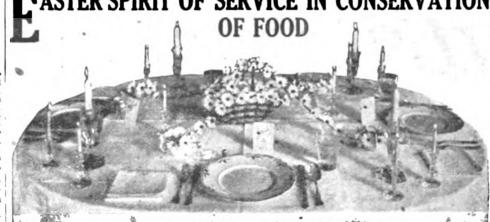
"I don't suppose there's a chance of my being able ever to see you at this Susan-Matilda place you're headed for?"

She shook her head, smiling. She was amazingly lovely when she smiled.

"It is good by, then? Well, I suppose I must bow to the inevitable. But if the time should come when you need a friend, will you remember me, Miss Alden? You won't lose my card? Good!" He held her black-gloved hand for a moment before she followed the boy away—a slender, swinging figure in its somber garb.

With a little sigh, Noble sought a taxicab and shot down to the studio which he rented from a rich, young matron, whose greed for adventure had led her out of Bohemia into France as a Red Cross nurse.

TASTER SPIRIT OF SERVICE IN CONSERVATION



By Violet Marsh

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HOUSANDS of Compost Sisters have become members of the Food Administration. The Government has accepted our signatures as a guarantee that we will fulfill the requirements set forth on the home card. We are soldiering in our own kitchens, adjusting old stand-by recipes to a larger use of the cheaper and more plentiful foods, which is not a simple matter. Wherever women congregate, the subject under discussion is what we can do Over Here to help win the war. American women everywhere are eager for new suggestions that will "sugar coat" war dishes, and their cleverness in camouflaging left-overs does credit to their versatility. In order that we may do our bit. Compost has practically given over its cooking department columns to assist in the mighty task of food conservation.

The spirit of self-denial is abroad in the land and every day strengthening. It shows in the





then thrust the chair with its fair occupant into the air as high as they could reach, and upon its descent from the "lifting," each gallant claimed a kiss as his reward. In the Tower of





COTTAGE CHEASE -- Put sour milk clabber into a double boiler, keeping the water hot but not boil of Stir milk occasionally, and as soon as hot, pour gently into a cheese cloth bag and drain. Add sait, butter, and cream, and beat hard until smooth and creamy Serve cold.

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PHAIN CARE WITH PRING JIIII.—Beat three egg yolks until lemon colored and thock, and slowly add one cup of sugar, beating continually. Beat in one cup of flour to which has been added one quarter of a teaspoon of sait, and one teaspoon of baking powder. Add two tablespoons of hot water then the whites of three eggs beaten stiff and one tablespoon of in. on juice. When cold, remove center of cake and serve separately, filling the cake with jelly.

PRUNE JELLY.—Soak one quarter of a box of gelatine in one quarter of a cup of cold water twenty minutes, add one cup of boiling water, half a cup of sugar, and two tablespoons of lemon lines and the grated rind of half a lemon. Stir intil sukar dissolves, and strain. When the jelly begins to stiffen, add quarter of a cup of walnut meats, and two theids of a cup of cookel and chopped prunes. Stir occasionally while the jelly sets.

Arrived, he found a rather boisterous crowd of his studio friends making merry at his expense- in the transparent pretense of welcoming him back to civilization.

For once he greeted them a trifle absent-mindedly. He could have made an amusing story of his adventure at the Terminal, for Noble was clever with his word-pictures, but, curiously, he shrank from mentioning it, even to the tail girl with the reddish hair, whose jade-green eyes glimmered familiarly into his. Not even Cecily Alden's name seemed to belong in this exotic atmosphere.



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Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son, Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them, they stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, they learn that a woman who had been in a railroad smash up and injured leaves the child, who for weeks eries for Nansle. Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures it. To Lady Prescott she traces three letters "S. H. S.," which she dimly remembers and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck, and with Raymond they seek the drawing-room, where with Lady Prescott Sibyl assists in receiving the guests. Raymond, watching and anxious, admits to his mother how beautiful Sibyl is, and that no one attracts him as she does, and that his mother has the first right to his confidence. She will like nothing better than to keep her children with her. Sibyl is introduced to Miss Ada Therwin, the adopted daughter of Count Eghert Shirley and the guest of General Maplewood. Seized with a sudden faintness, Miss Therwin is carried to a quiet room. Sibyl remains with her. Regaining consciousness, Miss Therwyn refers to the ornament Sibyl wears, and t

CHAPTER X.

"SOME DAY."

ISS Therwin had played her cards very cleverly indeed, and when she bore Sibyl away on her drive she was jubilant indeed over her success. She meant to meet Raymond Prescott, and cast around him the glamour of her charms.

She meant to take Lady Prescott's heart by storm, and win the confidence of the proud but pure-hearted Sibyl.

She finally completed her coup d'etat, and her conquest of the unsuspecting girl, by saying to her driver, as they were passing some foriorn-looking cottages:

"Robert, please stop at Widow Martin's; I have a package to leave there; the poor woman is in sad want."

Robert stopped as directed, but it was a pity that Sibyl could not see the averaged. "SOME DAY."

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express.

Miss Therwin excused herself for a moment, alighted, and entered the cottage, carrying in her own faultlessly gloved hands quite a good-sized package done up in brown paper. She was absent only a few moments, however, and entered the carriage again with a smiling apology upon her lips.

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"I am sorry to annoy you with this little errand," she said, "but a poor woman lives here who has come a number of times to General Maplewood's to obtain work since I have been there. She cannot get enough to do to support herself, and, feeling sympathy for her, I have been employing her to make some underclothing for two little orphan girls whom I have under the shelter of my wing at home."

She spoke carelessly, and as if what she was doing was of no moment; but from that hour she was to Sibyl a different woman from the gay, fashionable belle, to whom she had been introduced only three days ago.

She regarded her with an admiration almost amounting to reverence.

It was a work that she, out of the fullness and content of her own heart, had long been yearning to do, and her resolve was taken at once—she would ask the privilege of sharing Miss Therwin's charities while she remained in Dumfries, and assume them as her own, when she should return to her home.

"How happy you must be in doing such delightful deeds!" she said to Miss Therwin, while a beautiful earnestness shown in her lustrous eyes.

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Her companion assented quietly, though the corners of her handsome mouth twitched just a trifle, as she saw how very satisfactorily her cunning plans were working.

"It is just what I have been longing to do for a great while, only—I did not quite know how or where to begin," Sibyl said, wistfully.

A lurid glare leaped into Ada Therwin's eyes at this remark. at this remark.

"Perhaps," she said modestly, "I could put you in a way to do a little good, if you would like."

"If I 'would'—I shrould like it above all things!" Sibyl exclaimed, eagerly.

"It is not often that one so young as you cares to interest one's self in the poor and friendless," Miss Therwin remarked.

"I have always felt a deep interest in the poor and neglected."

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"That is very good of you, and unusually thoughtful in one who has never known the rough side of life, but, on the contrary, has always been so tenderly shielded as you have been," said Miss Therwin, artfully.

Sibyl's face paled a triffe at this remark, but she simply said, in reply:

"Yes, auntie has been very kind to me."

"And you are very happy with her?"

"Yes, indeed; but—"

"But what, dear?" Ada said, sweetly, seeing the far-away, wistful look in the dusky eyes.

"But one longs for one's own mother," you know," Sibyl replied, won into this expression of confidence by her companion's sweetness and sympathy.

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Ada reached out quickly and grasped Sibyl's little gloved hand, and turned a pair of pained, tearful eyes upon her.

"Dear Sibyl," she said, with a little quiver of her lips, "do I not also know what the longing is? I, too, am an orphan, and was adopted when I was ten years of age by a distant relative—the Countess of Shirley. She has ever been like a dear mother to me, but, as you say, the yearning for one's own is strong. How singular that we should be so similarly situated!"

"It is strange, Miss Therwin——"

"Call me Ada, please—I feel a new bond of sympathy unding us now—the bond of a common sorrow—that of being motherless," Miss Therwin interrupted, feelingly, and she gave the hand she still held a warmer clasp.

"Thank you, Ada," Sibyl replied, with a little flush and smile.

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"Thank you, Ada," Sibyl replied, with a little flush and smile.

"Were you very young, Sibyl, when you lost your mother?" Ada asked, softly, reading her thoughts in her expressive face, and feeling that she was getting on swimmingly.

"I believe I was about three years of age."

Miss Therwin started.

"So young! How sad!" she murmured, tenderly. "Can you remember her, Sibyl?"

"No; and yet there are times when I am haunted by a vision of a beautiful face, with edge, tender eyes, and such a fond, loving smile, which, it seems to me, must be a faint remembrance of my mother's countenance," Sibyl returned, sadly, a pained look in her dark eyes. A sigh of relief from Miss Therwin followed this reply; then she asked:

"Where did your mother die, dear?"

"I do—I am not sure—oh, Ada! I do not even know that she is dead," cried the beautiful girl, trembling with excitement.

"Not dead!"

"No. There can be no harm in my telling you, since you feel so deeply with me; but it is supposed by auntie and others that I was traveling with my mother and nurse, when a fearful railroad accident occurred. It was not known whether she lost her life or not, but my nurse swas injured in such a way that she did not realize what she was about, and in the confusion wandered away to some distance from the scene of the disaster. Here she was sick for quite a while, getting no better all the time, and finally she left me and went away, no one who wanted way, no one bear to touch upon those first sad years of her life, even to one who appeared so sympathether and interested. "No: some people cared the tiend interested." "No: some people cared the tender and intere

"No," she answered, reluctantly. She could not bear to touch upon those first sad years of her life, even to one who appeared so sympathetic and interested. "No; some people cared for me until auntie found me, since then I have known nothing but happings. for me until auntie found me, since then I have known nothing but happiness, except that one wild longing for my own dear mother. But I will not weary you further with my vain repinings," she concluded, trying to smile away her sadness, and anxious, too, to change the subject.

Miss Therwin longed to question her more regarding how Lady Prescott found her, but she dared not.

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"Your story is more sad than mine," she said, as if frankly meeting confidence for confidence, "for my mother died in her home,—though very suddenly of heart disease—when I was ten years old. My father had died several years previously. I had no brother or sister, or relative, excepting the Countess of Shirley, who was a cousin of my father's. 'She had no children of her own, and took me into her heart and home at once. But you—"

Ada stopped suddenly, as if she were about to say something which she should not.

Sibyl turned an inquiring glance upon her, and thus encouraged, she continued:
"You may find your mother, even yet." "Your story is more sad than mine," she said,

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"That is what I am always hoping," she "That is what I am always hoping," she said, her face growing radiant for the moment with the renewal of the eager hope which she had always clung to. "Everywhere I go I find myself looking for that beautiful face which I sometimes see in my dreams, and I listen for a voice which it seems as if I must know if I could only hear it again. I pray for it every day, and—yes, Ada, I do—I believe that some day I shall find my mother."

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If she could help it, she resolved Sibyl Prescott should never find her mother.

"You have one thing, at least, to guide you in your search—the beautiful jewel which you were showing me the other night," she said, craftily, to find out if Sibyl had entertained that hope also.

"Yes, the ornament probably belonged to a necklace or bracelet of my mother's, and I feel quite sure, that those letters, so strangely interwoven with the pearls, are the initials of her name. Sir Athelsione and Lady Prescott have never ceased to make inquiries, but, as yet, without success." Sibyl said, with a sigh.

"Poor child! hope deferred maketh the heart sick!" quoted Miss Therwin in her sweetest tones, but with an evil light in her cold, gray eyes that, it was well for her plans, Sibyl could not see.

"No," Sibyl replied, with a steadfast faith, at which her companion marveled, though there was a look of unutterable yearning in her delicate face, "no, I do not get 'heart-sick,' though I think no one can realize how much I long for my mother; yet, if I am never permitted to see her dear face on earth, I feel that it is all right—I shall not murmur, for I have known more of happiness, and have more in prospect, than very many who have had their own parents to love them all their life."

Ada searched the fair face keenly as Sibyl said this, wondering if her words contained any hidden meaning—wondering if in her heart she was hoping some day to become Raymond Prescott's wife, and that was what she had in prospect.

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Her gray eyes glittered and her lips were drawn into a firm, straight line. She shivered, and, turning to the driver, remarked:
"Robert, it is getting chilly, and I think we will return," and, turning the subject with the horses' heads, they chatted gayly during the remainder of the homeward drive.

CHAPTER XI.

THE PLOTTERS' CONFERENCE.

The plotters' conference.

The morning following her drive with Sibyl, Miss Therwin excused herself to her hostess after breakfast, saying she had letters to write, and, repairing to her own rooms, several hours were devoted to assiduous work at her writing desk. She arrayed herself in her street costume and went below. Dropping two letters in the silver salver which stood on the hall table for that purpose, she retained a third in her hand, and then passed quickly and noiselessly into the street.

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She was closely veiled, but her keen eyes were nevertheless on the alert, noting every one whom she passed.

At length she paused before a letter box upon a street corner, and after glancing around as if fearful of observation, she quickly dropped the letter she had retained into it, when, turning, she hastily retraced her steps homeward.

She fegained her own apartments without encountering any one, removed her street costume, and, replacing it with an elegant home robe, she then sat down to think and rest.

"I must manage so that Annie and the general will not have a suspicion as to who Judith is, for that would ruin all," she mused, and then fell into a deep study again.

Annie was the young wife of the distinguished general. She had been an intimate friend of Ada's while at school, and upon græduating had become acquainted with the military gentleman, who was a widower of about fifty.

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Two days after the malling of the letter, just as the family were leaving the dinner table, a servant entered the room, saying that there was a woman in the housekeeper's room who had some rich laces which she was desirous of displaying to the ladies.

Miss Therwin was betrayed into a little bit of a start at this intelligence, but she waited with apparent indifference for Mrs. Maplewood's reply.

That lady said she was not in need of anything of the kind, and did not like to be annoyed by peddlers, anyway.

This reply seemed to suit Miss Therwin, for the expression of anxiety faded from her eyes, and she hastened to say:

"I would like to look at the laces, Annie, if you do not object, and if you will allow John to show her up to my room, I will make my purchases there, and you need not be troubled by her."

"Just like you, dear—I do not object, only these peddlers are such a nuisance; they will Their mutual admiration had soon ripened into

"Just like you, dear—I do not object, only these peddlers are such a nuisance; they will never let you off until you buy something, whether you want it or not," replied Mrs. Maplewood, laughing, and Ada went up to her boudoir to await her visitor.

She seemed strangely excited while walting walking the room with nervous tread, flushed cheeks and lowering brow.

Ere long a knock sounded upon her door.

At her "come in" it opened: a tall, dark woman, bearing a covered basket, entered, the servant shut the door, and the two women stood facing each other, a look of mutual recognition upon their faces.

"Well, Judith, you concluded to come, then," said Miss Therwin, sinking into a chair, with a long-drawn breath.

"Yes, Miss Ada, I could not refuse, considering the inducements which you offered. Will you examine mys laces?"

"Pshaw! no: you know well enough that I do not care anything about the laces—you may leave a piece or two, just for the name of the thing, however."

"I hope, though," she added, sharply, with a glance at the good-sized basket, "that you did not spend all the money I sent you just to gain access here."

"Not I, Miss Ada. Trust me for knowing the

glance at the good-sized basket, "that you did not spend all the money I sent you just to gain access here."

"Not I, Miss Ada. Trust me for knowing the best use to put gold to. Now, what is it you want of me?" she demanded.

"Take off your hat and cloak, and draw a chair close to me, and then I'll tell you. But first lock the door, so that no one can interrupt us," Ada continued, in low, eager tones.

The woman obeyed her as if accustomed to do so, and then sat down and fastened her eyes on the beautiful girl.

The stranger was as dark as Miss Therwin was fair.

She had the blackest of hair, eyes, and lashes; a dark, clear, though rather pale complexion, white, handsome teeth, regular features, and a tall, large, well-developed form.

She was apparently about forty years of age, and probably in her younger days was quite handsome, though, undoubtedly, with a rather coarse kind of beauty.

"It's a pity your children did not live to be a comfort to you as you grow old," Miss Therwin observed, with a keen glance into Judith's face.

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"It would have been a greater pity if they had lived," cried the woman, sternly, her face assuming a ghasty look. "Ugh!" she added, with a shiver, "don't you ever say that to me again, Miss Ada, for I loved the little things, for all they brought me so much trouble; but they are better dead than to live to know all they would have to know," she concluded, bitterly.

"I did not mean to pain you, Judith," Miss Therwin replied, with assumed gentleness; "but I was thinking how pleasant it would be for you if you only had a daughter to live with you now, and be a companion for you, as the years advance."

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"What are you driving at, Miss Ada? Out with it, and don't be beating round the bush any longer."

Miss Therwin colored, and then, with a nervous laugh, said:

"Of course, you are anxious to know why I sent for you in such peremptory haste, and I've a story to tell you which will make you open your eyes and prick up your ears, I assure you."

Then, dropping her voice, she talked in a quick, rapid manner for more than half an hour.

The woman was evidently greatly surprised and interested in her tale, and when she concluded she asked a few sharp-pointed questions, after which she sat in deep thought for a moment, Miss Therwin watching her intently, and somewhat anxiously, all the while.

"Well," she said, at length, "don't you think it necessary for something to be done?"

"No, if you could only be reasonable..."

"You know, Miss Ada, that there is nothing that I would not do for you if I could, and I'm not accustomed to be very soft-hearted, as a general thing, but..."

"Well?" demanded Miss Therwin, sharply, as Judith seemed undecided.

"But this is rather a hard fate you have decreed, I must say."

"The only alternative is ruin, utter and absolute, for me."

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then."
"Never! Do you think I would be content to be second where I have always been first?" cried the girl, angrily; then, her eyes blazing with fury, she went on, "Judith, you shall do this thing for me, or I shall—"

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She bent forward and whispered something to her companion.
Judith instantly grew crimson—almost purple, then pale again, and so agitated that for a few moments she actually panted for breath.
At length she sat suddenly erect, her face growing stern and gloomy, and said:
"Miss Ada; I should do more for you for the hold which you have on my heart, and for your dead mother's sake, than for any threats with which you may try to frighten me. Let me warn you that it will never be safe for you to say the same thing to me again, after knowing the facts with which you have put me in possession today."
"Come, come, Judith, I had no idea of offending

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OME months ago a sister, who signed herself "V. M.," wrote to this department asking whether she should leave a perfectly good husband, of the plain, garden variety, whom she did not love, for the soul mate she hoped to meet. Varied and many were the replies she received, and in case she has not solved the troublesome question, I am taking the liberty of quoting from the January number of Good Housekeeping, "Mirandy, On the One We Didn't Marry," by Dorothy Dix. I fear V. M. won't appreciate it, but it may help some one.

HOT VEGETABLE SALAD.

Soft, chop and season with salt and vinegar, and butter generously. Fill shell with chopped beets to top of points, keeping the center hollow, which is filled with boiled cabbage, seasoned with butter, salt, pepped and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with parsiey.

Brown STEW.—Two and one half pounds neck and shoulder of fresh beef. Wash it and cut into small pieces. If too fat, remove some of it. Put the meat in a good-sized kettle with two quarts or more of hot water, add two onions, sliced thin, two good-si-d in a carrots cut into small pieces, and three medium-sized spoutatoes cut into small pieces. Stew should cook in should be quite thick when done and shoulder of fresh beef. Wash it and cut into small pieces. If too fat, remove some of it. Put the meat in a good-sized kettle with two quarts or more of hot water, add two onions, sliced thin, two quarts or more of hot ster, and two onions, sliced thin, two quarts or more of hot ster, and the content water, and but-ter generously. Fill shell with chopped beets to top of points, keeping the center hollow, which is filled with boiled cabbage, seasoned with butter, salt, pepper and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with butter, salt, pepper and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with butter, salt, pepper and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with butter, salt, pepper and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with butter, salt, pepper and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with butter, salt, pepper and

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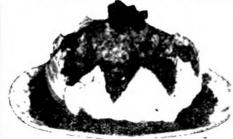
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HE Comfort Sisters' Recipes' department belongs just as much to the women readers of Comfort as does the letter department and is theirs for the exchange of helpful ideas, and it is surely as important. In these days off war times and high prices it is as much one's duty to share a money-saving recipe with others as it is to donate time and money toward any patriotic charity, so take time today to send in that pet recipe of yours, and be sure the right quantities are given instead of "a little," or "just enough."

HOT VEGETABLE SALAD.—Trim outside leaves from cabbage till perfect ones are reached, then remove the whole inside, leaving a shell which is trimmed in points. Set shell in bed of parsley. Boil beets till



and a little vinegar. Ornament the center with parsley. Put together just before serving.

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Marrow Toast.—This is an appetizing dish. Cut marrow into bits, put into boiling, salted water and let boil a minute or two. Drain and put into a sauce pan, adding salt, pepper and lemon juice to suit the taste, and while still hot spread it on dry toast, freshly made.

CUPPED MEAT.—Chop scraps of meat very fine, adding any bits of corn, beans, or anything of that sort that is left over; season to taste and moisten with a little sweet milk. Put in baking cups, filling them half full, then fill to the brim with hot mashed potatoes and hous over night, put them in a baking and hung over night, put them in a baking and dress and hung over night, put them in a baking and dress and hung over night, put them in a baking and dress and hung over night, put them in a baking and the sale and moister with a dress and hung over night, put them in a baking and and a dark rich and reserved and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister with them in a baking and the sale and moister and them over night, put them in a baking and the sale and mo

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"Well," spons I, "betwixt a good pervider and a soul mate for a husban', give me de good pervider ev'y time. I'd a lot ruther be a hungering for sympathy and onderstandin' dan for po'k chops and potates."

"No, no," sighs Sis Lamentation, "when I married I didn't get de kind of a husband dat I thought I was gittin.

"Nobody does," I spons, "dere ain't but one puffect husban' and wife in de world."

"Who's dey?" axes Sis Lamentation, "and who's de lucky ones dat git 'em?"

"De only puffect husban's and wives," I says, "is de ones we didn't marry."

"Sis Mirandy," says Sis Lamentation, "how does you prognosticate dad matermony would have been ef we had married de folks we didn't marry?"

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little butter and let them brown.

Cabbage in Boiling Water.—Have plenty of boiling, salted water in which a teaspoon of soda has been dissolved. Take a small or medium-sized head of cabbage and plunge it into the boiling water, top downward; leave it uncovered and let it boil until tender, which will be from twenty minutes to half an hour. Take it out into a colander, drain well and put into a hot dish and add bits of butter, salt and pepper; serve at once. It will be as delicate as cauliflower, the color will be retained and there will be no unpleasant odor in the house, such as always is associated with boiling cabbage.

MINNIE O. Mackintosh, San Diego, Cal.

Panned Rabbit.—Cut the rabbit in halres. Place in a baking pan and dot with bits of butter and season with salt and pepper. Set in hot oven and baste frequently. When it has cooked nearly an hour, serve it with brown gravy.—Ed.

Meat Loaf.—Buy one and one half pound Ham-



one cup of molasses, two teaspoons cinnamon, two teaspoons of ginger, half a cup of sour milk and three cups of flour into which a teaspoon of soda has been sifted. Bake in gem pans.—Ed.

GINGER COOKIES.—One pint lard, one cup cold water, one cup brown sugar, one cup white sugar, one heaping tablespoon ginger, more if preferred, one pint molasses and two heaping tablespoons soda beaten into molasses before adding to the rest. Flour enough to make soft dough.—Subscriber.

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Ginger Cookies.—One cup sugar, one half cup butter, one half cup lard, two eggs, two teaspoons soda, dissolved in one cup molasses, one tablespoon ginger, one half tablespoon cinnamon and flour to roll.

Mrs. Fred Andreson, Rockford, Ill.

EGGLESS CAKE.—One cup sugar, one third cup butter or lard, one cup sweet milk, two and one quarter cups flour, with two teaspoons baking powder. Bake in loaf. Add nuts if desired, or by the addition of one tablespoon of chocolate you have a fine chocolate cake.

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OATMEAL COOKIES.— One cup sugar, two and one half cups oatmeal, two and one quarter cups white flour, three quarters cup shortening, two eggs, four tablespoons sour milk, one teaspoon soda, and one teaspoon nutmeg. Keep in dry place

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WAR CAKE.—Two cups brown sugar, two cups boiling water, one pound seeded raisins, one teaspoon cinnamon, one teaspoon alispice, one half teaspoon grated nutmeg, one half teaspoon cloves and one tablespoon of lard. Mix well and put over fire and boil five minutes after it reaches the boiling point. Remove from fire and add a level teaspoon of soda. Let cool and then add three and one half cups flour and two teaspoons baking powder. Bake about one hour in a slow oven.

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PLAYING CARD CAKES.—To make these cakes, use a recipe for any good, fine grained cake. A cookie instead of a cake mixture can be used. Bake in shallow pans so that when cut the pieces will be very thin. Cut in shape of playing cards and frost with white frosting. Use candled cherries to show spots on cards. Hearts and diamonds may be cut from the cherries to imitate the ace, two or three spots, as desired. These are very appropriate for refreshments at a card party.

LEMON BUTTER.—One cup white sugar, three eggs, butter size of half an egg and the Julee and grated rind of one large lemon. After beating it well put into an agate basin and set into a pan of boiling water. Stir it constantly until it is thick. This makes a nice filling for tarts or layer cake and for small cakes if split and put together with this jelly.

MINNIE O. MACKINTOSH, San Diego, Cal.

SAINT PATRICK'S CAKE.—Cream together one cup of sugar and one third cup of butter, add three beaten eggs and stir till very light and creamy. Sift together one and one half cups of flour, five level tablespoons of cocoa and two tablespoons of baking powder and have ready three quarters of a cup of milk to which has been added one teaspoon of vanilla.



SAINT PATRICK'S CAKE.

Stir in a little of the flour, then a little*milk, and keep alternating flour and milk till all are used, and beat till smooth. Bake in shallow pan in a moderately hot oven. Remove to cake board and when cold, with a thin, sharp knife cut into the shape of a hat as shown in picture? Frost with checolate frosting and make the hat band of white frosting. From thin white cardboard cut to represent a clay pipe and press under band of white frosting.



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best" although it has been hard logic to swallow many and many a time. In addition to this I've been run over by an automobile. People tell me I lead a charmed life and that nothing can kill me but I say my time has not come and when it does nothing on earth can save me.

I was born and raised in good old Ohio yet I think there is no place like the West for me. I hope to make my home in California.

Should Roscoe Healy see this, please write to Uncle

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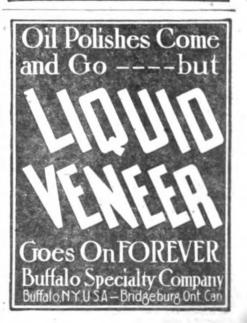
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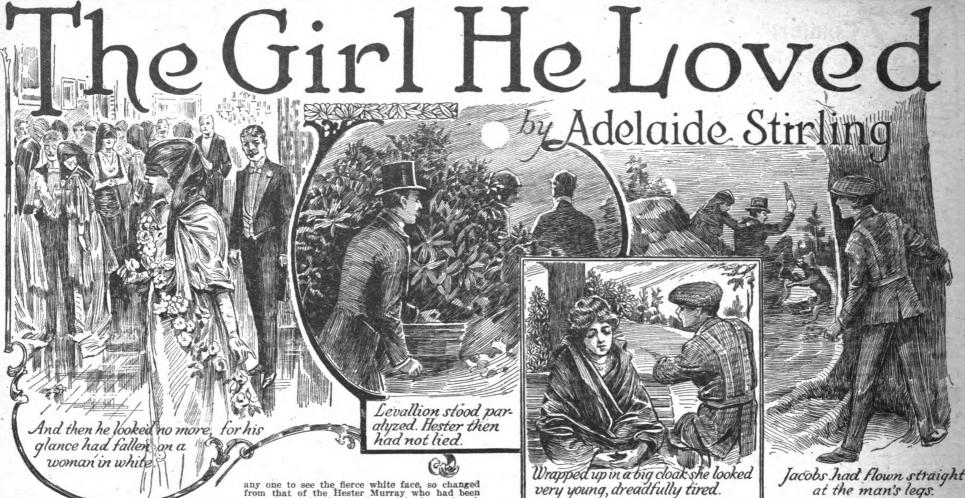
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Lady Anniesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she silps it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, held near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for their marriage, but Sir Thomas, only sixteen, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenal prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, who fails to meet her. Going home she enters the drawing-room, where she finds Lady Annesley and Lord Levallion, the latter telling her of his cousin Adrian Gordon's departure for India. The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion's delight, takes Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home. Ravenal is invited to Hester Murray's to lunch and at the instigation of Lady Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Believing Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion. Coming from the altar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported missing. Lord Levallion goes to the War Office to learn the truth. Sitting alone on the fawn Ravenal sees Adrian an

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HE drew away into the scant shelter of an evergreen, and pushed her wet, uncurled hair out of her eyes. She had no motive for staying here shivering and drenched, but the air and the rain even were better than sitting alone by her solitary fireside, when no one of all the people she had ever asked to dinner would dream of coming to see her. Once start the truth about a woman who lives by her wits, and a hundred things true and untrue come up to confirm it. Hester Murray's pitcher had gone once too often to the well; it was broken for good and all now. And Levallion, who had once been her slave, had forbidden her to come within his gates.

"Well, he can do it," she thought defiantly, "but he can't make me obey him! I'll try one more window and then I'll go. I don't want to kill myself." And the sharp shiver that went through her made her move hastily through the darkness. It was odd, but the drip of the rain from the house made her think of earth falling into a grave. It was ghostly, terrifying to lurk outside in the dark, while women no better than she sat at their ease on the other side of a window-pane.

better than she sat at their ease on the other side of a window-pane.

Stumbling, for all her slim grace; weary, for all the passion that burned in her, she made her way round the house in the pitchy darkness that had somehow got on her nerves. There was a little alcove in the drawing-room, whose modern French window reached the floor—it was odd how well Mrs. Murray knew the house—it would do no harm to glance in there, if the blind-was up. They would be coming out from dinner soon; and she might as well see all she could before going back to that lonely house where no one ever came. And once more that pang at her heart sickened her. All this might have been hers once, and had been thrown away.

There was no standing on tiptoe to reach the second window. Before she neared it she saw the square of light it flung on the grass, saw the convenient rose-bush which would shield her from any one inside. And if there had been land of the other was wet to the skin, her thin house-dress a sticky, sopping mass.

"Look here, Hester!" he said almost kindly.

"Better give up this business and go home. You wen't mend matters by being seen hanging about wen't mend matters by being seen hanging abo

any one to see the fierce white face, so changed from that of the Hester Murray who had been all smiles and softness, they might have shrunk away as if they saw an evil spirit.

"Ah!" she drew in her breath sharply, for she had builded better than she knew.

Dinner was over; the men were coming into the drawing-room; one, with his arm in a sling, coming straight to this alcove, unconscious, though Hester did not know it, that it already held his hostess looking for a book for which the duchess had asked her. He had sat down wearily before he saw the gleam of orange and ivory the watcher outside had seen long ago, as she saw Lady Levallion drop the just-found book and turn to him quickly, breathlessly.

Yet her words might have been shouted on the housetops; there was no need for Mrs. Murray to strain her ears to catch those compromising utterances through the glass.

"Won't you go to bed? You look so tired!" He nodded. He could hardly bear to look at her whom once he had never wanted out of his sight.

"I'll go directly. I meant to go away tomorrow, but the doctor won't let me travel till the end of the week." His eyes on her wistfully, saying what his lips dared not—that it was not his fault that he was making things so hard for her.

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ing what his lips dared not—that it was not his fault that he was making things so hard for her.

"He's quite right," she answered, for the benefit of any one who might be outside the curtained recess. "We are very glad to have you," but the hard-held look of her face told Gordon what he knew—that the words were a mockery. Mrs. Murray remembered suddenly that she had not seen Levallion come into the room. An unreasoning and instinctive terror caught her heart, and sent her noiselessly, invisibly in her dark dress, yards away from the lighted window. And just in time.

Levallion, sauntering with apparent almlessness, an Inverness cape thrown over his shoulder, an unlit cigarette in his mouth, came round the corner of the house. Lord Chayter's recital of the half-seen face at the window having set him wondering if it were real or not. But he had seen no one, and in front of the window he stopped and lit his cigarette, deciding Chayter had looked upon more champagne than was good for him.

His unseen neighbor slipped behind him, paused for one second to look under his upraised arm before she took to her heels. And both of them saw the same sight. A girl turning from a man with a curious, pitiful gesture, stopped half-way; and the man, left alone, covering his haggard eyes with his hand. Levallion turned like a flash and had Hester Murray by the elbow.

CHAPTER XX.

A WICKED WOMAN'S TONGUE.

"I heard you breathing," Levallion said composedly. "No, don't you struggle; I'll let you go! Only be kind enough to tell me what earthly pleasure it gives you to look in my windows."

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"No pleasure," said Hester Murray after a minute, when her frightened heart had seemed to choke her, and the quick withdrawal of his contemptuous grasp to make her a thing of no moment. "Only misery. Oh, Levallion! Won't you be less hard on me? If you let me come here and be friendly with your wife it would set things right again. It kills me to be alone without a friend in the world."

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"What things? What do you mean?" sharply. She dared not tell him. He would never help her if he knew.

"Nothing much." she said, shivering, only halfartificially. "I've lost all my money, and—and people seem to have dropped me! To stay in your house with the duchess might help me."

"Has she dropped you, too?" he inquired, wondering if, after all his careful analysis, she was not such a fool as she seemed.

"I don't know." I haven't seen her lately," though she knew well enough.

Levallion's hawk eyes narrowed as he peered at her in the rainy darkness. Her wet hair strayed in lank locks down her face, that for once was not smiling. (How he had grown to loathe Hester's smile!) He put up a suspicious hand on her thin shoulder and recoiled. She was wet to the skin, her thin house-dress a sticky, sopping mass.

"I ook here. Hester!" he said almost kindly.

sold me up for the principal and interest." Only desperate hope made her speak the truth. "I tell you, Levallion, I haven't a sou!"
"For an astute woman you haven't managed well," he said, after what seemed a long time. "If you had five hundred a year allowed you, quarterly, do you think you would be able to stay at home in the evenings?"

Five hundred a year to the woman who had had five times as many thousands spent on her! But she swallowed her rage, her contempt at his beggarly offer.

"I suppose—I could," she said slowly, "But—oh! it's not my poverty that hurts me, it's—"
"Do go home, I beg of you!" said Levallion, coldly. "You are not yourself. And, remember that you shall be supplied with what I consider an adequate income if you will leave this place and live elsewhere"—for, after all, he could not let the woman starve, dire and evil as had been her sins against him.

"I'll go—I'll do anything," she muttered, with a sudden exhaustion that made her clutch the dripping bushes beside her. "But listen to me first. In spite of everything, I care for you still. I'd do anything for you. I've no pride left. If you will come and see me sometimes, your marriage shall be as if it had never happened—"
"Have the goodness," interrupted Lord Levallion icily, "to leave my marriage out of the question. It concerns me, because it kills me to see you taken in deceived!" she cried fercrely, and so

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"It concerns me, because it kills me to see you
taken in, deceived!" she cried fiercely, and so
quickly that he could not stop her. "You could
have seen it for yourself, not ten minutes ago,
if you had not been besotted about her. Ask
your wife what she knows about Adrian Gordon,
and why she did not marry him," utterly reckless now as to whether her lie about Adrian's
wife were found out or not. "She was engaged
to him fast enough; but he was poor and you
were rich. It was better to marry you, and have
him come and stay in your house. Ask Sylvia
Annesley—but she'll lie to you! Ask that bigeyed brother of hers, who never lets his sister
out of his sight. She never loved you, and she
can love—in her girl's way! Not like me, for
I'll love you till I die. Oh, Levallion!" panting,
wild, she seized his arm, "don't throw me over!
Think of the boy, think how I have no world
but you!"
"Don't touch me," said Levallion, with a sudden acrid fury, as if he had waked from some
bad dream in which he was bound and speechless. "Go!"
"Say that if you're ever miserable—unhappy—
yor'll come hack to me!" She was pleading for

less. "Go!"
"Say that if you're ever miserable—unhappy—you'll come back to me!" She was pleading for her very life, as a fool does when death is certain. "Levallion!"

A curious stiffness came over the man from head to foot. When it broke he would have no power over tongue or hand; and this was a woman.

woman.

"Go away. Be quick!" he said hoarsely. "Because of what's past you shall have your money, but not if you stay in my village. Your lies—"

"They're truth" contemptuously. "Ask, ask, and you'll see. She was so close to him that he felt her breath en his face. "Then perhaps you'll come to me."

"If you were dying in the gutter I would not come to you," he spoke so evenly that she did not know that death stood closer to her than even Lord Levallion. "If you crawled after me on your knees, I would not change to you—or the boy! No matter what happened, neither you nor he shall ever get anything from me but the bread I would give to a beggar. Do you understand?" and in the dark she could not see his face. face

"Oh! you think so now, I know. But when you find her out—"
That curious strained rigidity seemed to drop from him like a garment. A dreadful, fiery pain shot through his heart, ran in his blood, curved

his fine hands.

"Go!" said Levallion thickly, "before I kill you with my hands." But as he turned on her she

"Go!" said Levallion thickly, "before I kill you with my hands." But as he turned on her she had seen his eye.

She shrauk away and ran, madly, where she neither knew nor cared. She had gone too far with him! He would murder her out here in the dark. Her dry, shut throat could make no sound in the terror that would not let her scream. Trembling, stumbling, falling and getting up again, Hester Murray fled through the darkness and rain. Her gown, that had been a soaked whisp, was a mass of filthy mud, her hands were caked with the clay of the roads, but she ran still, round and round sometimes, but, by degrees, more in the right direction. It was not till her breath absolutely would not come to her aching lungs and the blood beat in her face, that she came to herself and realized where she was. Alone on a country road, nearly at her own house, with not a soul following her, not a sign of those devilish eyes that had gleamed murder at her through the dark.

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"He would have killed me!" she said to her self as soon as her choking heart-beats would let her. "I'll never get anything from him but that five hundred a year that's no use. Does me." I he—" but a noise startled her, and she ran again of

side till she reached her own door.

Her wet hair down her back, her hands filthy, her black, ganzy gown an indescribable mass of mud and twigs and tatters, the blood purple in her pulsing face, she burst into her own drawing-room, where a lamp burned dimly, though there was no fire in the grate.

"Does he think I'm a fool? That I won't pay him out, if I have to break myself to do it? she cried fiercely, since her one maid went home at night, and there was no one to hear her.

"But—be the was wrong, for a man's voice answered her from the depths of a high-backed chair that was turned, away from her.

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"But what is the matter with you? Hester Murray, in her wet, unspeakable gown, sat down on one of her clean chintz chairs and told him. Whether the exact truth, or not, does not matter; but crimson-faced, glittering-eyed, she was a dreadful sight as the quick words came from her lips.

What he said, what she answered, she could not remember half an hour later, as she dragged her exhausted body up to bed, with a curiously compounded drink in a tumbler, which was to counteract the effects of exposure and fright. She fell asleep as soon as she felt the comfort of her warm bed, only muttering now and again as sleep gained on her.

"Til do it. He brought it on himself. It was—his fault. I hate him. I hate him!" and the fury of the thought wakened her for one burning, choking instant till her queer potion took hold of her, and she fell fast asleep, as they say men have done in the rack.

CHAPTER XXL

WHITE POPPIES OF OBLIVION.

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Levallion, left alone on the wet grass, had never made one step after her.

Alone, in the night and the rain, he had fought down that dreadful passion, that lonthing that had made him forget everything but the desire to be rid of a venomous thing. He fought down, too, a harder thing; that shame that comes after the breaking out of a devil's temper, whose leash has given way under the strain; and at last could turn and go into his house, join his party, as if nothing had happened.

"Well! Did you discover any one?" Lord Chayter inquired covertly.

Levallion looked at him.

"There was no one there," he said calmly, not knowing that to have told the truth would have been to put a bar in the way his young wife must travel. He could not tell Chayter what was none of his business, and might work round through the women to Ravenel.

His eyes passed his friend and found his wife.

"By ___!" said the man's mind heavily. "If ever I saw innocence, there it sits. What do I care if she was engaged to Adrian twenty times over, she did not marry me to be Lady Levallion! She married me because she was wretched, and if I would have listened to her, she would have told me, the whole story. Ask Sylvia!" he smiled as he alone could smile when his heart ached. "I would as soon ask the devil for holy water! And if Tommy did not punch my head for impertinence if I asked him—gad! I'd kick him. I'm not in my dotage that I believe the statements of an angry, hysterical woman."

But, in spite of himself, Levallion saw every action of Ravenel's through a magnifying-glass all the next day. It rained, and there was no shooting to speak of; the men were at home by luncheon-time, and up to that Lady Levallion had been with them, chaperoning Mrs. Damerel, sick and against her will, since to kill birds for pleasure was to fler a crime. And all that afternoon she never spoke to Adrian Gordon, nor he to her. They might have been utter strangers with a preconceived dislike to one another. But Adrian looked

Adrian looked like a haunted man, who deliberately turns his eyes from the sight he dare
not see.

"Levallion," said a charming voice in his ear
at tea-time, "I've an idea!"

It was Mrs. Damerel, who had for years
cherished a platonic—and unreturned—affection
for her handsome, sharp-tongued host.

Levallion repressed the obvious retort.

"Tell it," he drawled; "I never have any!"

"Let-us have a fancy ball tonight—oh! I
know there are only twenty of us, but it's enough.
The men can wear evening dress," shrewdly, "but
the women must all dress in their favorite flower,
and wear masks. We're nearly all the same
height, and it would be so amusing. Fancy,"
with a delighted laugh, "if you were to take me
for your wife!"

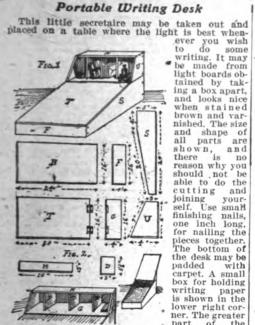
"You never gave me a chance! You refused
to poison Damerel," calmly. "Every woman her
favorite flower—delicious! But what a revelation of character! What's yours? The flower
of silence?"

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Household Conveniences

Portable Writing Desk



joining yourself. Use small
finishing nails,
one inch long,
for nailing the
pieces together.
The bottom of
the desk may be
padded with
carpet. A small
box for holding
writing paper writing paper is shown in the

is shown in the lower right corner. The greater part of the task of writing letters is getting properat hand you will find it a pleasure to keep upy your correspondence. The one in our house is in great demand and has paid for itself many times over.

Repairing Chair

When a leather-seated chair begins to sag it presents a slovenly appearance no matter how new looking and strong the rest of the chair may be.
The task of bringing to its original plumpness may be to its original plumpness may be done in this way. Turn the chair upside down and fill under the leather with excelsior, moss or cotton. It must be packed tightly and held in place by boards screwed to the under side of the seat frame. Boards

EASY AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO REUPHOLSTER.

der side of the seat
frame. Boards
from a soap box will do if cut to conform to the
shape of the chair. Put one or two in place and
you can then poke in the stuffing and make a good
tight job of it. I have tried this plan many times
and it is the best way to reupholster a sagging
seat that I know of.

Tilting Crock



A Few Cleaning Ideas

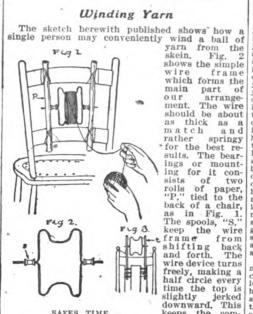
The cleaning block marked Fig. 1 is patterned after the sandpaper block used by carpenters. On the top surface are two grooves running crosswise. When the cloth is wrapped around the block it is pressed into the grooves and held there by the small strips, which also bed into the grooves. This is made clear by Fig. 2 and by the sketches "A" and "B." The cloth can



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to a point to enable the worker more easily to clean corners with it. Following this is an idea for holding broom cloths on. It consists of tying the running strings to one or two hooks driven into the broom handle. The last sketch shows a wire hook fastened to the wall at a convenient point for holding open a refrigerator door. When not in use, it hangs down against the wall.

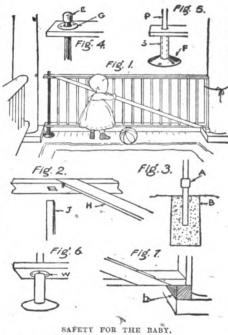


as thick as a n drather springy for the best results. The bearings or mounting for it consists of two rolls of paper, "P." tied to the back of a chair, as in Fig. 1. The spools, "S," keep the wire frame from shifting back and forth. The wire device turns freely, making a half circle every time the top is slightly jerked downward. This keeps the com-

saves time, keeps the coming-off strand always at the top. Fig. 3 shows practically the same
plan, only the paper rolls are fixed so that the
wire is entirely above the chair. I have no
hesitancy in recommending the device to ladies
who do knitting. It is my own invention and
I have used it with much success.

Porch Gate for Baby

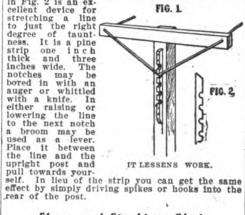
This gate is designed chiefly with the intention of making something extra strong and lasting that would not mar or scratch the porch pillars. The main part of the gate is made of an upper and lower rail filled in with spindles. The diagonal brace makes a strong and rigid frame. Fig. 2 shows the detail of joining those parts. Instead of a hinge we use a straight piece of gas pipe for a pivot. The gate swings and the pipe is fixed. In Fig. 3 we see that part of the pipe that is under the porch. "B" is a bed of concrete to hold the iron rigid; "A" is a coupling just under the porch floor. In Fig. 5, "F" is a



flange that is screwed to the floor, "S" is a sleeve or loose fitting piece of pipe that supports the gate, "P" is the three quarter inch pipe coming through the hole. In Fig. 6, "W" is a small flange screwed to the under side of the lower gate rail. It keeps the pipe sleeve from cutting into the wood. Fig. 4 is a view of the top side of the upper rail and the upper part of the pipe pivot. "G" is a flange and "E" a cap. The gate is fastened by tying to the pillar. It can be taken down any time and the only mar the porch will show is one round hole where the pipe came through. This can be neatly plugged.

Clothes-line Stretching

Clothes-lines are affected by changes in weather and shrink or stretch some every day. The strip in Fig. 2 is an excellent device for stretching a line



Shoes and Stockings Chair

convenient and decorative bedroom chair to A convenient and decorative bedroom chair to hold boots, shoes and stockings can be made by taking an old cane-seated chair, removing the cane and in its place inserting a bag about twelve inches deep made from colored drilling or other strong material. Make eight good-sized patch pockets and sew onto outside of bag to hold boots, shoes or slippers. The stockings are kept in the bag. Make a cover for the chair of thin wood (one can be bought for ten cents), and neatly cushioned with cretonne, and from the same material make a plaiting or frill that will fall nearly to the floor. Make a small loop of cretonne and attach to seat by which it is raised. The back of chair may be removed, making a next Fig. 1 shows a common scrub brush cut

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Charile and the cousins' corner again for I like to read your letters. I knew you when you were a little boy, just starting to school.

I will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson and should anyone care to write to me they can reach me by sending their letter to her. And now if you will forgive me for taking so much space I will say good by, with best wishes to you all.

Sunshing. SUNSHINE.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

Tallahassee, Fla.

For years I have thought I would write to the Sisters' Corner but never had the courage until I read Mrs. Crystal Peterson's letter. I want to say just a few words concerning homes, husbands, wives and children. I most assuredly agree with Mrs. Peterson and I wish I could shake hands with her. Yes, and children. I most assuredly agree with Mrs. Peterson and I wish I could shake hands with her. Yes, contained, I believe in trying to please your husband, to a certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does or indeed, I believe in trying to please your husband, to a certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does of certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does of certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does of certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does of certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does of certain extent, in all things but there is a limit. Does of the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them work in the morning and, of course, most of them when he her work is done and she is about to sit down and rest, perhaps her husband will ask for his pipe thinking that she doesn't mind waiting on him. In the children are undressed and put to bed and then when he might if the baby cries she must get up and quiet it and if baby wakes up earlier than usual she must get up and dress it and endeavor to keep it quiet and broken of her rest, she must wait on him. In the high the proper in the proper in the proper in

Mother of Three—Your letter brings up the Adam-old question (if we are to believe Mark Twain), should husbands be neglected because of the children. What do the sisters think about it?—Ed.

My Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Sisters:

I have enjoyed the sisters' letters for many years but never thought myself competent to write a letter until I read Mrs. V. M.'s letter. I can't see wherein she needs any sympathy at all. My dear sister, I think you are richly blessed to have such a good husband, one that is good to you and provides well for you. Even if you don't love him you certainly ought to appreciate him for I think you were lucky to get such a good man. If you could only realize the prize EDEN, MISS.

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you have won! I think you let your imagination run away with you when you think of meeting the man you would love. It would be folly to leave a kind husband for a dream, for there are few dreams that come true. Even if you ever meet the man you love, my advice is to stay with your husband for I don't think anything good could come to you by doing otherwise. Did you ever stop to think that it was the Evil One who is putting such things into your head? Don't you know that he would be giad to bring misery and discontent into your good home? Try and live a Christian life and work for the Master and I don't think you will think so much of your husband's faults, for who is there that has no faults? Let the love of God come into your heart and you will be happy.

Sheffield, 706 Atlanta Ave., Ala.

This is my first attempt at writing to this corner but I have always wanted to. I have just been reading the last issues of Comfort and they were fine, as usual. We had quite cold weather here a year ago this winter. I was in Haines City, Florida, so you see there was considerable difference in the climate. Florida is a fine place in the winter months but it gets extremely hot there in the summer. The orange and grapefruit groves were most interesting to line. The trees were full of ripe fruit when we went there (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.)

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rn-mean. White fox and other white furs can be cleansed an occasional rubbing with powdered mag-

nesia.

Black or dark brown furs, if they are the natural color of the animal and not dyed, can be freshened by rubbing them with a rag dipped in alcohol.

It is well to remember that the lining often makes a fur look shabby. Put in a new lining and turn in the worn edges of the skin all around and the fur set will be wonderfully improved.

proved.

This year, any quantity of lace is used on all really "dressy" costumes, in the form of collars, guimpes, sleeve ruffles, vests, jacket fronts, etc. The idea is a very pretty one if—and there is a great big "if" in the case—these laces are clean and fresh, for dirty lace is never anything else but revolting. It is possible to dry-clean else but revolting. It is possible to dry-clean ruffles and vests that are attached by only one side to the frock, or any sort of lace or net trimming that is not superimposed on the cloth or silk by laying the dress on a table and pulling out the ruffles or vest or whatever it is, putting white paper under this and sifting borax thickly over it. Then place another piece of paper on the top and put on a weight—an old flat-iron will do. Leave it for several hours. But be very careful in doing this that the borax does not touch the material of the frock, or it will fade it.

Old laces that are very much soiled can be

does not touch the material of the frock, or it will fade it.

Old laces that, are very much soiled can be made to look like new by steeping. Make a rather strong suds of white or naptha soap and warm water. Pour this into an old preserve jar and put the lace in. Place it in a saucepan of boiling water and let it boil slowly for an hour. When the lace is taken from the jar it should not be rubbed, but simply rinsed in cool water and then pinned out to dry. Real lace should never be ironed, as this always flattens the threads and takes away the new look. Squeeze, out the water carefully with the hands and lay the lace face down on a board. An ironing board can be used for this purpose if you cover one end with a clean piece of old muslin, stretched very tight over it and pinned on the wrong side of the board. Now pin each point of the lace through to the board, taking care, in the case of collars or vests, that the proper shape is preserved, because as the lace is pinned so will it be when it is dry. The lace should be stretched just a little bit, but be careful not to strain it. If put in properly, the pins do not leave any mark and the lace will look as it did when it came from the shop. When quite dry, gently pull the points into shape.

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Can be brought back to its former beauty by steeping in milk in a preserve jar placed in a pan of boiling water. After the stains have been removed the lace should be gently squeezed

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Silks should be cleaned with gasoline or naphtha, but be careful not to use it near a light or a fire, or it will explode.

Ink stains can be removed with milk. If possible, dip the spotted portion of the dress in a small saucer of milk and place it in a warm room. By the time the milk has soured the stain will have disappeared. The action is quicker with sour milk than with sweet, because it is the lactic acid contained in the milk that, removes the spot. The milk can then be removed like any other grease spot.

Never throw away old corsets until you are quite sure you cannot use them again. Many a pair has been given a new lease of life by careful washing and mending. Lay the corsets out on the kitchen table or any other smooth surface that will not be injured by water and then dip a nail brush or any small firm brush in hot water, rub it on a cake of naphtha soap and then scrub all over the corsets, paying particular attention to all spots and brown streaks. Rinse well and if not clean, scrub again. Dry quickly in the sun or before a fire to prevent the steels from rusting. Now go over the corsets carefully, mending every place that needs it and putting a small piece of muslin under any spots where the material seems very much worn. Corsets will shrink a little when washed in this way, but they will soon pull into shape again after they have been worn but a very short time.

Little Charms for the Home

By Pearl U. Dougherty

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T is surprising what a difference pretty candle shades make to the appearance of the dinner table. Candles are undoubtedly most becoming, and a very charming effect is produced if the candle lights are the only lights in the room.

Color has far more influence upon our feelings and tempers than we ever realize. Often have we felt a strange depression when we entered a room, while then again, another room will inspire one with cheerfulness and brightness. It is all a question of color, and color is an important point to be considered when you are choosing your candle shades.

Avoid blues, greens and mauves, as they shed a wierd and sickly light. Pink, orange and red are good, and a pale lemon may also be used, but a medium shade of yellow with a brown tone in it, is to be avoided.

When your table is adorned with red, pink or yellow flowers, match them in silk or paper for your candle shades of pale pink; and pale yellow shades for blue flowers. It is quite easy to make these candle shades, and far cheaper than buyil, them ready made.

For a foundation, use little wire frames, and always use an asbestos frame underneath. With regard to material, for economy's sake, paper can be used and very excellent results can be obtained; or one can often pick up cheap remnants of chiffon or silk that make charming shades.

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gives the room a quaint, and at the same time, attractive appearance. Cretonne also has been used with charming effect, if the patterns chosen are in soft pinks and gray-greens with a touch of blue.

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An attractive treatment for the dining-room may be had by the use of a good quality of cretonne in Colonial design, showing roses in deep dull reds and soft greens. It will add a note of cheerfulness and brightness to any dining-room in which it is used. If double doors separate this room from another, portieres of plain old-rose homespun will finish the room most charmingly.

A beautiful effect can be created in a Colonial living-room by using one of the new English chintz patterns of cretonne which are printed on a black ground. Secure a pattern showing a delightful combination of flowers and birds in typical chintz colorings, and the dull black background by contrast makes it doubly charming.

The making of new furnishings in crochet and linen for the home means just so many additions to the housewife's store of durable things, since the materials will wear for years and yet preserve their beauty.

Modern reproductions of antique crochet in bird, animal and floral crochet patterns are among the special favorites for chair-back pieces, tray covers and cushion tops, while conventional running patterns for insertions and edgings are combined with linen for bed and couch-covers, table-covers, scarfs and cushions. Coverlets and tidies of a century ago are rich in quaint and beautiful designs for adaptation.

Cushion designs in all crochet are made more striking in effect when lined with silk or satin in a contrasting color. Linen thread or carpet warp should be used for a living-room cushion, with a lining of green or gold, and white thread for a bedroom nap pillow, over blue, pink or yellow.











W TO MAKE A LAWN

Delayed Mails

Complaints that January COMFORT had not reached them at the usual time have come to us from so many subscribers that we feel called on to explain.

Our January and February issues were gotten out and mailed on time as usual, notwithstanding the Monday closing, each week, by order of the Fuel Administrator. Likewise this present March number is being mailed seasonably.

Please understand, therefore, that if one or more of these numbers of COMFORT have failed to reach you in due season, it was because of delay in transporting the mails, and NOT our fault.



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"Why send our young men to fight the battles of France and England in Europe? Why not keep our army at home to devend America when the Germans come over here to attack us? These are questions that we frequently hear. The answers are simple and convincing.

First. We are not fighting the battles of France and England. For three and a half years they have been fighting our battles as much as their own. That world-conquest is the aim of Germany and that the Kaiser's plan from the first has been to attack America as soon as he's done with Europe, is proven beyond a doubt by his declarations quoted in recent bulletins issued by our Government without the help or sympathy of the Allies, as should have to fight Germany after this war is over, and make the fight all by ourselves without the help or sympathy of any other nation on earth.

Third. What suicidal idiocy it would be to have our homes ravaged with fire and sword by choosing America instead of Europe as the battle ground of our war with Germany!

Some idea, of what French and Belgian homes have suffered from the fiendish cruelty of the German invaders can be had from the following statement of a reliable eye-witness.

A prominent New York minister, who has spent some months on the battle-fronts of Europe, speaking from his pulpit recently said: "The traveler of whatsoever country who has lingered for two or three months in Belgium or France has gone away a permanently saddened man. German efficiency has chiefly manifested itself in the last three years in the discovery of the science of torturing your brothers and sisters and mine. The mere catalogue of the things my eyes have seen would take weeks. I have seen a tract of devasted territory as large as Long Island where the German selfel behind not one single house, no

They asked for the young men and there were none. My husband was much older than I was. They lined up fifteen of the old men and shot them. They took all the rest of them, led them out into a large field and shot them too.' And the Prefect said, 'and your boy?' She replied: They found him in the garret. They took him down the road and I found him later hanging to a pear tree. I cut him down, took out his blackened tongue to ease his labored breath, and sprinkled his face with water. Back the Germans came, and while a lieutenant held my arms, another soldier poured oil on my boy's head and clothes. They set fire to him and while he staggered about, a flaming torch, they shrieked with laughter. There is one thing I regret. I made him die twice.'

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"There was a little town of 275 people to which the Germans came in their retreat.

"In a little stone house a story and a half high, lived a young woman whose husband was at the front, and her baby. Her two sisters also tried to find a place of safety there.

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Twelve men were told off in squads of four. Each squad was directed to shoot one of the sisters. They shot the girl of sixteen, they shot the girl of seventeen and they shot the third. They had no guns, these women and children—nothing to defend themselves with.

What if I should speak to you of the girl of fourteen who was nailed to the outside door of a cottage by her hands. What if I tell you of the hundreds and hundreds of young girls and women with mutilated breasts, and for this reason: Every German soldier is examined for syphilis by the surgeon of the regiment and only the healthy ones receive a card giving access to the camp women. If a syphilitic German contaminates a camp woman this disease is handed on to his brother and that means he will be shot. This syphilitic soldier therefore finds his only chance with the captured French girls, but having contaminated the girl he fears

Now for the letters.

BUCKLIN, MO.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl twelve years old. I have no sisters or no brothers. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am going to school and am in the sixth grade. Teacher's name is Miss Olive Arbuckle. We gave an entertainment and pie supper and had'a fine time. I was in two dialogues, pantomine, and ten songs. After the program an auctioneer sold the pies. They sold for \$43.41. Uncle Charlie you should have been here to attend our pie supper. I know you would have enjoyed it. We have bought \$13.21 worth of books, coal hod price \$1.00, water bucket price \$1.00 and a dipper price 25 cents. Our teacher is going to order a dictionary and a flag today. She is going to buy heavy wire and put over the windows so the tramps can't get into the schoolhouse. We are bothered with tramps considerably as our schoolhouse is so close to the railroad. I am janitor at school this year. My teacher says I can make such good fires, and that I always sweep and dust the schoolroom sonicely. There are 20 pupils in our school. There are nine boys and 11 girls. We have a very nice school. We have taken Comport for three years. With good wishes to all,

Thank you. Rosa, for your delightful letter.

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in January. I saw an orange grove that contained one thousand acres. From Florida we went to Alabama then to St. Charles, Louisiana, where there is an aviation camp. To say everything was interesting is putting it mildly and if I hadn't seen things with my own eyes I would have floubted that they could be done

done.

I think this war is awful. I wish it would cease, have two cousins in the army but my husband has to been called yet. If it becomes necessary for him go I will let him go willingly, even though it will be hard to see him go. We have two children, a little rl four years old and a baby boy two years old. I am a blonde, five feet, six inches tall and weigh let hundred and twenty pounds. Am twenty-three ears old.

MRS. J. E. POLK.

Mrs. Polk.—You didn't say how cold it had been in Alabama, but if it was any colder than the 36 degrees below zero that we enjoyed (?) here you have my sympathy. However, it isn't as cold as that usually and our Maine summers make up for a lot of unpleasant winter weather. Why don't you take a trip up this way some time?—Ed.

TRIBBEY, OKLA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

In reply to A. B.'s inquiry about California beer seeds, they are started from sorghum that is made when the cane is in such a stage that it causes the molasses to clabber. Dissolve the molasses and there will be a yellow sediment left in the dish. Put fresh, sweetened water on this sediment every two or three days, first drain off the stale water, and in a few days they will begin to grow. Then you have what is called California beer seed. It is used for a table beverage. beverage.
Wishing Comfort and all its readers success,
JENNIE COON.

LAWLEY, ALA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

In the November issue of COMFORT we read a letter from a "Soldier's Sweetheart," who said she thought it was a disgrace for a boy to be drafted into the army. We have brythers and sweethearts who were drafted but we don't think it a disgrace. They loved us so well that they would not leave us until they had to. And we do not call them cowards because they were drafted for we know they will serve their country as wells and fight as bravely as though they had enlisted. What do the sisters think about this?

Best wishes to all,

MAE AND ALICE BEARDEN

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Dear Comfort Sisters:

I am a young girl of sixteen, but many people think I am older because they say I have such "womanly ways." Well, it is not much to wonder at if I have as I am housekeeper for my Dad. My Mother died when I was ten years old. How I miss her! Many, yes, thousands of times, I have cried myself sick in my loneliness for her. When she died she left a ten days' old baby boy. He is still living and has as good a home as can be found. He is treated like one of the family. God bless the dear people that take care of him. I have four brothers older than myself and four younger and a sister eleven years old. Three of my brothers registered but have not been drafted at this writing. How I wish the war would end! But I suppose when our country calls, the call must be heeded. I would be proud to see my brothers wearing Uncle Sam's uniform and even to have them give their lives for the country we all love, but it would mean a vacant place that could never be filled.

I have a ten-room house to care for and keep clean and at present I am taking care of my fourteen-year-old brother. He was accidentally shot in the foot by my older brother so I am playing &ed Cross Nurse now. Besides that I have the cooking to do and sometimes I am very tired but still I am proud of my position. We are poor people, my father is in debt and sometimes it is very hard to get along. Some of you will be shocked when I tell you that I have had a boy friend and that we have kept steady company for two years. He is twenty-one years old. We have promised to be true to each other, and we have been. My brothers all like him and know him to be a "right sort of fellow." I want to ask the sisters something: Am I doing right in keeping company with him when I am so young? I don't care a snap for other boys.

God bless you every one, dear sisters, and think of me once in a while.

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Since my first letter appeared in Comfort I have been nearly swamped with letters from all over the United States, most of them asking for information in regard to homesteading in this part of the country—some were thoughtful enough to enclose stamps and I have been glad to favor them with what information I could give. Several others have written, apparently anxious for replies, but neglected to enclose postage, consequently I must answer them through the columns of this paper. *I hope they will not be offended, but homesteading is not very prosperous business the first year and I just can't afford it.

First, I wish to thank those who made suggestions as to breaking my twins of the dirt-eating habit and, I am glad to inform you that, as Mrs. Welsh of Kansas writes, "The habit just gradually were off," and I did not have occasion to try the remedies suggested.

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There is no more vacant land in this vicinity to be taken under the homestead law, as all parts of this valley were settled years ago. There are a great many homesteads taken up about thirty miles from here but I do not know whether there are any left or not. I cannot advise anyone with small means to try to make a living on a homestead. Unless you can clear, plow and fence your place, build your house and have enough to live on the first year, you'd better stay where you are until you can save enough to do so. I know whereof I speak for we are getting that experience right now and it is pretty hard scratching.

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I want to inform all those who sent me the endless chain prayer, eight in all, that I have let it go unanswered and broken the chain to smithereens. I considered it a piece of foolishness. It might have been practiced in the days of the Salem witchcraft, when people were superstitious enough to do anything, but in these days when people are educated and know there is nothing to it,—why pester people with a piece of nonsense gotten up by some one years ago. If you want to pray for the welfare of our soldiers and sailors, don't send these mimic prayers through the mail but go at it in the right way.

MRS. FRANK VAUGHN.

HIGH POINT, 408 Willowbrook, N. C.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I have taken COMFORT many years and have enjoyed the Sisters' Corner very much.

Worried Mother, I have a little boy three years old that has acquired bad habits just as your little boy has. He learned his rude ways from some of the children with whom he played, and I cannot seem to break him of his saucy talk. He will strike at his father or me when we try to make him obey. I would like to have advice from the sisters, for punishing or talking does not do any good.

I have had two little boys but my baby was taken away when he was seven months old and oh, how I miss him. The outfit I made for my babies is as follows: Three shirts, three flannel petticoats, six bands (will send pattern for band to anyone wishing it and enclosing postage; it fits very nicely), twenty-four diapers, six everyday dresses, two blankets, 24x36 inches, and two muslin petticoats. I made all these myself. I think the sewing helps pass away the time. I use white material for everything for I think baby looks sweeter in white. As for the cap and coat, I did not make those until the baby came.

baby came.

I am twenty-three years old, five feet, five and one half inches tall, have blue eyes and a fair skin. Have been married nearly five years to she of the best of Clydes.

Clydes.
With love and best wishes to all,
MRS. LILILE ROUTH.

NORFORK, R. R. 3, NEB.

I have received many helpful suggestions from the Sisters' Corner and am now going to ask a personal favor. Will some of the sisters, living in the corn belt of the Southern states, write to me. I want to know about the climate, how extreme, and the kind



By Elise Ward Morris

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HE screened end of the wide back porch was invitingly cool. The vines that clung to wire netting outside the screens made a protecting shade for the neatly set dinner table. The big kitchen, opening onto the porch, its bare floor scrubbed snowy white, was neat and orderly. The stove stood at one side, cold and neglected, though it was the dinner hour and already the men were coming in from the field. At breakfast time the fire had been allowed to go out, now the temperature of the entire house was cool despite the midsummer sun. The men, as they stepped onto the wide, unscreened end of the porch, called out a cheerful, "All ready," to the smiling woman who was busily removing smoking articles from a mysterious looking box.

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As the little group seated itself to a well-prepared meal of hot roast and vegetables with ice cold milk fresh from the cellar, one of the group stared about him with interested eyes. The new help who had been hired that morning, had come from another farm in the same community. His last employer's wife had a reputation for good things to eat.

Mrs. Simpson, his present hostess, hesitatingly asked him if he liked some particular dish.

"Why, Mrs. Simpson, I would like anything when you serve it this way out here, cool and with no flies and no heat. How in the world did you happen to think of it, and how did you cook a meal without a fire in the stove? How did you do it all?"

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cook a meal without a fire in the stove? How did you do it all?"

Mrs. Simpson smiled and nodded at the young woman who sat at her left.

"When she came here seven years ago to teach the rural school, we were all pretty ignorant, but we knew we wanted to learn. One day I asked her advice about some questions not taught in schools. I asked her how to make the children satisfied so they would not want to go away. I asked her how to make them all happier, and this is what she told me:

"'Make your home more comfortable and happy. Have a bright sitting-room for them, even though there may be two beds in the room. Give them what they will like to eat, even though it may be the same old articles of food prepared in a different way. Make a home for them if you would give them a right vision of living.'"

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repared in a different way. Make a home for them if you would give them a right vision of living.'"

To Mrs. Simpson these words had meant almost nothing. How was she to know how an attractive sitting-room looked; how was she to know how an attractive sitting-room looked; how was she to know how an attractive sitting-room looked; how was she to know how an attractive sitting-room looked; how was she to know how an seed that these things were possible, but how was she to know?

When, several years later, this same young school teacher, Mrs. Myra Tandy, was made secretary of the Middlee Tennessee Home Makers' Association, she saw the necessity of more than advice to improve home conditions in the country. The rural world is filled with women who are seger to learn, but, like Mrs. Simpson, they do not know the very opening sentence in this book of home science. The Home Makers' Association is not only telling the farm women in Tennessee that perfectly baked bread will keep the family better satisfied, but it is showing the most simple and scientific methods of baking.

The majority of the wives of prosperous farmers are excellent housekeepers by inheritance and by training; but the other percent have homes and families too. The woman who has the knowledge and efficiency to make home comfortable frequently lacks the opportunity to put her knowledge into execution. When she must walk a quarter of a mile down a steep hill to the spring for every bucket of water, she does not feel encouraged to use it very frequently in scrubbing. When she must go out in bad weather for every plece of wood she burns, she is not tempted to cook those articles of food that require long baking, but substitutes the easier method of frying over a quick fire.

I chanced one day on a boy down South, who was working industriously in a half-acre tobacco patch.

If he explained, "because I ain't got but a half of a hoe."

The same plucky spirit is being shown by the farmer's wife. The farmer considers it a good

almost say. A fireless cooker, a washing machine, a bread mixer, a cream separator, a vacuum cleaner, a kitchen cabinet,—every article that saved time, steps and labor were purchased and put to use. Some of the articles were ordered through agents, some through the teacher' sent out by the Home Makers' Association, but all were practical and easily obtained. In one year she had repaid her debt to the bank and had the household conveniences in perfect condition, and as there was no more need of a servant, she had that amount of money to spend in any manner she chose—on clothes or on an occasional trip.

It cannot be estimated in dollars and cents what has been saved the bread-winner of the family by the little food-chopper that clamps to the kitchen table. The kitchen cabinet that holds a miniature grocery store, protects the foods from dust, mice and germs, but this is one of the least of its advantages. By concentrating all the most used articles in one spot, miles of walking are saved the housewife. Each step saved means just that much energy stored up.

By using a fireless cooker, the mother and housewife can prepare her Sunday dinner and place it in the cooker before church hour. In place of remaining in the kitchen to labor all Sunday morning to have dinner ready when the rest of the family return from church, she, too, enjoys the service and comes home to a well-cooked dinner.

"This is a business proposition," explained Mrs. Stratton, president of the organization,—a farmer's wife. "We farmers' wives are as justified in buying implements to save labor in the house as our husbands are in buying modern implements to use on the farm. The treasury is never too low to buy the sulky plow that's needed; why should it be for the washing machine or the fireless cooker?"

When one particular community suffered a siege of typhoid, one woman, who had become familiar with the rules of sanitation and home hygiene through hearing talks given by the Home Makers are trying to do and are really doing. "But," said Mrs. Tay almost say. A fireless cooker, a washing machine a bread mixer, a cream separator, a vacuum

done in the home is in keeping the young people satisfied. Ask any farmer's wife if she wants her daughter to marry a farmer. Of course she will say 'No!''

There are two reasons why the women on the farm do not want their daughters subjected to a similar life. These are the unfair apportionment of the family income and the lack of modern conveniences. These two difficulties the Home Makers are trying to remedy.

Because the young people have no means of earning money of their own on the farm, they move to the city. By doing less work with shorter hours in factories or department stores, a definite amount of money can be made each week. What have they, they think, on the farm—board, clothes and a job they can't lose.

If the workman is worthy of his tools, so the woman who does, or is to do, her share of the work is worthy of remuneration. By simplifying home duties the women are allowed more time to themselves for congenial occupations or money-earning activities. If she has time to plant and cultivate violets, she can get a ready sale for them. So with mushrooms. If chickens are raised by scientific methods, they will bring much greater returns.

The girl who moves to the city to earn money does not realize that after board and necessities are met she does not have as much as could be made at home off one hundred fowl. The Home Makers' Association is telling the young girls of the country just how to raise chickens by the latest methods. The Home Makers are also working in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture in promoting an interest in the Girls' Tomato Club.

The Home Makers' Club was organized several years ago, in direct affiliation with the Farmers' Institute, for the purpose of giving to the women on the farm the same opportunities their husbands have so long enjoyed in coming together each year. The railroads have been very liberal in making rates that have enabled a great many country women to come to the state fair in the early fall when farm activities are dull. There for three days they

"I have to work lots longer than other folks," he explained, "because I ain't got but a half of a hoe."

The same plucky spirit is being shown by the farmer's wife. The farmer considers it a good business proposition to buy a wheat binder on the installment plan, but would he consider a fireless cooker bought on the same terms a good investment, too? The farmer cannot harvest a crop of wheat without first of all putting his field in condition through systematic ploughing and sowing. He must have the proper implements, too to work with. And so the farmer's wife is waking to the need of better preparation and better implements for her work.

Only by organizing the women of each community into clubs with a regular plan of work mapped out, can real results be accomplished. This is what the Home Makers' Association did first of all. Because the women have recognized a need of better training for home work on the farm, the Home Makers' Association is sending out trained workers to lecture on home economics and tell the women in the country of the new labor-saving devices.

One woman, who had always kept one servant to help her and who, even with assistance, found the work overtaxing, discharged her help one desperate day and made a reckless plunge for freedom. She borrowed two hundred dollars from the bank at six percent, giving a mortgage on a tract of land, to which she held the deed, as security. She used every cent of the money in the house, every cent in the kitchen, I might

favor in any way I can.
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DEAR EDITOR:

I am much interested in cooking and when I have some good recipes I like to pass them on, so I enclose some that I have tested and found good. I hope you will find space for them in our Corner.

I enclose also a short poem, which you may like. I think the sentiment is very good. Surely we must try to do our best in whatever we do. I do not know the name of the author.

S Yours for success,

MINNIE O. MACKINTOSH.

Do Your Best

"Do your best and not be troubled Should some others better do, If your work should fail to please you, Don't give up, but strive anew."

"Do your best, for slighted labor Ne'er can satisfaction bring, Do it quickly, time is passing, You must seize it on the wing.

"Many duties lie before you,
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But you need not fret nor worry
If you only do your best."

Minnia Mackintosh.—Thanks for the recipes—I tried some of them and found them all that you said. I know the COMFORT sisters are good cooks, most of them, and sometimes wonder why they don't send more recipes.—Ed.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS :

Dear Comport Sisters:

Will you admit a lonely Missouri sister into your cheerful circle? I have been a subscriber to Comport for many years and have read and enjoyed it since the days of Aunt Minerva and her owls.

Mis. R. S. Shipe, your letter interested me very much and I am convinced there are many cases like yours, more the pity.

Brown Eyes, you are a sweet, brave little woman to win your husband away from his bad habits as you did and acted wisely and well. Many a woman in your place would have taken "father's" advice and left him, spoiling both your lives. Now your letter makes me feel that life is bright and happy to those who love and I believe it is the most glorious thing in the world. But my life has been pretty much of a failure because I refused the one I loved and would not listen to the pleadings of my heart but rushed blindly into marriage with another whom my parents favored and I thought if I were pleasing them I was doing my duty, regardless of my own feelings, but I find it was all a sad mistake and happiness is not always found in doing what you consider your duty. There is nothing, in my estimation, that causes more unhappiness than a mismated marriage. And now I want your advice, sisters. For ten years I have tried to be a helpful, cheerful wife, so far as circumstances would permit and though in very poor health most of the time, I have often got my own (CONTINUED ON PAGE 22.)

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Sibyl's Influence

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you, but you made me so angry, and you know I never could bear to be refused anything. Be good, now, and say you will help me; you would not like to see me driven from my present position, after holding it so many years," Ada said, striving to conciliate her companion, though such a fury of anger raged within her that she would have been glad to annihilate her on the spot could she have done so.

"No, Miss Ada, it has been a source of pride to me to know you were so well off, and I should grieve sorely should you have to lose all now. I will agree to help you in this thing until you marry and are settled in life; I will promise for nothing longer than that. Will that satisfy you?"

"I suppose it will have to, but having been brought up to expect everything, I am not going to lightly yield my claims at this late day."

"You are greedy, Miss Ada—as greedy as your poor father was, and, mark my words, you will yet over-reach yourself some fine day, and come to grief, as he did."

"Hold your tongue, Judith, and, once for all, it is decided that you will do as I want you to do?" Miss Therwin cried, almost beside herself with anger and impatience.

"I don't know whether it is or not," Madam Judith said, sullenly.

"Judith, you must—I will give you any amount that you have a mind to name, when once I can finger the gold in the Shirley coffers," she pleaded.

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"You seem to have some doubt about the matter, it seems," Judith replied, with a leer, adding, as if she enjoyed tormenting for the moment her companion; "and taking all things into consideration your chance does look mighty slim." "I was a fool to put any confidence in you, Jude; but I've done it now, and it can't be helped—only I have not quite committed myself beyond redemption yet, seeing I have not told you who the parties are. I would be willing to promise you five thousand pounds, though, if you would carry my plans out as I want you to." "Well, well, Miss Ada, I don't pretend to any great amount of goodness, as you very well know, and I'm as glad to earn a handsome sum as any one I ever saw, only you've made me mad by throwing out so many slurs regarding the past, and I felt like kind of paying you back. I'll do your dirty work this time, if you'll agree to pay me well, but what's going to support me meantime?"

"Oh, I will take care that you have everything to make you comfortable; and now I want this thing accomplished just as soon as possible. You can take this, find yourself some comfortable rooms, and furnish them well, but not showily, and prepare yourself for the campaign before you. Just as soon as you are ready let me know," concluded Miss Therwin, handing her at the same time a folded bill.

Judith took it, deliberately unfolded it, and seemed satisfied with the result, for she said, more brightly than she had yet spoken:

"Well, I think you may expect to hear from me in the course of three or four days, at the farthest."

"All right, but be very cautious about making acqualintances or letting any one know aught of your business or past life."

"Wery well; but there is one other thing I wish you to speak about. I want you to dress in black, wear nice-looking though common caps, and lace kerchief; in fact, make yourself look just as attractive on very

in order to win all parties of the house,"

"I will attend to that; the proofs that you will have in your possession will be incontestable," Miss Therwin replied, with a light in her eye which made her companion regard her in

able," Miss Therwin replied, with a light in her eye which made her companion regard her in wonder.

"Good gracious, Miss Ada!" she said, "you look just as if there was a volcano inside of you, just ready to burst out at your eyes."

"Look out, then, that you don't arouse its slumbering fires," Ada said, striving to speak lightly, yet really feeling as if the woman's comparison was not inapt.

"You will remember that henceforth your name is Sylvia Henrietta Stillman," Miss Therwin remarked, with a peculiar look and emphasis.

"Oh, yes, I shall not forget, since it is nothing new for me to change my name, you know," Judith returned, with a bitter laugh, while a bright spot settled upon either cheek. "I suppose," she added, a moment after, "that you will allow me to prefix the Mrs. before it for propriety's sake?"

"Certainly, it will be advisable for you to do so, at least, until you are ready to make your revelations and claim your long-lost comfort," responded Miss Therwin, coolly, and she saw her guest depart with a feeling of infinite relief and satisfaction.

"That thing is settled," she said. "Judith will not go back on her word, and there is no reason now why my plans should not succeed, if I can only make them believe it all. I must write to her ladyship, the Countess of Shirley, tonight, and if she is only as obliging as I have reason to hope she will be, all will go well.

CHAPTER XII.

HOLDING THE FORT.

Count Egbert Shirley, of Shirley Court, Lancaster, England, was a peer, descended from an old, illustrious and very wealthy family.

His country-seat was in Lancashire County, where he spent most of his time when Parliament was not in session, while at that time he was, of course, in London.

Very beautiful was the Countess Hortense, and a very queen in the brilliant circles in which she moved, both before and after her marriage.

Four lovely children had been born to them, every one of whom they had been deprived of, and at last, in their loneliness, they had adopted Ada Therwin, the only child of a distant relative of the countess.

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of the countess.

The child was bright and promising, and the Lady Hortense, whose childless heart yearned for the motherless girl, resolved to take and care for her as her own, thinking thus to brighten in some degree her own desolate home.

She was proud of the girl's cleverness, her beauty and accomplishments, as she grew toward womanhood, but bitterly disappointed in the disposition which she manifested. She was cold and selfish beyond description; seeking only her pleasure and amusement, without a spark of gratitude for all the kind care which she had received for so many years.

She never displayed an atom of love for either the countess or her husband, and often exhibited impatience and irritability under their caresses which annoyed and distressed them beyond measure.

As Ada grew older, however, she began to

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As Ada grew older, however, she began to realize more the necessity of yielding her will, and appearing to appreciate the care bestowed on her, if she cared to retain through life the position which they had given her as a child—that of a daughter. She began to realize what the daughter of Count Shirley would inherit—what vast possessions would be hers, as there was no one to whom they would descend by right—and gradually a change came over her. She was rather more submissive and gentle outwardly, though at heart she grew, if possible, more cold and selfish than ever.

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OILING THE SCALP WITH A MEDICINE DROPPER

and with the hands rub and manipulate until a heavy lather covers the head. Rinse. Apply the jelly again, and wash and rub and manipulate, rinsing once more. If you have a bath spray, use it for rinsing; if not, pour water on the hair from a pitcher held high, and do it over and over and over again. Dry the hair in the sun, constantly shaking.

See that brush and comb are thoroughly washed in warm, soapy water, and dipped in tepid-rinsing water to which borax has been added, and then well dried. Cleanse your brush at least twice a week, and dry thoroughly before using.

using.

Answers to Questions

F. I. M.—Here is an exercise for the arms that will help to develop them:

To Develop the Arms

Stand erect, heels together, chest out, chin up. Raise the arms on a level with the shoulders, stretched out perfectly straight toward the sides. Close the fingers of each hand tight. Now open them quickly and reach with the fingers wide apart as if trying to grasp something beyond reach. Repeat many times. You will feel this in the forearm as well as in the fingers, and it will develop the arm muscles.

MAMIE.—Last month I gave a talk for the girls of fourteen or so, about doing their hair, so that is

normal.

G. R. L.—Yes my dear, you are below weight. For your height, five feet, five inches, you ought to weigh about one hundred and thirty at your age, and could weigh one hundred and forty when older, so get to work and gain those necessary pounds. I have given lots of advice in the recent issues of COMFORT about gaining weight and I presume you have read and are following them. That's what you should be doing. I can't tell how long it will take to kill the hair on your lip by the peroxide and ammonia, but since you say it has already lightened in color until it can scarcely be seen, I should say you are getting good results and before long the hair will fall out.

A good exercise to develop the calves of the logs.

"And you, my good fellow," said the lady visitor at the convict prison to No. 48, "what are you here for?"
"They said I stole a piano, mum:"
"And did you?"
"Well, mum," said No. 48, thinking that the benevolent woman might exercise some influence on his behalf if he told her the truth, "to be quite honest. I did. But there were extravagating circumstances. I was hungry. I did it in a moment of weakness, mum, and—"
"Weakness!" gasped the vistor. "My goodness! What would you have stolen in a moment of strength?"—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. A good exercise to develop the calves of the legs is this:

To Develop the Legs.

Standing with heels together, rise on the tips of the toes, keeping the back straight. Now, without bending the back, sink into a squatting position, keeping the heels off the floor. Rise to a standing position again without touching the hands to the floor; they should be on the hips. Practice this for ten or fifteen times twice a day and the calves of your legs will soon show results. What do you do in the way of outdoor exercise? Tennis, rowing, walking, swimping, or what? Do something!

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Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires five and one eighth yards of 44-inch material for a 36-inch

IME has brought us into another season, and despite the worry and thought of war and food conservation, we must take heed that we and ours require new clothes.

We may find relief in the thought that prevailing fashions are following the lines of the past season, with of course some pleasing changes and new features.

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Skirt-lines will be narrow and stream of the word that the wool takes the control of the past takes the properties of ready-made garments are hesitating about patting them on the market, and when one considers comfort, grace and crowded conservation whether bustles will be used on waists and goowns. Fichus and broad collars in every conceivable outline are very fashionable.

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2369—A Pretty Frock for Slender Figures. The model here shown is lovely for velvet, serge or satin. It may also be made of velour, gabardine or volle.

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2122—Ladies' One-piece Dress. This popular design is easy to develop and suitable for silk or wash fabrics. The tucks could be omitted. Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 42 inches bust measure. It requires eight yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

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design.

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Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. It requires for a medium size, four and three eighths yards of 36-inch material.

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2054—A Practical and Simple Style. Gingham, chambray, linen, percale and lawn are good for this style. The sleeve is in wrist or elbow length.

Out in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires five and three fourths yards of 44-inch material for a 36, inch size.

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2074—Ladies' "Cover All" Apron. Striped seersucker was used in this instance; checked gingham, drill, percale, linen or alpaca are equally attractive.

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The late spring, the cold, wet summer and the early frosts destroyed the supply of seed corn throughout the corn-growing states of the Upper Mississippi Valley, where the bulk of the corn is grown. In many of these states there is not a quarter enough ripe corn for seed. Every farmer in this section will need to do one or both of two things: Test his own seed corn to be sure whether it will grow or not, and if his own will not grow he must purchase seed that will, and the only way to make sure is to test the seed he proposes to purchase. Don't plant untested seed.

Testing Seed Corn

Never before was testing seed corn so important as this year. Ripe corn that looks good may not grow. In many cases not a single kernel taken from ripe and well-cared-for ears has sprouted. The early freeze, followed by warm, damp weather, was very favorable to the growth of molds, which have completely destroyed the vitality of the corn. No farmer should plant a single acre of corn this year without first giving the seed a thorough test. No one can tell by the looks of an ear whether it will grow or not. The only way is to test it. only way is to test it.

The best way is to test each individual ear. This is a slow process, but it can be done by taking a few kernels from each ear and keeping tilem separate from each other, marking each ear and each set of kernels with the same number. This necessitates a test box, made as described in Modern Farmer last year, but such a test is worth both the bother and the expense.

Sugar Beets—A Profitable Crop

MERICAN farmers have given farless attention to sugar beet culture, than have those across the water. Sourcess—sugar cane grown in warm climates, and sugar beets, which the war started, Central Europe was the water country of the war started, Central Europe was the water started, Central Europe was the ware started, Central Europe was the Pins supply has been entirely cut off and the European industry seriously crippled. It is to the destruction of the beet sugar industry that the destruction of the destructi

Tankage for Hogs

Many have asked in what proportion tankage should be fed to hogs along with corn, and to these it may be said that experiments, notably those made at the Ohio station, showed that when the ration contained as much as ten per cent, of tankage, there was no marked advantage in feeding a larger proportion of tankage in the early than in the later part of the test. When as low as five per cent of the ration consisted of tankage, it was advisable to feed a larger proportion during the early part of the experiment. For dry-lot feeding of pigs three to eight months old, an average of one part of tankage to from nine to 13 parts of corn ordinarily produced greater gains with a lower feed requirement per unit of gain than rations containing larger or smaller percentages of tankage. Skim milk when fed in combination with corn, according to Bulletin 316 of the Ohio Station, has a much higher feeding value than when fed alone. There is strong evidence to indicate that as a supplement to corn, skim milk has a distinct advantage over tankage, particularly for young pigs.

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Tankage is best fed dry from a self-feeder and shelled corn is well fed in the same way. If tankage is mixed in slop, the mixture must be fed at once. Poisonous substances may develop in slop that is allowed to sour or ferment. The high price of tankage prevents its general use, but it is such a concentrated form of protein that it may usually be fed at a profit as a small part of the ration. It cannot cause contagious disease, all germs having been killed by exposure to great heat.

Community Organization to Meet the Labor Problem

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A simpler Test

A much simpler test is made by taking a few kernels each from fifteen or twenty ears selected at random from the entire supply. These kernels are placed in moist sand, or sawdust that has been previously scalded with boiling water to kill the moids. This should be kept in a warm place for five or six days,—under the kitchen stove, or in some orther place where it will not get either too warm or too cold. The sand or sawdust must be yatched and not allowed to dry out.

If the number of kernels that refuse to grow exceeds 20 per cent., the corn is too low in vitality to be used for seed. By the use of this test, large batches of corn can be examined, and if it is impossible to get another supply, poor seed may be sorted over by the use of the ear steet, the bad ears rejected and the best ones saved may be sorted over by the use of the ear test, the bad ears rejected and the best ones saved may be sorted over by the use of the ear test, the bad ears rejected and the best ones and this practice should be extended to include spring work. Many a farmer whose boys or hired by the could possibly manage during the past was the proposed of the value of his seed corn by testing his seed of the value of his seed corn by testing his seed of the value of his seed to corn. That crop needs constant cultivation to keep weeds down and the surface soil loose and fine. To accomplish this, steady help is necessary, and that is going to be sorely lacking, therefore concentration of effort will lead farmers to seed greater attorn of effort will lead farmers to seed greater attorn of effort will lead farmers to seed greater attorn of effort will lead farmers to seed greater attorn of effort will lead farmers to seed greater attorn of effort will lead farmers to seed greater attorn of the feeding of man.

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some barley and spring wheat, no doubt, will go in the same way; but it would be better to plow every field on old farms and where manure has been spread or where noxious weeds abound.

As teams and plowmen may not suffice for this work, and time will be short in which to get it done, it would be well to consider the practicability of community ownership, or leasing of large tractor plows. It pays men to invest in threshing outfits for neighborhood work, and we are wondering whether tractors might not be employed in the same way to do plowing and other farm work by the day, hour or job. These matters should be taken up with councils of defense, county agricultural agents, experiment stations, and implement dealers, and manufacturers, for we honestly believe that in many districts such outfits would this spring find plenty of work to do at profitable figures.

Meanwhile let us not selfishly believe that charity begins—and ends—at home, or that "every man for myself" is a good working policy in these times of stress and peril, but let every community of farmers work in unison for the good of all concerned. Such work requires leadership, and that should be arranged for at once at neighborhood meetings.

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Beware Slovenly Work

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The temptation this year will be great to "smear over" the work in preparation of the soil for crops. Where the land was fall-plowed—and lucky is the man who got a considerable area of the farm plowed in fall before the boys went to war—a single disking may suffice, if the dragging then is done thoroughly. When it is impossible to plow the corn stubbles, however, and the land is heavy and weeds so thick that disking is necessary, a single disking rarely gives a sufficiently fine "tilth" for small grain, especially wheat or barley. We believe in double disking such land, if it is possible to get the work done, and then to drag (harrow) often enough to obtain a fine, mellow, porous seed bed.

It scarcely will pay to rush the crop in "any old way," because help is scarce. Indeed, we think that a small area, well prepared and seeded to the best of seed, will be likely to pay better than a greater area carelessly prepared and seeded to weedy, poor quality seed.

Corn, tobacco and cottom particularly need thorough preparation of the soil if they are to do well. Patriotic farmers will be less concerned about the tobacco crop this year, and we hope that much land previously devoted to that crop will this year be seeded to grain; but it behooves every farmer to give necessary crops as good care and cultivation as possible. To that end we strongly advise against drilling in corn this year. We must keep our farms clean, now that help is scarce, and the better prepared corn and cotton land is, the cleaner will it prove during the growing season. If the corn land is well prepared, and the harrows are kept going until the plants are up a few inches, after cultivation will be easy. Such harrowing is more necessary where corn is drilled, but no matter how well it is done, the drilled corn will become foul with rag weed and foxtail later on, despite constant use of the horse-cultivator. Checkrowing means clean corn, and a maximum yield of matured ears, and on clean, thoroughly dragged land the work is ligh

Applying Manure in Spring

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On the average farm, manure hauled and spread on the hay and grass ,land during winfer will prove most economical and valuable and it should be spread thin, with a manure spreader, not put on thickly by hand. In many instances where help has been scarce and the winter long and intensely cold, it has been impossible to haul out the manure daily before the spring season set in and on such farms disposal of the manure to the best advantage is sometimes a puzzle. The tobacco and cotton grower, or producer of any special crop, usually concentrates all of the manure upon the field where his special crop is to be grown. He puts it on thick, plows it under and works the land to a fine tilth before seeding. On the average farm the land is so wet and soggy when the frost is coming out that manure spreading is rendered impossible. On such farms and under such conditions it then is best to get the oat crop into the ground just as soon as possible, and without manure, cultivating it in off clean corn-stalk ground by preference, and then top-dress barley land with rotted manure, if such is on hand, and either plow it under or disk it thoroughly before seeding. Disking in rank manure is a poor plan, as the seeder cannot work properly on such land and the harrows also clog badly. All rank manure should be plowed under on fall plowed sod or stubble or on fields where fall plowing was not done. It should be spread as perfectly as possible before plowing and all manure that cannot be plowed under should be turned and rotted to get it into short condition and then should quickly be thinly spread upon hay and pasture land, but this should not be done after the grass is well up, nor is it well to delay spring plowing of sod until the grass has got a good start. All manure that is found impossible to haul and spread or plow under in spring should be collected in a compact heap, spread out four or five feet deep, to be covered with straw or earth, turned once or twice and used as a top dressing immediately a

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Once a week we give them a meal of stale bread which has been steeped in skim milk and squeezed almost dry agaia, for we have lots of skim milk, and the bread we get from a baker in town for twenty-five cents a barrel. Freight costs another twenty-five cents, but even at fifty

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The parent birds take all the responsibility of feeding and raising the young right up to the time when they are ready for market. The hen bird lays two eggs, with one day intervening, which take eighteen days to incubate. After the eggs are hatched, both birds devote their entire energies to feeding the youngsters for about two weeks, for both have the power to secrete the predigested substance often called pigeon's milk, on which nestlings are exclusively fed for the first few days. At the end of two weeks the hen has usually laid two more eggs in the second nest, so that by the time the squabs in the first nest are ready for market, the second eggs are ready to hatch. It is this double family which necessitates two nests for each pair of birds.

Cleanliness is even more imperative in the pigeon house than in the henhouse. Never neglect to scald out the earthernware nest and whitewash the compartment it stands in, every time squabs are removed for market, for it is only by such rigid system that the place can be kept in sanitary condition. Pigeons must have shell, salt and charcoal to be healthy, so there should be a self-feeder with three compartments in each house. When ordering, specify that the oyster shell is for pigeons, as it is to be broken up smaller than for the hens. The rock salt and charcoal should be ground to about the size of rice. During the heavy breeding season we crush most of the grain, and always peas, for when the parent birds are rushed for time between their two nests they are very liable to pick up whole grain and feed to the young birds before they are able to digest it. Before we discovered this carelessness, we often had a dead squab in the nest. The feed boxes can be kept filled up, as pigeons never overeat, and must have access to food at all times when they have young ones to feed.

If you start with a few pairs of birds, the best way to increase the number is to sell the



The Girl He Loved

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"Then we may?" cried Mrs. Damerel, and boped she blushed, though it would have taken sharper eyes than Levallion's to see it. "I'll tell Lady Levallion. My flower, indeed! We will all be quite secret, and you can guess when you see us." abandoning her choice of the rose of silence for the more exciting mistletoe of kisses. "Oh, Levallion! don't you think the duchess would be lovely as a cauliflower?" in a wicked whisper. "She is so like one."

"I'll inquire," said Levallion briskly, and he did, with Mrs. Damerel's compliments, perfectly aware the duchess detested her.

Ravenel jumped at the proposal, since it would be better than nothing, would pass the time, of which she yet grudged every hopeless, useless minute, since they only brought the day nearer when Adrian would be gone. She looked at the tea-gowned women around her with some interest, though before they had been to her little more than moving shadows who yet must be entertained and amused.

There were only seven, counting herself and the Duchess of Avonmere; for Levallion had no opinion of people who asked ten ordinary husbands and wives to their houses and expected it to be a cheerful gathering. Thirteen men, of whom only two were husbands, kept things stirring. It was no business of Levallion's, where the three uninvited husbands had betaken themselves.

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"I believe," she said to herself, "that I know what flower each one of those women will choose!" and she laughed as she sent an order to the greenhouse that every one was to have exactly what their maids asked for.

The thought of her own favorite flower took the color from her cheek. Oh, the white may that had filled the whole world that day that she and Adrian parted—forever—without knowing it. Never again would Lady Levallion smell may of her own free will. She looked up almost guiltily as Levallion spoke to her under cover of getting Mrs. Damerel's second cup of tea.

"You look tired; slip away and rest," he advised, with a look of coldness that was not like him—to her. "And be wise in time, Ravenel; don't wear real flowers tonight, unless you want to resemble the sweepings of Convent Garden!" Lady Levallion nodded.

"It was that shooting; it made me feel sick," hastily; and if he did not believe her, seeing Adrian's face and hers, he liked her courage. If she had come to him and cried and confided, he would have despised her even while he dried her tears. To ease your own soul by piling your (Continued on page 25.)

Mating with kindred blood for one year will not weaken the stock at all, so you can safely use the pullets next year with new male birds, as you suggest.

M. L.—Comfort does not publish any free books on poultry, but we are always glad to give our readers all the information we can in this column.

L. L.—If the birds have always shown the same erratic condition in their droppings, I should imagine they were overfed as youngsters, and have chronic indigestion, but the dry mash which you say is always before them, may cause the irregularities. Notice if the yellow relaxed condition appears each time the hopper is freshly filled. It may contain dried beef scraps which the hens can pick out and eat to excess. It is safer to use meat meal in dry mash that is always before birds, unless you have an automatic hoffper that only allows a very small quantity to come within the birds' reach. Better try a different mash, or feed moist once a day just what the birds would eat up clean in ten minutes.

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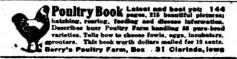
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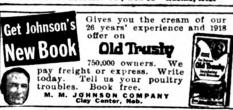
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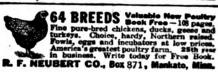














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Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl. st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw that thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of rolf along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; c., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of sts. in preceding row; sk., skip, to miss or omit number of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., pa

Garments to Meet Individual Needs

FTER explaining the stitches used in knitting, last month, in this article the desire is to give workers who have mastered the actual manner of working, a clear idea how this knowledge can be used to make garments to meet their individual needs.

It is most usual to find in new, as well as in experienced knitters, that they are absolutely incapable of making just what they wish to, unless exact directions for proceeding can be obtained.

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This difficulty can be easily remedied if one will put their mind on the matter, and bear in mind that in knitting any garment or article, one is making a piece of fabric knit to a special size and shape.

If one has a clear idea of what this should be and its relation to the whole garment, then both novice and experienced knitter should be able to originate, or at least modify patterns obtainable, to suit their particular needs. A comprehensive view of the laws governing the shaping of knitted garments will prove of much more value to the earnest worker than any definite set of directions; therefore the question which naturally arises, is, just how should one proceed to make a garment of a certain kind and size without accurate directions?

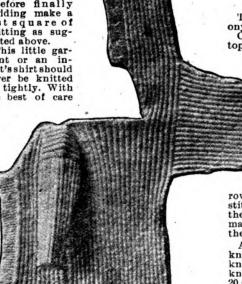
Upon deciding on the best sort of material to use and the right sized needle for the particular article in mind, cast on a couple of dozen stitches and knit or rib until one has a couple of the month of the state stitches and knit or rib until one has a couple of inches, measure this work, counting the number of stitches to the inch, then measure the back front, sleeve, collar or whatever one desires to make, multiply the number of stitches by the number of inches required and cast on the needed number of stitches. For instance, if one is to make the back of a sweater measuring 20 inches and one's sample gives an average of four stitches to the inch, cast on 80 stitches and the finished work will measure 20 inches.

20 inches.

In proving one's work in this way, if the needle used makes the knitting either too loose or too tight, use a different size to remedy this. In knitting for a baby the easiest garment to practice on is a knitted band as this is perfectly straight. For summer wear use two-fold Saxony and for winter threefold Saxony. In purchasing this yarn it is wise to select a soft but well twisted make, as it is to stand constant associa-

soft but well twisted constant association with the washtub.
As to needles, a loose knitter should use a No. 18 steel and a tight knitter a No. 16 or perhaps larger.
Before finally deciding make a deciding make a test square of knitting as sug-

This little garment or an in-fant's shirt should never be knitted too tightly. With the best of care



INFANT'S SHIRT WITH SIDE SEWED UP.

the wool is certain to shrink somewhat and this should be allowed for. Another reason why too tight knitting should be avoided is because a garment which clings too closely is apt

As to shape this little garment is always straight up and down, with shoulder straps and a little flap which is attached to the lower edge of the front in the center.

If of Saxony and the proper needles, cast 60 stitches on each of three needles and knit in rounds of k. 2, p. 2, until work measures nine inches, make inch and a quarter wide shoulder straps and a two-inch wide flap which can be rounded off to a point by decreasing one stitch each end of needle, every other row after having knit an inch and one half. This garment can also be made on two needles and sewed together if one prefers.

Infant's Shirt

This little garment as shown in our illustration should give one a very clear idea of the manner of making it, for which directions are given below. The work is commenced by casting on the stitches for the lower edge of the back; ribbing is begun immediately and continued until the back is long enough, then the stitches are divided into three portions for the neck and shoulders. The first third is worked, slipped on safety pin the second portion or slipped on safety pin the second portion or number of stitches are bound off for the neck

and upon the last portion is worked the first side of the front, followed by the other front and the sleeves.

the sleeves.

To make a shirt for a larger child one proceeds in the same manner but knitting to measurements of the length and size of the child's body. A length of ten inches for the first sized shirt provides for a high neck. If a low-necked shirt is preferred the back should be an inch shorter.

Two skeins threefold white Saxony, one pair No. 10 and one pair No. 11 steel knitting needles are required. This little garment is ribbed in both body and sleeves and buttons in the front.

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On No 10 needles cast 92 stitches for lower edge of back. K. 2, p. 2 until work measures a full 10 inches, then divide for shoulders and neck as follows, rib 24 stitches as usual, knit and bind off 44 stitches for neck, run the 24 stitches last knitted on safety pin, and work on 24 remaining stitches ribbing 20 rows, increasing one stitch at the inside of neck end of each row.

At end of 20th row at neck end, cast on eight stitches; there should now be 52 stitches upon needle. Turn, knit 8, rib balance as usual. Always knit the eight stitches which form band down the front. Knit until front measures eight inches, 52 stitches wide. Bind off loosely.

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Knit on 24 stitches on opposite shoulder in the same way. On this side make buttonholes in strip down the center. Knit 12 rows after casting on 8 stitches.

13th row.—Beginning at front end, k. 2, k t front end, K. 2, K. and bind off 3, k. 2 and rib across as usual.

14th row.—Rib as usual, then k. 2, cast on 3, k. 2. Make a buttonhole in every 12th row down the 13th row down the front.

For the Sleeves

Fold bottoms of shirt together and pick up, stitches on one side for three inches on either side of the shoulder. This will give sleeve six inches in width. Pick up 92 stitches and work in ribbing of depth of one inch. On next row and at end of every third row narrow one stitch until 72 stitch-es remain. Work without decreasing

without decreasing until sleeve is four and one half inches long. Change to finer needles and knit one and one half inches for the cuff. Make other sleeve to match.

With finer needles pick up stitches around neck and knit a row of holes as follows; k. 1, * over, k. 2, tog., and repeat from * to end, k. 4 rows in ribbing and bind off.

Sew up from wrist to bottom on each side making a flat seam, add small pearl buttons and run linen bobbing or narrow ribbon through holes of neck.

Baby's Stockings

11th row.—K. 2, o., k. 2, tog., and repeat to end of row. Knit 11 rows plain. This forms top band through which ribbon is

23rd row.-K. 31, turn, k. 11, turn, k. 12. Continue in this way, always knitting 1 extra stitch until all the side stitches have been taken up. K. 36 rows.

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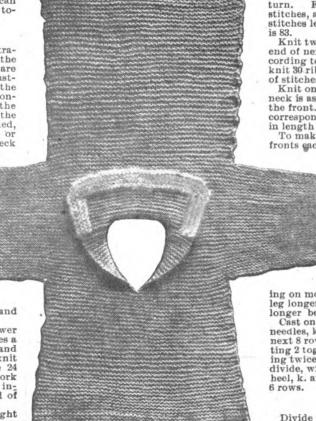
K. 5 rows and again make a narrowed row. Repeat last six rows three times, then knit six rows. The last row should contain forty-two stitches. First instep row.—K. 11, and run them on to a thread. K. 20, then run the remaining 11 sts., on to another thread. Upon the 20 center stitches k. 40 rows for instep tab.

At the end of the last row turn pick up and

At the end of the last row turn, pick up and knit 20 stitches along that side of tab, then knit the 11 stitches held on the cord. Turn, knit to other corner of tab, pick up and knit 20 stitches along that side, then take the remaining stitches from the cord, making 82 stitches upon needles.

Knit ten rows, then ten rows more, and in every second row of the last ten rows, narrow after knitting five stitches each side of the center, and in the final four rows narrow one stitch at each end of every other row. Bind off and sew the stocking up. Finish the top with small crocket scallon.

This garment may be very easily made to fit any sized child if one will first prove their work with the yarn and needles to be used and then make to required measurements as previously explained on this page. Cast on the stitches and work from the bottem of back up to armife then cast on stitches for one sleeve. to armpifs, then east on stitches for one sleeve, knit on these across back and cast on for other



INFANT'S SWEATER. NO. 1.

sleeve, cast off for neck the same as in making the shirt. Knit to wrist, turn back to neck, and there cast on about one half as many stitches as were bound off for neck. Knit until sleeve is twice the number of ribs it was when neck was reached then bind off loosely from wrist end same number of stitches as were cast on for sleeve. Make four or six ribs more on front and then slip these stitches on pin. Knit other side to match then slip all from stitches on one needle and finish the front. In doing this if yarn on first knitted front ends on arm side of the front, after knitting across the second side from under the arm to center of front, run this needle through stitches on pin, turn and knit as usual.

front, run this needle through stitches on pin, turn and knit as usual.

Sweater illustrated is of fourfold Saxony, worked on No. 3 needle.

Back: 50 stitches wide, 9 inches to sleeves.

Cast on 25 stitches for sleeves, k. 18 ribs, from wrist k. 40 stitches, slip on pin, bind off 20 for neck, k. 40 stitches, turn, k. 40 stitches. Cast on 12 stitches, k. on these 52 stitches for 18 ribs. Bind off 25 stitches loosely, k. 4 ribs this completes one sleeve and part of front. Make the other side to correspond, slip front stitches on one needle as just explained and knit to length of back.

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Of back.

Cuffs: Pick up stitches on sleeves and rib for two inches for cuff.

Collar: Holding outside of back of garment towards one tie extra yarn in sixth stitch from edge of lapel in front as it is folded back towards sleeve or lying as here pictured, carry edge of lapel in front as it is folded back to-wards sleeve or lying as here pictured, carry this thread along drawing up one loop through each stitch, across back and to within six stitches of end of opposite lapel. Knit back and forth for two inches then across width of collar knit four ribs of white Angora or Saxony, increasing one stitch at end every other row, bind off. Pick up stitches along side of collar, increase to form corner and make front edge straight, sew this to six stitches of lapel and sew up the corners with white wool. Entire collar of one color could of course be made instead. Sew up sweater from bottoms to under arms and from wrists to the same point.

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To make a sweater which will be sure to fit, take your measurements and prove your work as heretofore explained.

These directions, if followed using Scotch yarn and No. 5 needle, will result in a sweater for a slight girl or No. 34 figure. Directions can be followed in general and will result satisfactorily of other materials if one will but prove their work instead of making a guess.

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The length of any sweater can be decided by measuring the back from the arm pits and due allowance should be made for stretching, as all knitting will do so more or less, according to whether the work is close and firm, or loose.

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To determine the length of sleeves, take the lower edge of the back of the sweater and measure from arm pit out to within five or six inches of hand if one is to finish the sleeve with a cuff, then count the stitches and one will have the number required. This is the only way to make a sleeve of just the proper length for a particular individual as arms vary as much as people do in all other ways.

Lip-on sweater of Rose and Platinum Grey.

C. and join to a tassel made of shades used.

A strip of linen eight inches long and two and a half wide with buttonholed edges and snap fastener makes a convenient holder to snap about papers to keep together.

Made of four-ply Scotch and No. 5 needle proceed as follows. Cast on 80 stitches, rib for nine inches knitting four and purling four then plain knitting for 18 or more ribs or until the work measures to armpit, placing top of ribbing at one's high waistline.

Castron 55 stitches for medium length arm or measure and count for actual number needed as explained, knit 30 ribs, count stitches on needle, subtract 24 for neck, divide remaining stitches from the wrist knitting one half the number, slip these on extra needle, cord or pin. Bind off neck stitches, knit to other wrist, turn. For example starting back with 80 stitches, adding 55 for each sleeve totals 190 stitches less 24 for neck gives 166, half of which is 83.

Knit two ribs from wrist to neck, at neck end of next row, cast on 12 or 16 stitches according to whether model is flat or full chested, knit 30 ribs. Bind off loosely the same number of stitches which were cast on for sleeves. Knit on remaining stitches until length from

neck is as long as one wishes the opening in the front. Make the other sleeve and side to correspond; then complete front to match back in length and bind off losely.

To make an open front sweater finish the fronts each separately without joining.

Baby's First Bootee

Of split Zephyr on fine steel needles, these direc-tions will result in small boots suitable for the first

tions will result in small boots suitable for the first month or six weeks. A larger pair may be made by using three or fourfold Saxony and a suitable needle or in making, one may easily follow these directions in a general way, but enlarge as desired by casting on more stitches and then in making the leg longer before turning the heel and the foot longer before narrowing for the toe.

Cast on 17 stitches of Zephyr on each of three needles, knit plain 1 row, k. 2, p. 2, for 8 rows, next 8 rows thread over needle, narrow by knitting 2 together, knit plain for 16 rows, narrowing twice in every 4th row to reduce for ankle, divide, with the narrowed sts. on needle for the heel, k. and p. back and forth on these sts. for 6 rows.

Turn the Cap of Heel

Divide the stitches evenly, half on one needle for the instep and dividing the other half so as to knit two thirds of stitches plain and narrow one stitch on the other needle, turn purl across and narrow the first stitch of the one third of stitches on the other needle, work back and forth, narrowing each row till every stitch is knitted and the cap formed. Pickaup selvage stitches down one side of heel, k. plain, pick up six stitches on the other side and k. back plain, now narrow one stitch, every other round until instep is exactly the same number of stitches as the ankle, k. plain 16 rows, narrow one stitch at each end of the needles every other round till but two stitches remain. Bind off.

Crocheted Coin Purse

Materials required: Blue, green, rose, yellow, and black Crochet Silk. No. 9 steel hook.
Using blue silk, ch. 5, join.
lst row.—9 s. c.
2nd row.—2 s. c. in each stitch.
3rd row.—2 s. c. in every 3rd stitch.
This makes six sections.
Make six rows.

Make six rows, always making 28. c. in the 2nd s. c. of the

widening of previous row. Now make 1 row of

black. 1 row of green. 1 row of black. 6 rows of yellow. 1 row of black.

1 row of green. 1 row of black. 6 rows of rose. 1 row of black.

1 row of blue. 1 row of black. 1 row of yellow.
1 row of black.

BABY'S FIRST BOOTEE

1 row of black.

For the joining of the two purse ends, with green silk, ch. 3 and 1 s. c. in every 3rd stitch.

2nd row.—Ch. 3, 1 s. c. around ch. 3. Repeat this row 3 times.

Next row.—Make a d. c. at end of row and turn. This makes the opening.

Make 20 rows like this and then 3 rows like 2nd row.

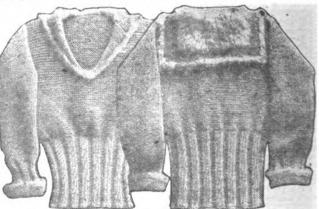
2nd row.

Now cover two 1 or 1 1-2 inch rings with s. c. These will require two skeins threefold Saxony and pair No. 14 steel needles.

Cast on 52 stitches and knit ten rows for the top.

11th row.—K. 2, o., k. 2, tog. and repeat to end of row. Knit and repeat to end of row. joined to the center by making 1 s. c., ch. 1 and 1 s. c. around ch. 3 of the end already made.

Finish with cords and cover buttons with s.



For the Home @ the Boys in Kahki

Lady's Lobster Bed Sock

ATERIAL; Two skeins blue or pink threefold Saxony, two skeins white threefold Saxony, one pair No. 10 steel and one pair No. 12 steel nee-dles, small bone crochet hook, two yards ribbon.

With coarser needles and colored wool cast on 54 stitches.

First four rows.—Knit plain, join in white

and knit as follows.
5th row.—Knit plain.
6th row.—Purl.

7th row.—Knit plain.
8th row.—Purl, with color and white repeat from 1st to 8th rows until there are 19 ribs of from 1st to 8th rows until there are 19 ribs of color and 19 ribs of white. Next with color k. 1 row, p. 1 row, k. 1 row, p. 1 row, k. next row, narrowing every 4th st., p. 1 row, k. 1 row, p. 1 row, k. next row, narrowing every 3rd st., p. 1 row, k. 1 row, p. 1 row, k. next row, narrowing every 2nd st., p. 1 row, k. 1 row, p. 1 row, k. next row, narrowing every 2nd st., p. 1 row, k. next row, narrowing every 2nd st., p. 1 row, k. next row, narrowing every 2nd st., p. 1 when bind off.

With fine steel

With fine steel needles pick up stitches on side and toe with white, pick-ing three stitches in colored ribs and two in white, knit one row narrow in every other row to shape

other row to shape
toe, p. 1 row, k. 1
row, p. 1 row.
Next row * k. 3 sts.
in white then 3 with
color. Repeat from
* to end of row, p.
back with both
colors, k. back with
both colors to form both colors to form blocks. Leaving stitches on the neetitches on the needle, pick up the same number of stitches on other side with white and knit in same way and when you begin to make blocks, commence in order to alternate the colors, with white wool bind off the stitches, taking one stitch off each needle.

Finish top with white wool scallop, first cro-chet row of doubles, one in every other stitch with a chain between each. 2nd row.—With colored wool make a shell of

5 d. c. in every other hole and fasten with a s. c.
3rd row.—With white wool make picot edge. Draw ribbon through the holes and tie.

Gentleman's Knitted Glove

Scotch knitting yarn will give the most wear for either gloves or mittens, knit tightly on No. 12 steel needle.

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Cast on 60 stitches and work on three needles in rounds of k. 2, p. 2, for length desired for wrist. Then knit nine rounds plain, before beginning to increase for the thumb.

10th round.—K. plain until 3 sts. remain, k. 2 in next st., k. 1, k. 2 in last st., these extra sts. are made by knitting front and back of a st. before slipping it off needle. Next 4 rounds plain knitting.

15th round.—Knit to within 5 sts. of end, k. 2 in next st., k. 3, k. 2 in last st.

Increase in this way every fifth round, until there are 13 sts. between increasing points or 72 sts. in all on the needles. Knit 10 rounds without increasing, run the 15 thumb sts. onto a safety pin or thread.

Upon the 57 sts. now remaining on needles, work one round and at the end of it cast on five stitches next to the thumb, work 14 rounds

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GENTLEMAN'S KNITTED GLOVE.

For first finger, k. 9, run all the sts. of the hand excepting the last seven onto a thread, cast four stitches on needle next to the nine stitches just knit and knit the seven stitches.

Work for 38 rounds then decrease as follows.

1st round.—K. 3, decrease by k. 2 tog. and repeat around three rounds plain.

5th round.—K. 2, decrease, repeat around. 6th round.—Plain. 7th round.—Same as 5th. Eight sts. will remain. Draw the Draw these together and fasten securely

For second finger take the next seven stitches from the inside of the hand, cast three stitches onto another needle, take the last eight stitches off the thread and pick up two stitches where the four stitches were cast on stitches where the four stitches we for the first finger, 20 stitches in all.

Work as with first finger but making it six rounds longer. For third finger take seven stitches from inside of hand, cast on two stitches take the last eight stitches from the thread, pick up three stitches on second finger, and knit as before, making this finger three rounds longer than the first.

For the little finger take remaining 16 stitches and pick up two stitches on third finger, k. 32 rounds, then decrease. For the thumb take up 15 stitches, pick up five stitches on those cast on for hand, work 30 rounds and decrease for figures.

as for fingers.

In making the second glove care must be taken to have thumb at the opposite side, simply reverse the method of working.

Knitted Doily

Any size thread may be used and suitable steel needles, but the finer the material and needles the smaller the finished work will be. Begin by casting on 47 stitches.

1st row.—Sl. 1, k. 35, c. 2, p. 2 together, k. 1, c., 3 times, n., c., k. 2, turn.

2nd row.—K. 5, p. 1, k. 2, o. twice, p. 2 tog., k. 38, leave 2 sts., unknitted, turn.

3rd row.—Sl. 1, k. 25, n., o. twice, n. k. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8, turn.

4th row.—K. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 10, p. 1, k. 25, leave 4 unknitted, turn.

5th row.—Sl. 1, k. 21, * n., o. twice, n., repeat once more from * k. 6, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6, o., k. 2, turn.

once more from * k. 0, 0. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 0, 0., k. 2, turn.
6th row.—K. 9, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8, p. 1, k. 3, p. 1, k. 21, leave 6, turn.
7th row.—Sl. 1, k. 17, * n., o. twice, n., repeat from * twice more, k. 4, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 9,

turn.

8th row.—Bind off 4, k. 4, o. twice, k. 6, p. 1, (k. 3, p. 1,) twice, k. 17, leave 8, turn.

9th row.—Sl. 1, k. 13, n., (o. twice, n., n.,) repeat 3 times, o. twice, n., k. 2, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 1, o., 3 times, n., o., k. 2, turn.

10th row.—K. 5, p. 1, k. 2, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 4, p. 1, (k. 3, p. 1,) 3 times, k. 13, leave 10, turn.

11th row.—Sl. 1, k. 9, n., (o. twice, n., n.,) 4 times, o. twice, n., o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8,

turn.

12th row.—K. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 2, p. 1, (k. 3, p. 1,) 4 times, k. 9, leave 12, turn.

13th row.—Sl. 1, k. 9, n., (o. twice, n. n.,) 3 times, o. twice, n., k. 2, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6, o. k. 2, turn.

14th row.—K. 9, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 4, p. 1, (k. 3, p. 1,) 3 times, k. 9, leave 14, turn.

15th row.—Sl. 1, k. 9, n., (o. twice, n., n.,) twice, o. twice, n., k. 4, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 9, 16th row.—Bind off 4, k. 4, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6, p. 1, (k. 3, p. 1,) twice, k. 9, leave 16, turn.

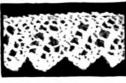
5th row.-K. 4, o., n., o., k. 2. 6th row.-Bind off all but 6 sts., turn, k. plain.

Repeat from 1st row. For edging No. 2, with fine cotton and needles, cast on 12sts.,

knit plain.

1st row.—K. 2, o.
twice, n., k. 2, o.
twice, n., k. 2, o., k.

2nd row.-K. 4, p. 3rd row.-K. 2, o. twice, n. k. 2, o. twice, n. k. 3, o., k. knitted edging. No. 1.



4th row.-K. 5, p. 6, k. 3. 5th row.-K. 2, o. twice, n., o. twice, n., k. 4,

o., k. 2. 6th row.—Bind off all but 12 sts. and repeat

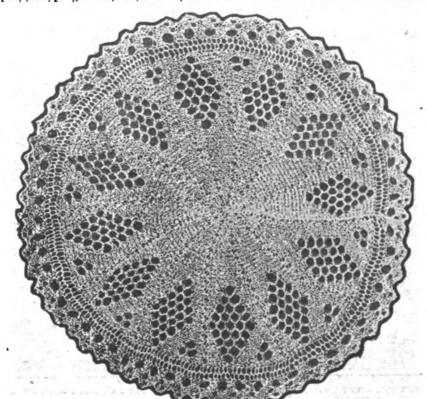
Knitted Roseleaf Bedspread

For making this a soft finished knitting cotton is preferable. Steel needles Nos. 12 or 14 according to the size of the cotton, or small bone needles, may be used.

Knit in sections of two or three; repeat the roseleaf pattern for this allowing seventeen stitches with two stitches for each purled strip between; excepting on outer edges, then three stitches make a better selvage.

To make a three-strip section as illustrated

To make a three-strip section as illustrated cast on sixty-one stitches and work as follows:



KNITTED DIAMOND POINT DOILEY.

17th row.—Sl. 1, k. 9, n., o. twice, n. n., o. twice, n., k. 6, o., twice, p. 2, tog., k. 1, o. 3 times, n. o, k. 2.

18th row.—K. 5, p. 1, k. 2, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8, p. 1, k. 3, p. 1, k. 9, leave 18, turn.

19th row.—Sl. 1, k. 9, n., o. twice, n., k. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8.

20th row.—K. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 10, p. 1, k. 9, leave 20, turn.

21st row.—Sl. 1, k. 19, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6.

21st row.—Sl. 1, k. 19, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6, o., k. 2. 22nd row.—K. 9, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 18,

23rd row.—Sl. 1, k. 17, d. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 9. 24th row.—Bind off 4, k. 4, o. twice, p. 2, tog.,

25th row.—Sl. 1, k. 10, n., o. twice, n., k. 1, o. 25th row.—Sl. 1, k. 10, n., o. twice, n., k. 1, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 1, o., 3 times, n., o., k. 2.
26th row.—K. 5, p. 1, k. 2, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 3, p. 1, k. 10, leave 26, turn.
27th row.—Sl. 1, k. 6, n., o. twice, n., k. 3, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8.
28th row.—K. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 5, p. 1, k. 6, leave 28, turn.
29th row.—Sl. 1, k. 6, n., o. twice, n., k. 1, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6, o., k. 2.
30th row.—K. 6, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 3, p. 1, k. 6, leave 30, turn.
31st row.—Sl. 1, k. 9, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 9.
32nd row.—Bind off 4, k. 4, o. twice p. 2, tog., k. 8, leave 32, turn.

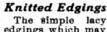
6, leave 34, turn.
35th row.—Sl. 1, k. 5, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 8.
36th row.—K. 8, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 4, leave

37th row.—Sl. 1, k. 3, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 6,

38th row.—K. 9, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 2, leave,

39th row.—Sl. 1, k. 1, o. twice, p. 2, tog., k. 9. 40th row.—Bind off 4, k. 4, o, twice, p. 2, tog., This completes one section, knit eleven more

the same, join very neatly and draw center of doily together and fasten.



The simple lacy edgings which may be so rapidly made by knitting, wear well and add a dainty touch to all kinds of underwear.

For pattern No. 1, knitted edging. No. 2. begin by casting on six stitches of No.

cotton on fine needle. Knit plain. 1st row.—K. 2, o., n., o., k. 2. 2nd row.—K. Plain. 3rd row.—K. 3, o., n., o., k. 2. 4th row.—K. 3, n., n., o., k. 2. 1st row.— K. 1, p. 2, k. 1, over, k. 1, slip and bind, p. 1, n. k. 1, p. 1, k. 1, sl. and bind, p. 1, n., k. 1, over, repeat from , ending with k. 2, p.

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2nd row.—P. 1, * k. 2, p. 4, (k. 1, p. 2) twice, k. 1, p. 4, repeat, ending with k. 2, p. 1.
3rd row.—* K. 1, p. 2, (k. 1, over) twice sl. and bind, p. 1, n., p. 1, sl. and bind, p. 1, n., o., k. 1, o; repeat ending with k. 1, p. 2, k. 1.
4th row.—P. 1, * k. 2, p. 5, (k. 1, p. 1) twice, k. 1, p. 50; repeat, ending with k. 2, p. 1.
5th row.—* K. 1, p. 2, k. 1, o., k. 3, o., sl., n. and bind, p. 1, sl., n. and bind, o., k. 3, o; repeat, ending with k. 1, p. 2, k. 1.
6th row.—P. 1, * k. 2, p. 7, k. 1, p. 7, repeat, ending with k. 2, p. 1.
7th row.—* K. 1, p. 2, k. 1, o., k. 5, o., sl., n. and bind, o., k. 5, o, repeat, ending with k. 1, p. 2, k. 1.

8th row .- P. 1, * k. 2, p. 17, repeat, ending

Sth row.—P. 1, * k. 2, p. 17, repeat, ending with k. 2, p. 1.

Repeat from first row for length desired.

The roseleaf strips can be alternated with strips of plain knitting which will also give one a very effective and more rapidly finished piece of work. For the plain strips cast on 22 stitches k. 9, p. 4, k. 9, next row all plain knitting. Repeat these two rows alternately.

In making a spread in this way, finish the bottom end with a little crocheted edge as follows, as the beginning of each leaf strip forms a scallop.

BROAD TOE.

Next row widen every 10th stitch.
Make next row without widening.
Next row widen every 10th stitch.
Make 4 rows without widening.

Finish edge by making a loose slip stitch in each stitch.

For the trimming, take wool double and make a loose chain one yard long, finish with pompon.

1st row.—1 s. c. in each st. 2nd row.—Ch. 4, skip 2, 1 sl. st., in next st.,

repeat.

For scallop on the sides and top, knit the first eight rows of roseleaf patterns, finish with peat, making 7 loops around each scallop, then ch. 5, sl. st. in 1st st. of next scallop and repeat.

and repeat.

In wool this pattern may be used for either a Baby

Afghan or couch cover.

Stocking Knitting CONTINUED FROM LAST

in the usual way on two needles for the instep
Knit the last row of the ankle, p. the seam,
k. 22, p. 2, k. 1, turn; sl. 1, p. 50, sl. 1, p. 2, k. 45,
p. 2, k. 1, turn; sl. 1, p. 50.

Repeat these 2 last rows 12 times. Then sl. 1,
p. 2, k. 33, turn; sl. 1, p. 20, turn; sl. 1, k. 21,
turn; sl. 1, p. 22, turn; sl. 1, k. 23, turn; sl. 1,
p. 24, turn; sl. 1, k. 25, turn; sl. 1, p. 26, turn;
sl. 1, k. 26, sl. first st. from left-hand needle on
to right-hand needle, and pass the stitch just
knitted over it, turn; sl. first st., p. 26, sl. first
st. from left-hand needle on to right-hand
needle, and pass the stitch last knitted over it.
Repeat these last two rows till all the side
stitches are knitted in; there should be 27
stitches left on the needle for the top of the



SWISS HEEL.

heel. Knit these, and pick up the loops along the side of the flap as usual.

Broad Toe

After completing rounds for foot, see that the stitches are divided on a line with the gusset, half of stitches on instep needle, the other half equally divided upon two foot needles. *on the first foot needle, k. 4, sl. 1, k. 1, pass slipped stitch over. Knit to within six stitches of the end of second foot needle, k. 2 together, k. 4

On instep needle k. 4, sl. 1, k. 1, pass slipped stitch over, k. to within 6 sts. of the end of the needle, k. 2 together, k. 4, k. 3, rounds plain. Repeat from *, then knit 3 rounds plain. Repeat from * till reduced to 28 sts.

Slip all the foot stitches on to one needle, turn sock wrong side out, place the needles side by side and cast off by knitting a stitch from each needle at the same time.

Girl's Crocheted Hat

Materials required: Three skeins Eiderdown

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The wool is used double throughout the work. With colored wool, ch. 6, join.

1st row.—Make 18 s. c. in ring.

2nd row.—Using both loops at top of stitch make *1 s. c. each in first 2 s. c., widen by making 2 s. c. in 3rd s. c. Repeat from * around row.

This gives you 6 sections.

Now make 11 rows of s. c., always making 2 s. c. in the 2nd s. c. of the widening of preced-

ing row.
Next row, narrow 1 stitch in each section. Your work should now measure 23 to 24 inches around.

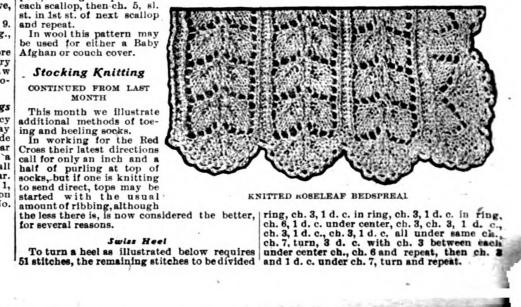
Make 9 rows, making 1 s. c. in each s. c. In the next 2 rows widen every 10th stitch. Make 1 row without widening.



Narrow Crocheted Edging

This dainty and simple little edging is very sweet for baby or children's clothes. Use 80 or 100 crochet cotton.

Begin with ch. 3 join in ring, ch. 5, 1 d. c. in



Easter Escapade Billy Bun's

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ON'T be ready for Easter!
Ought to have been at it weeks ago! When I was young we never waited till the last minute!" So grumbled Grampy Gray, as he who were decorating Easter eggs.

"Now, now!" chided Grammie Gray, mildly, patting his long ears with a gentle paw. "It ain't going to help 'em any, talking like that! A little late, to be sure, but they're smart, Grampy, and they'll get 'em done in time, see if they don't!"

Ferdie Frisk and Sammie Springer, who had been ready to throw down their eggs at Grampy's scolding, cheered up at this, smiled at Grammie, and worked faster than ever.

It was a sight worth seeing—all the bunnies at work on the Easter eggs, getting them ready to fill the nests where the children might find them on Easter morning. Big fires were burning under the dye kettles, where the eggs were boiling. Rows of the colored eggs, red, pink, blue, yellow and green, were drying in the sun. Artistic bunnies were painting daisies and roses on the eggs, and stripes and stars of gold and silver paper were glued on to make them more beautifully dazzling.

The eggs were all finished, hundreds and hundreds of them, the night before Easter. Then, carefully carrying them in baskets, the bunnies started out, by the light of the moon, just past its fullness, to put them in the nests. Grampy and Grammie Gray stayed at home, and a few others, but most of them went—Lopey Longears and Nannie Nibbler, carrying a basket between them, Whaley Whitey, old Fleetfoot and Racer, Mrs. Bun, Ferdy Frisk, Sammie Springer, Callie Cottontail—oh, so many I couldn't name them all. Little Billy Bun had pleaded to go with the rest.

"No, no," his mother had told him. "It's too far, and I can't be bothered with you. You'll be

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"No, no," his mother had told him.
"It's too far, and I can't be bothered with you. You'll be quite safe asleep in Grampy's house."

Billy whined. It wasn't safety he wanted, but fun.

Wherever the bunnies thought any children would look for the eggs—under bushes, in henhouses, sheds and barns, in clumps of grass, and sometimes right in the open paths, they made nests and left behind them their beautiful treasures.

Next morning, Lopey Longears was wakened from a delightfully exciting dream by a pounding at the door. He sat up, quite startled. The spring sunshine was flooding the place, and a bird somewhere nearby was trilling happily. At the door he found Mrs. Bun, her face quivering with grief.

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"Oh, Lopey Longears!" she cried, "my little Billy! You must help me to get him home again. He did not stay behind as I told him to last night. I thought he was with Grampy until I went for him this morning. He must have followed us and got lost!"

Other rabbits joined them, and they started out on their search for little Billy.

All that day they looked for him, in the woods and fields, even venturing near some of the farmhouses, but nowhere was he to be found, "When night comes, I shall go into the village to look for him!" declared Mrs. Bun, her eyes red with weeping.

"I wouldn't dare!" shuddered timid Callie Cottontail. "I shall just go to bed and sleep, for I am tired."

"But you are not his mother!" said Mrs. Bun.

a henhouse where he remembered some eggs had been left, but was sharply pecked by a sleepy rooster, while all the hens set up a shrill outcry. As they were passing through a large yard, Nannie Nibbler pointed to a little building in one corner, near the stable, under a bare-boughed locust tree.

locust tree.
"I know what that is," she said. "A rabbit-hutch. I pity the tame rabbits who live there,



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By Lena B. Ellingwood

my beautiful little Billy! He is shut up there, and he is crying for his mother! We will get him out, if we have to gnaw down the buildings."

"Wait!" cried Fleetfoot, who was fumbling with the wooden button that fastened the door. "We need not do that, I can open the door for him. Help me here, somebody!"

A dozen paws were ready to help, and the rabbits were soon crowding in. Two tame rab"He is right," said one of the town. You stay here our friends around us?"

All the bunnies stared with wide-open, round "He is right," said one of the town.

"What," faltered poor Mrs. Bun." "Oh, Billy! leave our nice little home in the forest, with all our friends around us?"

All the bunnies stared with wide-open, round eyes.

"He is right," said one of the tame rabbits, whose name was Pinkie, "It is much better here than in the forest. In the winter, Fuzzy and I have a nice, warm place to stay, and we are never hungry; such quantities of food are brought to us—everything we like. And then, there are the children. They pet us, and we have fine times playing with them."

"The children!" cried Mrs. Bun, with terror in her eyes. "Oh, Billy! they must never get you! Come with me, quick!"

"But I like the children!" said little Billy. "They are good and kind to me, and smooth my fur. But I like you, too, and I like Lopey Longears, and all the others! Why can't you all stay here?"

"Yes," urged Pinkie and Fuzzie. "All of you would never have to hunt around for food. No one would hart you. You would have straw for beds, and be comfortable and happy. Think of the frolies and races we would have on this big, smooth lawn!"

"I will try it," said Mrs. Bun at last, fearfully. "If Billy likes it, perhaps I shall too, in time. And I will never leave him."

"Ferdie Frisk laughed. "Let us all stay!" he urged. "It will be great fun."

"They could never shut us up—so many of us," said Whaley, "and if we did not like it, why, we could go back home any night."

"In am going back to the forest," said Racer, "not to stay, but to bring Grampy and Grammie Gray, Callie Cottontail and the rest. We must not leave them behind."

Morning was drawing near, and the eastern sky grew rosy as Racer went bounding away.

The bunnies all settled down to wait.

"I am hungry," said Billy Bun. "I hope it is almost breakfast time. You will see what nice things the children can bring us."

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so many?"
She had not long to wonder.
Rover Dog came bounding out through the shed door, and seeing the bunnies, dashed among them, barking noisily.
"Run for your lives!" cried Grampy Gray shrilly. "We shall stay here!" And he banged the door, fastening it on the inside.
In fifteen seconds, not a rabbit was left in sight, excepting Pinkie and Fuzzy, who knew that Rover Dog would not hurt them.
When they were safe in the forest once more, the frightened bunnies stopped to rest a yhile and get their breath.
"I shall never go near the village again," gasped Callie Cottontail, "though I live to be old—old! I should have known-better this time!"
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Mrs. Bun was holding Billy firmly by the paw, and was the calmest one among them.

"Ah, well!" she said. "I have my little Billy safe with me again, and I am happy, for that was all I wanted!"

Watch for "Cubby Bear and the Frog Concert," in which Foxy Reynard gets into trouble, next month. Renew your subscription today, so to make sure not to miss this cute story in April COMFORT.

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The curse of every evil deed is that it brings forth more evil. If we understood Death we should no longer care for

Man has often thrown up his interest in two worlds for gold.

worst disappointments are when we disappo

To be angry is to revenge the faults of others upon our-selves.

Many an irksome noise, go a long way off, is heard as We always grieve and joy too much at things we cannot

Confidence in others is the corner-stone of fortune and fidelity.

Courage and Civility are allies that can take captive Good-luck.

Waiting

By Marguerite Lease

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Alone in the wintry twilight With the first cold evening star, My heart has grown weary of waiting And wondering where you are "Somewhere in France" you are fightin somewhere in France" you are fighting For God and right and me; And my heart goes out in one yearning cry "God, keep him, where'er he be!"

It is night and, dear heart, I'm trying So hard to be patient and brave! But oh! how I long for your tender kiss And the comforting words you gave! So I'll keep the home-fires burning, The' you're errors the see Tho' you're across the sea, And I'll wait, while I whisper the des-perate prayer "God, send him back to me!"

THE AWAKENING

By Anna Bird Stewart

It is interesting to note that John Hay, Ellsworth's intimate and devoted friend, was a young m strong character and marked ability and rose to take an important part in national and international affairs.

As President Lincoln's private secretary he was trusted with the war secrets of the government. After Lincoln's death he attained celebrity as an author; with Nicolay he wrote the Life of Abraham Lincoln. Later, as Ambassador to England he reflected credit on himself and his country, and as Secretary of State in President Roosevelt's cabinet he became distinguished as one of the greatest if not the greatest of statesmen that ever held that exalted office.

Ellsworth and Hay are samples of the kind of men Lincoln called to assist him in administering the affairs of Government in war time.—EDITOR.

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THREE days after the President's call for troops, six days after Sumter fell, a poster was distributed about New York City.

To the Members of the New York Fire Department;

The Government appeals to the New York Fire Department for one regiment in Zou-aves. The subscriber is detailed in New York for the purpose of drilling and equipping the regiment after being organized. The com-panies will be allowed to select their own others.

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"Non solum nobis sed pro patria." he read. Then he added, smiling, "That covers about the widest extent of my Latin as he translated it 'Not for ourselves only but for our country."

"It's enough for us all, if we know if by heart. I shall remember it always as the motto of my soldier boy."

Then he told her he must go, he had barely more than time to reach his regiment at the appointed hour. They said good by and he went down the steps. She was standing in the doorway, watching.

"Elmer," she called, almost involuntarily. He came back into the hallway and closed the door.

struggle it will be. I may not come back to you. So I want to say just once what you have known without my saying, that I love you."

"And I love you, Elmer."

He took her in his arms and kissed her, The memory of that kiss was a benediction, a glory never to be lost. Through her tears, she saw him go.

Joining the Fire Zouaves, Ellsworth made his way through the city streets, amid cheering, shouting crowds, to the dock where the steamer lay which was to carry his men on to Annap-

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Then it's a question of your will against the strong of the cities of the citi

ginia."
The General looked at him with curious inten-The General looked at him with curious intensity. Had be not known Ellsworth, he might have resented a young officer's apparent inquisitiveness. He had heard, moreover, one of the many current rumors that if the outbreak of the war had but been delayed a little longer, that young, clear-sighted and determined man might even now have been an influential factor in the War Department. His voice was kindly. "Well, Colonel Ellsworth, what can I do for you?"

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been doing their work with managening and ness, "Calumniators have been busy enough with our reputations, General Mansheid. I do not claim that my men are any better than the others, but at least they are no worse. Many acts commutted by the men of other regiments have been falsely accredited to us."

"I know that, Colonel Filsworth. I have watched how your men have been made the scapes goats without any success in discovering the real

watched how your men have been made the scape-goals without any success in discovering the real culprits. I'll do the best I can for you. You will readily understand, however, that my powers are to a great extent limited. If any doubt of your men remains in your mind, I should advise you not to go to Alexandria. My word would count for little should any breach of distipline occur. Your regiment would be mustered out of ser-vice.

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"My men will be better soldiers in the field than in the camp." Elisworth said simply.

"I wish that I could do more for you. You are a brave man."

"There will be no danger of our being mustered out, sir. Then we leave on the twenty-fourth."

"At two in the morning." said the General "Good linek, Colonel Elisworth."

On the night of the twenty-third of May the young officer called his men into line.

"Boys," he said, "yesterday I understood that a movement was to be made against Alexandria I went to General Mansheld and told him that I would consider it as a personal affront if we were not allowed the right of the line, which is our due as the first volunteer regiment sworn in for the war. All I can say is, prepare yourselves for a nice little sail and at the end of it, possibly, a skirmish. Go to your tents, lie down and take your rest until two o'clock. At that hour the boat will arrive and we shall go forward. When we reach the place of destination, I hardly need bid you act as men. Do nothing to shame the regiment. Show the enemy that you are indeed men as well as soldiers. Prove to them that you will treat them with kindness until they force you to use violence. I want fairly to overcome them with good will. Go to your tents now and do as I have told you."

He went to his own tent where he found Major Oliver awaiting him.

"You sent for me, Colonel?"

"Yes, Major Oliver. I want you, in case anything should happen to ne, to know just where we stand. We go to Alexandria on condition of good behavior. If any deeds of misbelinvior or violence are committed by our men, we are to be mistered out of service."

"Threaten them with that disgrace," said the Major, "and they'll be hamb like."

"I don't threaten," said Elisworth, "I don't need to do so. I fear nothing from my men. My purpose was shaply to explain the thing to you deed the letter, he could almost see her befor

thoughts.
"She will understand," he said, as he began a second letter, "The last of the Ellsworths," he thought on. "Poor mother and father, if anything should happen, it would go hard with them - the only one left." He read the second letter ways to himself. letter over to himself.

"My dear father and mother;
"The regiment is ordered to move across the river tonight. We have no means of knowing what reception we are to meet with. I am inclined to the opinion that our entrance to the city of Alexandria will be hotly contested, as I am informed that a large force has arrived there today. Should this happen, my dear parents, it may be my lot to be injured in some manner. Whatever may happen, cherish the consolation that I was engaged in the performance of a sacred duty; and tonight, thinking of the probabilities of tomorrow, and the occurrences of the past, I am perfectly willing to accept whatever my fortune may be, confident that He who noteth the fall of a sparrow, will have some purpose even in the fall of one like me. My darling and ever loved parents, good by, God bless, protect and care for you. Elmer."

Then he turned sharply, "Sergeant."
The sergeant saluted.
"Go back to the regiment and order Captain Coyle with Company A here as quickly as possible. Keep the rest of the men out of sight."
As the sergeant started back with the order, Ellsworth went on speaking. "That flag must come down."
"That's madness," cried one of his guard.
"It's prindence," Ellsworth corrected, quietly, "Why doesn't be wait," the man at the rear whispered to his neighbor. "There will be time enough later on for that reckless sort of patriotism."

Ellsworth had sharp ears and he turned quick-

"You don't appreciate the situation. If our men down the steps. She was standing in the door way, way, watching.

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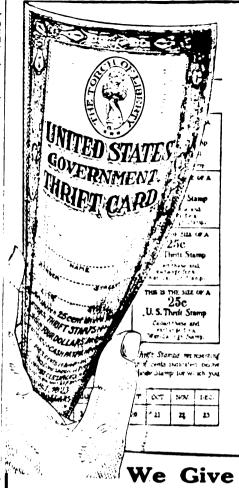
He came back into the hallway and closed the door.

"Yes, dear?"

"I just couldn't let you go. I had to say good by again." The tears welled up into her eyes.

Then he too, felt that there were some words that cried out to be spoken.

"Mary, this is war. The country is as yet hardly awake to it, but some of us know what a



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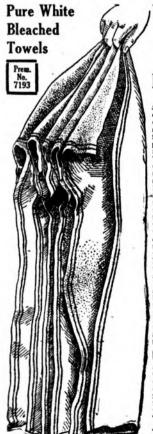
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This man's house contains eight rooms, a basement and three porches. He put four drop lights in a horse barn, other lights in a cow barn, crib,

Comfort's League of Cousins (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9.)

out. We never seen a submarine on our entire voyage. I seen my first whale on our voyage and from the size of it it must have been the one that swallowed Jonah. With love to you and all the cousins, I am, as ever your nephew, JOHN W. MORRISON.

Jonah. With love to you and all the cousins, I am, as ever your nephew, JOHN W. MORISON.

John, you are the first of our soldier cousins to write us from France, and we shall all take a personal interest in you and expect you to win the war for us and bring the Kaiser and his sixty-six sons home in your knapsack, then we'll let Billy the Goat butt the stuffing out of them. Sorry it is so rainy and muddy. It seems absurd you cannot tell us what part of France you are in, for everyone in Germany knows, and it seems that we might as well know too. It is no secret however, what part of the line our troops are holding; it is only supposed to be a secret. Glad you had such a nice voyage across, John, and it is too bad you got seasick on the twelfth day. After holding your own for twelve days you might have made a gallant effort to have kept it down for a few more hours without spilling the beans. Maybe you had hot dogs on the twelfth day instead of beans, and they decided they wanted a swim. It has been an awful joit to those traitorous enemy plotters and sympathizers, hyphenates and pacifist croakers to know that we have sent some hundreds of thousands of troops to France without a single transport being sunk or a soldier boy lost. A lot of these ungrateful America haters wrote me when the war broke out and said: "Of course no American troops will ever get over there anyway. The German U Boats will get them all." But murderous Fritz as usual guessed wrong as black-hearted pests of his type usually do. Your experiences, John, have so excited me that I am going to write a book called "The Ballads Of A Simple Sallor." Here is my first irruption.

I never seen a submarine,

I never seen a submarine, I never seen a whale, But a mermaid with a pówder puff I seen tied to her tail.

If the whale had only swallowed the Kaiser instead of Jonah what a peaceful, happy world this would have been, a world without wails. God bless and keep you John, and bring you back safe to home and loved ones.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl fifteen years old. I go to a country school that is three miles from home and am in the seventh grade. Our teacher wants us to do something every Tuesday morning for the opening exercise and some of them sing, read or tell stories and some don't do anything. The last time I told a story, but can't think of anything to do the next time. Can you suggest something that I can do? There is twenty-five coming to our school and we have fine time playing basket ball. Every Friday we spell or cipher. The teacher divides us the best he can and one half tries to spell more words than the other half. I wrote you once before but I guess the goat got the letter.

Your niece,

MARTHA HOPKINS.

Martha, if you want to do something really worth while at your morning exercises, start a discussion about the war. But I hear you say: "Uncle Charlie I don't know anything about the war." Exactly, and it is a thousand to one that teacher knows very little about it, though it is his business to know all about it, and if he doesn't the school authorities should replace him with someone who does. If you have a moment's spare time take your knitting to school and work like a steam engine, while teacher gives you a war talk. Get him, too, to read aloud my COMFORT war talks, and have him send to the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 28.)

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celebrity. "Here, my friend, is hidden treasure. The others—" Cecily sensed his eloquent shrug.
"I thought so once," was de Lille's softly-accented reply. "But me—I have geev up. Eet is struggerte."

is stagnate."
"It is bridled, if you like," the other corrected, "It is bridled, if you like," the other corrected,
"but it is indisputably there. That girl—it is
a girl, de Lille?—should cut free."
"She indeed leeves a life without atmosphere,"
de Lille admitted; "but what can one do when one

de Lille admitted; "but what can one do when one has poverty?"

"What can one? You surprise me, de Lille. In this magic city? Why, it is alive with possibilities for the mtrepid of spirit. Let her get to the top and no one will pause to inquire by what ladder she ascended."

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Westfield Kid, Westfield, Tex.—No, it is not "wraung" for a sixteen-year-old girl to talk with boys, but it is decidedly wrong for her to talk with and think about them so much that she neglects her lessons. Stick to your school for a while longer, and let the boy question wait until you can write a better letter than the one you sent to this department. Remember, no man can be proud of an ignorant wife.

Anxious, Franklin, N. C.—Write to your friend in the same way that you would talk to him if he were present. If you do this, you will interest him and he will be glad to get your letters. There is no more need for stilted phrasing when you write to him, than there would be if you were talking to him over the telephone, for instance. (2) Be cordial and pleasant when any one is introduced to you, and say any simple thing that the circumstances make apt. If you have heard of the person before, through friends or otherwise, you might say-so, and express pleasure at your having met. Avoid set forms, like: "I am very glad to meet you." The simplest and best way is to smile, shake hands, and enter into any chat that the time and place make appropriate. Brown Eyea, Indianola, Okla.—We are sure, Brown Eyes, that some mother is neglecting her duty if you, a girl of 15, can write that you are in love with a young man of 28, and ask if it is wrong for you to let him kiss you, and for you to go walking with him at night. You know that you could not think of marriage for some years yet, and you are only preparing sorrow and trouble for yourself. Of course, he is now paying attention to this other girl of twenty-three. He has only been amusing himself with you. You should tell your mother or some older woman about the whole affair and get their advice. And in the meantime, study hard at school, and forget this man, who is almost double your age.

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man, who is almost double your age.

D. O., Mt. Idaho, Idaho.—We judge by one discouraged phrase in your letter that you have had difficulty in making progress with this girl that interests you so much. But you must remember that you are only seventeen and that she is two years older and that you fail to attract her as seriously as you might if you were older and more the age of a husband. However, if you have met her several times so far, there is absolutely nothing to prevent your asking if you might call to see her, or inviting her to attend some local entertainment with you. But don't blame our advice if she turns you down, as we very much think she will. Your luck will be better when you have a few more years on your shoulders. And that will come quickly enough—and there are valways plenty of "inice girls."

are always plenty of "nice girls."

D. S., Piagah, Ala.—If you want to walk home with a girl from church, let her know by saying so, and this would mean asking: "May I walk home with you? I would like to very much." Easy, is it not? (2) A man introduces his men friends very simply to each other: "Bob, this is my friend, Tom Jones. You've heard me talk of Bob Smith before, baven't you, Jones?" Or more formally, a simple mention of names, and a handshake, will suffice: "Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith." Other ways would be: "Jones, I want you to know Mr. Smith," or, "Jones, I want you to meet Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones." There are enough ways to choose from. When there is much disparity in ages the older man should be named first.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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wood to cook with and to keep myself and children warm. And in return have lad to beg or get cross and have a quarrel in order to get the bare necessaries of life that we needed. Only last summer I sold chickens to get myself and two boys our clothes and bought my husband's besides, in order to get him to go to church and other places with us as other husbands do. And still he accuses me of extravagance and "wanting to be in style." I've worn the same hat three winters and the same coat five years' He claims that I hold him down and am the cause of his being poor. He doesn't think I ought to have the chickens or eggs to sell. All the other women around here claim the chicken and egg money as their own, also milk and butter, if they sell any.

He scoffs at music and singing, of which I am very fond, and I dare not invite any musical people to my home because of the cold, insulting treatment they receive from him, and if I attend a singing or musical affair he is cross and pouts for days. I have wanted an organ for years and tried to save and get one but have failed so far and he laughs the idea to scorn. He is constantly quarreling and finding fault with our oldest boy, nine years old, and does not believe that he should have playthings as other boys do or play with boys of his own age. We lost a darling baby of three years, whom his father almost worthan he should have playthings as other boys do or play with boys of his own age. We lost a darling baby of three years, whom his father almost worthan he should and father and he was for a short time but now he is worse than ever. I've often been sorely kempted to leave him and told him so and he said, "Sult yourself," but I have held back because of my two ohlidren and the fear that I couldn't support them if sickness should befall us. But now I have only one and am considering taking the faterul step. But my health is very poor and I think, nay, I am sure, that a child needs a father and mother, but I don't know

Sister in Distress.—As much as I sympathize with you I shall not presume to advise you but will leave that to the sisters for I feel that the advice and experience of many will be of more help to you than my views.

And while they are about it I wish they would tell us how they solve the egg, milk and butter question. What division is made of the morey and for what purpose it is used.—Ed.

DEAR SISTERS:

I consider Comport the best magazine published.

If consider Comport the best magazine published as many yards of the coton cloth as you desire at the rate of one yard for many have a birthday on October 28th. I am wondering when Mrs. Wilkinson celebrates hers, she and Uncle Charlle and all the Comport staff are doing so much to help us along, so I say let's give her a tatting,

crochet and embroidery shower about February 14th.
Enclosed is a small contribution toward Uncle Charlie's Home Fund.
We girls have organized a Cheerful Club, we send
shut-ins' addresses to our correspondents, then a big
cheery letter is written them. Our motto:

Now that we have thought about it We mean to have a care; In all the pleasant things we have, To give our friends a share.

I am President, the Secretary lives in Maine. For more particulars write me, enclosing stamp. We get much happiness in doing this. If you know someone who needs a cheery letter, send it today. "Procrastination is the thief of time." They need your roses

now.

I live in a nice little city forty-two miles south of Kansas City. We have a Chiropractic Sanitarium

Blessings to the sisters and COMFORT'S staff.
NONA WATSON.

Nona Watson.—It is certainly dear of you to suggest a needlework shower for me and I'm 'most, if not quite, as pleased as though I had received it. I don't mind admitting that you came within just a few days of guessing my birthday (please, good people, don't ask how old I am) since this is to be published in March and too late for presents. No one can accuse me of graft now, and, besides, I'd rather our soldier and sailor boys had all the warm sweaters, socks and helmets they need so much, than a continuous and heavy shower of needlework for myself. The knowledge that you were willing to do it helps so much and I thank you. You are kind hearted and generous, as your Cheerful Club alone shows, and I hope you get hundreds of members.—Ed.

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DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

A few months ago, when I was living in Montana, I wrote, urging the sisters who had no children to adopt one. For we know by experience how dear to us is our adopted child. I want to tell Perplexed Mother about our little adopted daughter. We have a son, our own by birth. When he was eight years old, knowing we could never have any more of our own, we decided to adopt a little girl baby. We got in touch with a Children's Home and through that home we had a little girl, seven wecks old, brought to us. Her very dependence on us for love and care made us feel in a few hours that we could not part with her. She is now nearly eight years old, and neither my husband nor myself love her any less than our son. He is now sixteen years old and loves her like an own sister. Perplexed Mother, before you adopt one, appeal to your little daughter's sympathy by telling her about the poor little babies who have no homes, no Mammas to love them and give them the care they need. Get her, if possible, to feel that she would like to share her home with one of them. If you have no preference let her decide whether, she wants a little brother or sister. I am sure she will soon bearn to love it and if you take a baby a few weeks old it will soon win its way to your heart.

I think Lonely One is very selfish. Besides that, she is denying her husband that which most married men are proud of and have a right to expect, the privilege of being father to one of their own flosh and blood. And how much she is losing herself, for there is nothing sweeter than the love of a darling little baby and nothing unites the bond between husband and wife more strongly than a little child in the home. We sire always wishing we were financially able to support them and then we would adopt several of the little bables who have no homes.

I hope this letter will be printed for I want to convince my husband that the sisters' letters are

Mrs. Panks.—I wonder—will you assume your most I-told-you-so expression when you show your published letter to friend husband or will you let him find out for himself. I think the latter the better plan for even the best of men object strongly to having their mistakes pointed out to them.—Ed.

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The Awakening

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19.)

A man sprang out from the shadow with lifted gun. "And behold mine!" The shot drowned his words.

Upon the flash of his, a second gun spoke. The assassin fell heavily. That once only did a



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The men lifted their little Colonel from the stairway.

Convulsively his hand grasped at his heart. It felt a golden circlet with the bloodstaired words, "Non solum nobis sed pro patria."

"The fiar," he gasped. Then he lay silent. And down the street came the muffled tread of his Fire Zouaves.

John liny brought the message to the President who had loved the boy as his own son. Lincoln said little. But Hay, as is the way with youth, must speak out from the bitterness of his heart. He paced back and forth with a torrent of words that spent itself and broke forth again.

"The waste of war," he said, "the sinful waste. Poor Elmer. With world possibilities for fame and usefulness * * * A soldier who never saw a battle * * * * Killed by the first gun he ever heard fired in strife * * * We know that he was the greatest military genius among us, superior in natural capacity to our older leaders in command."

He paused a moment in his eulogy and his voice grew bitter with the hopelessness of proving to the world his own belief. "Had Napoleon Bonaparte been killed at the siege of Toulon, who would have listened to some grief-stricken comrade's assertion that this young Corsican was the greatest soldier since Carar?

"Who can prove Ellsworth's worth now? His short life was so brave and so inspiring; his death so useless, so wasted!"

Lincoln looked up slowly. His deep-set eyes seemed to plerce through the sorrows of the moment into the future.

"Not wasted," he said simply. "Our people are asleep. Here in the North the war is upon them and they do not know it. Only a great calamity can rouse them. For two years Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth has been in the public eye and heart, the people's hero of romance and reality. If, as I truly believe, his death can wake the nation, what greater life could we have wished him?"

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E now have with us March, the month supposed to be so lionlike in entrance but so lamblike in departure, but if it is any worse than the preceding months have been, it will break all previous records for lionlike behavior. But what do we care if it is? We have the blessed knowledge that Spring is on its way with the usual quota of spring breezes, spring flowers, spring clothes, spring poems, spring freekles, spring colds and spring tonics. And the last two items deserve more consideration than is usually accorded them. Moral: Wear your winter "undies" a while longer and help Nature a little by a good tonic and careful attention to diet—not forgetting to Hooverize a little. A healthy person is usually cheerful and better able to cope with difficulties than the person who has neglected his, or her, health, but goodness me, I must get to work immediately.

immediately.

The first letter I open is from an Unloved Girl from Greenwood, Texas, who says she is a "nice young lady," but that another girl has stolen her beau and she knows it because the last time he called on her he never kissed her good by and always before he never could hug and kiss her too much, and that she kisses the boys because she "just can't resist their pleadings." Isn't she the tender-hearted thing? For further proof of that she doesn't want to go with other boys because she is afraid it would hurt him and she doesn't want to cause him "a minute's pain." She is generous, too, for she asks me if I think a birthday present would renew his love for her. I leave it to you, cousins, isn't she silly? In the first place, "nice young ladies" don't kiss boys, regardless of how much they plead, and some of them are great little pleaders, and it is very evident that she allowed her fickie beau to kiss her too much, else he would not have tired of her. His conscience doesn't seem to trouble him very much, so far as hurting you is concerned, so why should you treat him with so much consideration? And above all things, don't send him a birthday present. You don't want to buy his love, do you? Love can't be bought. Forget him, and let this teach you to be less generous with your kisses. Don't chase after him or any other boy; it is a sure way to drive him off. Let the boys do the chasing.

I. A. B., Fuller's, N. C.—Don't accept money from any man, not even your fiance.

I. A. B., Fuller's, N. C.—Don't accept money from any man, not even your fiance. Wait until you are his wife—provided he is as generous after marriage as before. Some men are not.

Oklahoma Maiden, Waynoke, Okla.—You are too young and too small to wear a shirt-waist and skirt, and, anyway, one-piece dresses are lots prettier. Can't you find something suitable among the Compour

patterns?

Fair Beauty, Greenwood, Texas.—I don't think you feel so very badly because your soldier sweetheart has not written if you can console yourself with a thirty-seven year old grass widower. What's the matter? Aren't there any young men left in Greenwood? Of course you did wrong to sit in his lap, but I'll forgive you if you will promise not to do it again. (2) I should say it was very rude of a boy to put his foot in your lap while he, or you, laced his shoe—unless, of course, you like to be used as a footstool.

College Student Greenwood Texas.—If you are en.

College Student, Greenwood, Texas.—If you are engaged to a nice young mas who doesn't kiss you, you shy fiance is saving his kisses until he is your husband, but I don't think you care much about either of them. When in doubt, don't marry, is a good, safe rule to follow, and I think it applies to your case.

rule to follow, and I think it applies to your case. Sammie and Johnnie, Marlow, Okla.—Tell the young man who threatens to "quit" you unless you let him kiss you that you value your self respect more than his particular brand of friendship, love or kisses and that the sooner he quits the better pleased you will be. It is perfectly proper to kiss your fiance good by. (2) Don't feel badly if your soldier boy sends cards to two other girls, just as long as he writes to you every day and tells you all about it. I don't think he means any harm. But even if he should, don't worry about it, for there are lots of other boys.

E. A., Berry, Ky.—One hundred and sixty-four

E. A., Berry, Ky.—One hundred and sixty-four pounds weight for a girl five feet, five inches tall, doesn't sound as though her health were completely broken down, but I'll take your word for it. Your parents did wrong in keeping you out of school and if they are very unkind to you and overwork you now I think you are justified in finding work elsewhere. Don't decide too hastily, for, after all, home is a pretty good place.

N. B., Binghampton, N. Y.—I should think you would respect your mother's memory more than to chum with girls she objected to, even if you resented your fance's attitude in the matter. That shows he has your welfare at heart, though I do think he should

have asked you to discontinue their acquaintance, rather than commanded you to. Lots of girls don't use judgment and are not particular enough about their associates, and don't know the value of a dollar, and maybe he is right in saying all these things about you, but it seems to me that he is very tactless and critical—especially before you are married to him. Most of them reserve their criticisms until after marriage. Profit by his criticisms, my dear, even though they rankle, but tell him he has your permission to look elsewhere for a sweetheart with all the virtues you, apparently, do not possess. Hasn't he any faults?

do not possess. Hasn't he any faults?

Heartbroken Sweetheart, Greenville, Pa.—Such a silly little girl—in love with a soldier whom she has never seen and wants to know if she should promise to marry him if he returns from France. Don't you know that such foolishness as yours is one of the reasons why our government has put its foot down on correspondence between soldiers and women they are not personally acquainted with? When you mean "have to," please don't spell it "hafto."

"have to," please don't spell it "haito."

Brown Eyes, Sulphur Springs, Texas.—The doctor, you mention, who puts his arm around you and gives you a "loving and friendly look," is guilty of gross impropriety and unprofessional conduct. Tell him you will change doctors and denounce him if he attempts that or any other familiarity with you. Doctors of his kind are the ruin of many girls and married women, too.

women, too.

Susan, Saline, Kans.—If you truly love each other and intended to be married soon anyway, don't hesitate because he may soon march away as a soldier. Instead, be proud that you are a soldier's wife, but don't marry just to be a "war bride."

don't marry just to be a "war bride."

C. C., Detroit, Mich.—I was much interested in your description of this, apparently, model young man, but, my dear, I don't know what you should say to him, because, you see, I don't know what he asked you. Tell him you will think it over, and in the meantime tell me what he said and I'll do my best to help you. And I'm quite curious to know what he said, too. Maybe it was something very important, as, for instance: "Do you pick the bones out of sardines before you eat them?" and in that case I wouldn't want you to answer hastily.

Tootste Little Bock, Ark.—No, you don't weigh too

answer hastily.

Tootsie, Little Rock, Ark.—No, you don't weigh too much. About right, I should say. Your spelling is good, but your penmanship is awful, positively awful, and your grammar likewise, but don't feel bad because I scold, for I'm a hateful old thing, but just keep on trying to do better. Don't write to this boy too often and don't kiss him sgain.

Blue Eyes, Wilkinsville, S. C.—No, it isn't wrong for you to love a man who neglects you in the presence of others, but it is extremely foolish of you. Die for him if you want to, that's your privilege, but it would be more sensible to care for another who cared more for you, but suit yourself.

Talent. Oregon.—Don't you mind, honey, if your

Talent, Oregon.—Don't you mind, honey, if your schoolmates don't like you and are unkind to you. It will be all right some day, I feel sure. Would a personal letter help any? If so, send me your name.

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Brown Eyes, Ramer, Tenn.—This poor girl's flance "dosent write but once a week and I dont fell like he appreshates me as he should." Isn't that just too pitiful fow words? Well, Brown Eyes, all I have to say is this—if your letter to me is a fair sample of the kind you write to him, he deserves a medal for writing even once a week. If I were in his place I'd make it once a year, and leap-years at that.

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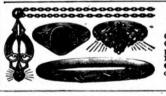
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FISTULA OF TEAT.—I have a valuable Jersey cow which has a fistula in one side of her teat close up to the udder, making it very disagreeable to milk, and much milk is wasted.

A.—When the cow is dry the fistulous tract can be done away with by cauterization or an operation by an expert surgeon. Until that can be done, apply flexible collodion twice daily, and if that does not succeed, apply a strip of surgeon's tape.

KITTEN SHEDDING TEXTH.—I have a kitten five months old, in the past two weeks has lost the two upper large teeth and two lower ones. Can you tell me if the kitten will have other teeth and the cause of the teeth falling out?

A.—Milk teeth have dropped out above and below and will in time be replaced by permanent ones. This is natural and starts about six months of age, as a general rule. Examine mouth now and then and remove the loose milk teeth with forceps. Apply listerine daily to the sore gums, or if a bad odor is noticed.

TUMOR.—I nave a mare, four years old, that has

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TUMOR.—I nave a mare, four years old, that has a knot behind the shoulder blade that is as large as a pint cup. Sometimes it is hard and again it is soft. What do you think about it?

A.—A fibroid tumor no doubt is present and has come from bruising. The only successful treatment will be to have it cut out by a surgeon, then saturate oakum with a mixture of equal quantities of turpentine and raw linseed oil and pack into the wound daily until it is filled up; then apply oxide of zinc ointment once a day until it is healed.

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TUMOR OF HAW.—I have a mule and his eyes are affected. Some people say it is the hooks. The disease is cating the corners of his eyes out. They run matter fhat has an offensive odor. There seems to be a tumor, about the size of a man's little finger, under the eyelid.

A.—There is no such disease as the "hooks." The membrana nictitans or "third eyelid" has become infected and inflamed so that a tumor has formed. Have the tumor cut out by a surgeon. It is a very simple and successful operation.

ABSCESS.—I have a seven-year-old mare in fine con-

and successful operation.

ABSCESS. -I have a seven-year-old mare in fine condition. In the winter her udder swells to twice its natural size. It gathers and discharges matter. It has been like this every winter since her last colt was weaned. Will this hinder her from raising colts? Can she be cured? If so, what remedy would you advise?

MRS. A. W. M.

A.—The udder is ruined for milk secretion, so that the mare should not be bred. Once daily, rub the udder with a mixture of one part of mercurial ointment and two parts of lard. If it opens and discharges, syringe out once daily with a one percent solution of permanganate of potash, and each other day inject a little tiacture of iodine.

WOUND.—I have a seven-year-old mare that cut her

day inject a little tincture of iodine.

WOUND.—I have a seven-year-old mare that cut her left hind leg on a barb wire, about two inches below the hock, on the front part. It will not heal. The joint is not stiff. She can walk. Mas. M. B. H. A.—Wet the wound three times a day with a mixture of two ounces of sulphate of zinc, half an ounce of chloride of zinc, one dram of dilute hydrochloric acid and one pint of soft water. Label the bottle "poison" and shake it before using.

INTERED COLT.—I have a three years ald colt with

acid and one pint of soft water. Label the bottle "poison" and shake it before using.

INJURED COLT.—I have a three-year-old colt with her left hind leg stiff and drawn up about three inches shorter than the other. The thigh seems to be drying up and a knot growing on the bock joint. The hoof is very small. She can throw her leg back and forward when she walks and tries to use it, but the leg is too short and stiff.

A.—Your description of the case indicates that the condition is hopeless, and unless an experienced graduate veterinarian decides to the contrary after a careful examination, the colt should be put out of her misery. Swelling.—I have a mule that bruised her hind leg just above the ankle joint. An abscess formed. I had it lanced and blistered by a veterinarian. The leg is enlarged and swells a little after a day's work. What can I do to reduce it to normal size, also make the hair grow where it was blistered. A. E. W.

A.—The treatment has been too severe and the hair will not grow back if the roots have been destroyed. Apply a little sweet oil and vaseline twice daily and bandage the leg with fiannel each time the mule comes into the stable. If possible, allow her a box stall.

CONTRACTED HOOP.—I have a fine, five-year-old colt in good condition, but his feet do not grow severed.

bandage the leg with fiannel each time the mule comes into the stable. If possible, allow her a box stall. Contracted Hoof.—I have a fine, five-year-old colt in good condition, but his feet do not grow as rapidly as they should. The hoof is sound, and the blacksmith said he could not find anything wrong. L. B. D. A.—For a month, keep cold, yet swabs of heavy felt or cotton waste upon the hoof-heads. Then clip off the hair, if the hoofs are not growing down normally, and blister twice a month with a mixture of two drams of biniodide of mercury and powdered cantharides and three ounces of lard. Rub the blister in for 15 minutes and then tie the horse up short so that he will be mable to lie down or bite the blistered parts. Wash the blister off in 48 hours and then apply a little lard daily. Do not repeat the blister before the skin has perfectly recovered from the previous blister.

PARALYSIS.—I have a hog that seems to be weak in her back and cannot stand on her hind legs. When I make her stand, the legs cross.

MRS. V. M.

A.—If the hog is in good flesh, we should advise you to kill it for meat. If you do not care to do this, give it a four-ounce dose of Epsom salts as a physic and then feed sloppy mashes containing raw linseed oil, and if they do not keep the bowels active, add Epsom salts daily. Constipation, confinement and overfeeding corn, commonly bring on paralysis.

The Girl He Loved

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indiscretions or sorrows on some one else was against Levallion's creed.

"I have no favorite flower," she said, with a laugh, having crushed down the ghosts of flowers she loved and hated, "and—listen, Levallion, bend your head down, and—neither have any of them! They're racking their brains now to discover what their adorers prefer,"

"They will do, perfectly," said Ravenel, after one second. "They are very—appropriate. Sew them on firmly, Celeste, and make me a little wreath that will go under my hood."

An old tag of poetry had leaped into her memory as she looked at the white mass in the box, but she had no tremors lest any one else should remember and apply it.

She looked at herself narrowly in the glass when, after dinner, which, by the way, was anything but good, Levallion having had a fresh battle with Carrousel on the subject of the disappearance of the first orchids of the season—she achieved her toilet, and, with thankfulness, hid herself in her thick, black mask. For behind it she could let her mouth take what shape it liked; and, thank God! for one night need not be always smiling.

Levallion was late. He stood at one end of the long picture-gallery, where he had coolly banished all his ancestors as being too hideous to contemplate, and looked between the walls covered with modern French pictures to the far end of the room.

There were the guests in a group—and for a moment he was honestly puzzled, for the women were all of a height, as Mrs. Damerel had said.

Then he laughed, for he saw the duchess. And the duchess had taken Mrs. Damerel's words to heart and bedecked herself with real and veritable cauliflowers—but with what a genius.

On the white velvet gown were bestowed wreaths and bunches of the white part of her homely vegetable, which were almost as velvety as the gown itself.

She disdained either mask or hood, and her curled, gray-head rose over her ornaments with the air of a woman who may be fifty, but has slain a spiteful foe with her own weapon, and knows it.

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"Yellow and Marechal Niel roses—Mrs. Arbuthnot. That sweet vision of chiffon and lilies is Betty Beauchamp! Betty—who has a new young man every month in the year!" and he grinned. It was more amusing than such nonsense usually turned out. But from Lady Gwendolin Brook, in dull-orange and evil orchids, he turned his head in disgust, commenting, dryly, that she was too modern for future parties of his.

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"I always stood up for her, too, which is awkward. But I never understood what she really ward. But I never understood what she really was, till I saw those devilish brown-spotted orchids," and his eyes found Mrs. Damerel and laughed. Shy and modest violets covered Mrs. Damerel's lilac satin, mistletoe having been unprocurable. Mrs. Damerel—who shot, and hunted, and smoked, and usually put her conversation into plain terms! She might put six masks on her face when she forgot not to stick out her self-asserting elbows. And then he looked no more, for his glance had fallen on a woman in white, standing alone at a little distance from the others. It was Ravenel, in a plain, ivory-satin gown, covered with great trails of white poppies with purplish-black hearts, and dull-green velvet leaves. Over a mass of the pallid flowers of sleep and death, her face and head were tragic in the black shroudings that he had somehow never thought looked sinister on the other women. And not her mask alone sent a chill to Levallion's heart. Her eyes, black and anxious in their narrow eyeholes, were fixed on Adrian Gordon, who for once stood beside her, was whispering in her ear.

And as he spoke her somber eyes flashed with a sudden brightness, a joy they never had for Levallion. "White popples!" even at his own expense, Levallion was cynical. "Well, I suppose I may

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"White popples!" even at his own expense, Levallion was cynical. "Well, I suppose I may be glad she does not wear the roses of rapture and silence." And he cursed with some thoroughness himself for his suspicious thoughts and Hester Murray for her lying tales, even the innocent white popples, because they meant "oblivion"—the oblivion of a woman who says to herself every morning that she has forgotten. As he walked over to the duchess to congratulate her on her masterpiece of decoration, he felt exceedingly cross and out of sorts. But, being Lord Levallion, determined to keep his eyes and ears utterly away from his wife throughout the evening. Every girl has a school-day love-affair; let her bury hers tonight under her white popples! To spite himself and prove Hester was swrong, he haff half a mind to ask Adrian to stay on indefinitely, but even Levallion knew he could not do that.

"My dear Levallion," said the duchess, as the music—obtained by a miracle of money and a special train!—struck up, "pray don't wriggle! You're not sitting on a pin, are you?"

"It's Damerel," returned his lordship, affectedly. "Don't look at the egregious fool! He'll make you ill."

The duchess glanced at Mr. Damerel, who had turned his dress clothes into a walking funeral with tube-roses, even unto the seams of his trousers.

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"He ought to be put in a hearse," snapped Levallion. "I wish I'd never read any poetry! I should not be able to remember so many quotations about the idiocy of man," but the particular verse, in his mind did not apply to Mr. Damerel's trousers, and he never glanced at his wife as she passed him, though her white train brushed his feet.

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Slowly the words were putting themselves to-ether in his mind, and he knew more than tavenel did:

"Now, those are poppies in her locks, White poppies she must wear; Must wear a mask to hide her face And the want graven there."

Ravenel had gone no further; Levallion's vilely accurate memory supplied two lines more:

'Or—is the hunger, fed at length, Cast off the care?"

And at the memory of the quick and sudden glory of Ravenel's glance at Adrian, the man could not but wince. He looked up and saw her standing beside him.

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"Aren't you going to dance with me?" she said. "You can't pretend you didn't know it was I, you know!"

Pretend, indeed, when he would know her in her grave-clothes with a cloth over her face! He rose a little stiffly and put his arms around her waist. He danced well for all his forty-seven years, and he knew it; the two floated smoothly down the long gallery to the tune of "Bid Me Good by and Go," and Adrian Gordon, who had never danced with the girl he woed, had to step back as she passed him in Levallion's arms.

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I live in Minot, North Dakota. I am a girl of nine years, and I can do many things. I can crochet and can tatt. I can bake cakes. My mother has joined the food pledge. She makes corn, and graham bread and cottage cheese. We have meat about once in two weeks. We eat quite lots of salmon. Papa is going to kill some hogs pretty soon, and then we can have meat once a day. My mother and father both belong to the Red Cross. My father has a war bond. My father has a Ford car. I like to ride in our car. It is fun I think. There are nine in our family. I have two brothers and four sisters. One of my sisters is sickly. I hope to see my letter in print.

Ida, I'm delighted to hear from you and to get in touch with the Van Fleet family. Three cheers for every one of you. The Van Fleet family is doing its level best to win this war and to keep Uncle Sam instead of the Kaiser from running, this country. Ida's mama has "joined the food pledge" as she quaintly puts it. Signed the food pledge would be a more correct way of expressing it. A lot of people would not help our country even to the extent of signing that pledge, a lot who have signed it are not living up to it. It has got to be lived up to however, if we are to win this war. A very wrathy German lady wrote me that the saving of food should begin at the President's table. It has begun there and it will continue there. Your mother is wise, Irene, putting you on a diet of salmon for there is nothing better or more nutritious and appetizing. Billy the Goat makes the most delicious fish cakes of shredded codfish and potatoes, and we use these as our chief meal twice a week. We use war-bread only at breakfast and supper. Potatoes are plentiful and wheat is scarce. Papa is lucky to have hogs for table use. The hogs that I want to kill are all two legged and would make mighty poor eating. Irene, let me congratulate your family on belonging to the Red Cross and possessing a war bond. Everyone should belong to the Red Cross. It only costs a dollar a year and no matter whether in peace or war, in all corners of the earth it is doing Christ's work. It was the first to rush aid to the stricken city of Halifax and wherever disasters are to be met, the wounded and afflicted to be succored, plague, war or pestilence, famine and flood to be fought, the Red Cross is there. On the battleids of France the Allies have 60,000 ambulances. Poor Russia had only 6,000 and most of these were supplied by the good Red Cross people of America. Imagine what suffering those poor souls endured for the lark of sufficient ambulances, dressing stations, hospitals and medical care. Yes, Ida, I understand it's lots of fun riding in a Ford car—b

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl fifteen years old, five feet six inches tall, gray eyes and brown hair. I go to school every day. Now here is what I want to ask you Uncle Charlie. Do you think it right for me to go with a soldier when my mother is against it, my father also. I love him and he said he loved me. I live on a farm about a mile from the car line. We have two horses, two cows and a lot of chickens, ducks, dogs and one goose. I wish you could have been with us last Thanksgiving, and have had a piece of the goose. I hope Billy the Goat don't get this.

Your niece, ESTHER COPE.

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For the next few years young lady, you take father's and mother's advice. They are older than you and have had infinitely more experience. Their love for you is the real thing, while soldier boy does not know any more what real love is than you do, and probably your parents know something about the soldier boy that you don't. Puppy love is like measles. It is all right if you pull through and death when you don't. Most of us go through it and if the old folks are watchful and the girl is not an utter fool and the boy a villain, no harm comes of it, and in after life we can look back at our puppy loves and yell and think what idiots we made of ourselves. When you are a woman you'll say: "Thank God my folks did not let me marry that nut of a boy so and so." And your man John will say: "Thank heaven my folks steered me away from that crack-brained, gabby, old, pie-faced Susan Smith." Go and play with your dolls Esther, and above all go and ponder over your books and educate your brain and build up your character, and develop your personality and leave your heart and emotions alone until you have acquired sense, wisdom and ability to know a man who loves you from a boy who is only jollying you. Don't rush things, take your time and heed what father and mother say. The girls who fill our potters' fields, the nameless and the shameless dead, always utter these words before death mercifully closes their eyes and seals their lips: "Oh, how different it all would have been if I had only taken father's and mother's advice!"

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Always glad to hear from cowboys Jack, and believe me' if I could send the peace-at-any-price bugs and hand them over to Mr. Villa or turn them over to the Kaiser's Potsdam gang, I would love to do it. They know how to fix these white feather lunatics. Some of these people write and tell me that when we are smitten on one cheek. Christ said we should turn the other. I mentioned that to one of the greatest, most devout, saintly and scholarly ministers in this country the other day, a man many of you know by name, for he lectures all over the country. He told me to tell you that we had not only turned the other cheek to be smitten, but that we had turned out backs to be kicked, and we've not only been hammered all over the body but we've been murdered and slaughtered as well. It is quite true that the Bible says "Thou Shalt Not Kill," but so no peace-at-any-price fanatic ever had an atom of sense, it logically follows that he imagines God is devoid of sense as he is. God meant that we were not to commit murder, not to wantonly and willfully take life. He did not say that we were to quietly lie down and let anybody murder us without offering resistance. Here's one for the peace fanatics to stew over: "And the Lord said thou shalt make no peace with the wicked." Wasn't it God who stopped the sun so as to give Joshua an opportunity to go on fighting and killing? It takes all sorts of people to make up a queer world like this, Jack, and somebody has to fill the lunatic asylums, so let the peace-at-any-price rainbow chasers go ahead, we have plenty of padded cells ready for them. I'm sorry we can't come down and assist you at the round up. With steak at forty dollars an inch those poor cows of yours would have some anxious moments if the whole crowd of us got headed for the Sweadon ranch. You say you have twenty head of cows, and your brand is AX., and you hope to have "quiet" a few brands? Jack, no

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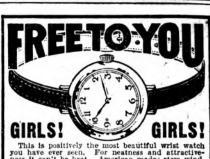
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Mrs. L. S., Sumner, Ga.—There is no receipt for,
dieting suitable and useful in every case. Each case
is a law unto itself, and must be treated from an
individual standpoint. In other words, the personal
equation comes in, and also the personal idiosyncracy
must be consuited. In general, skimmed milk is beneficial to an irritable stomachic condition, or some
modification of milk, such as Koumyss—fermented
milk—or even ordinary buttermilk will in many cases
be acceptable and beneficial. Then again peptonized
milk is indicated. You might also try junket. As
you have a cough, you should carefully look into the
cause of the cough, and if possible stop the cough
with suitable remedies. In the meantime try some
of the milk modified as above indicated, and report
again. again.

Mrs. F. S., Bridgeport, Conn.—Folliculer stomatitis, or ordinary "canker" sores, are usually due to some disorder of digestion or uncleanness, especially in the care of the teeth, etc. The local application of silver nitrate one per cent. solution, mel boracis—borax and honey—and some such mouth-wash as Dobell's solution will usually cure a given case.

Mrs. E. B. M., Buffalo Gap, S. D.—Would not advise the use of any reducing measure while you are nursing your baby. You probably mean to use a medical formula given in a bath. Epsom saits in pound quantities put in a bath will reduce your weight. It must be used with caution, as it often affects the heart.

Mrs. E. G., Rupert, Idaho.—A one per cent. solution of resorcin in alcohol and rose water applied twice a week sparingly will, in many cases, stop the falling out of the hair.

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Hemorrhoids, or piles, are the usual cause of bleeding from the rectum. There are other conditions that may cause bleeding, such as malignant disease, polypi, ulcerations of the mucous membranes, presence of a foreign body, etc. Your pain in the region of the navel, and the gas in the bowels, are due, no doubt, to some secondary indigestion. Try a skimmed milk diet for a week, with proper correction of the bowels, using some mild cathartic.

Mrs. Annie J., Roslyn, Wash.—Some aromatic cas-cara mixture for your bowels, and a diet that contains some form of bran, would help, if not cure, your chronic constipation. Also drink plenty of good water between your meals, either hot or cold. Avoid strong coffee or tea. A simple diet of strained oatmeal por-ridge, plain skimmed milk, toast and fresh fruit might be added.

be added.

Mrs. M. P., Netty, Ky.—Your history as given would indicate the cause of your breakdown. Caring for four children, marriage at the age of fourteen, and doing your own work, would be sufficient to cause a nervous, if not a physical, wreck. You should have a good vacation, away from your family, where you can have a chance to recuperate. The boy's lumps mentioned are no doubt of strumous origin and he should have some good iron tonic prescribed for the same by your local doctor.

S. A. Dexter, Ga.—Evergraph tablets of saliculate.

S. A., Dexter, Ga.—Five-grain tablets of salicylate of sods, one taken three times a day after meals, will help your rheumatism. You should go to Atlanta, Ga., and have your eyes examined by an eye specialist there. Comport does not recommend or give names of specialists in any line.

F. K., Waverly, Va.—Carbolic acid burns, as a rule, are very superficial and do not cause a permanent scar.

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Miss M. W., Adrian, Minn.—You must have your eyes carefully examined, under a mydriatic, by a competent specialist. From what you write, it would seem that your condition is more likely to be due to eye strain than anything else. The ordinary examination, done by some local jeweler, will not do and in most cases is a poor makeshift for a real examination. Try this, and report further, if not relieved.

Mrs. L. S., Gallon, Ohio.—Some malt drink, such as the so-called Best Tonic or mait extract, is indicated, and will do all that can be done to help you nurse your child. Of course, drinking milk and good, nourishing food must also be taken.

Mrs. A. C. L.. Rockham, S. D.—Use Lassar's paste

nurse your child. Of course, drinking milk and good, nourishing food must also be taken.

Mrs. A. C. L., Rockham, S. D.—Use Lassar's paste diluted with vaseline,—using ten parts of vaseline to one part of the paste. See, also, that your child does not eat indigestible food, or foods that are literally steeped in sugar. Pastry, capdies and highly seasoned foods must be omitted from the child's diet absolutely, if you wish for results in cases of this kind.

Mrs. D. P., Fernwood, Idaho.—There seems to be only one remedy for you, and that is a change of climate. Your pleurodynia is probably of malarial origin. Large doses of quinine sometimes will effect a cure, but a change of climate is the one best guess in your case. Your husband undoubtedly has a high blood pressure, and his urticaria is also due to the same cause that makes for high blood pressure. Some good cathartic, light meals, and drinking plenty of good spring water, should effect a cure in his case.

Mrs. M. W. B., Talbert, Texas.—Your numbness in the finger-tips is due, no doubt, to some neurosis, and may also have some connection with your age. Massage at night, with a cold sponge douche to the spine, should help you.

L. D., Alto, Ga.—Go to some good eye specialist and have some connections with states.

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H. M., Oil Center, Ky.—You should have an operation for the falling of the womb, and all the tissues put in their normal condition. The spinal douche is as follows: Standing in the bath-tub, let the hot water run until it just covers your feet, then let the cold water from the bath-spray run down the spine for two or three minutes. Follow this with a brisk rub, using a large, coarse bath towel for the purwo or three minutes. Follow this with a brisk using a large, coarse bath towel for the pur-

A. K., 649 E. 223rd Street, N. Y. C.—The so-called Dobell's solution, which can be purchased at any drug store, is a good mouth wash. This, however, will not take the place of a good dentrifice for the teeth.

Mrs. I. M. Casey, Ill.—Suppression of the periods for a more or less extended time, after confinement, may be due to a run-down physical condition, and may be due to malaria. Both require tonics and proper treatment along some medical line.

Mrs. R. L. M.—"Bed-wetting" is frequently due to adenoids, lack of circumcision, or some remote irritation of stomachic origin. If your children have been circumcised and have had their adenoids removed, try a light meal at night, and, if possible, see that the child passes his water during the night in the usual way, and not involuntarily, by arousing him at a stated time.

D. M., Dairs City, Ia.—The thyroid gland has a direct connection with growth and nutrition. It, however, must be taken only on the order of a physician, and its action must be carefully watched.

Miss E. E. E., Lynden, Wash.—On retiring, use the cold spinal douche so often described in Comfort. This, combined with a general massage, will probably help your condition. For the body odor, you can use the following: Two teaspoonfuls of salicylate of soda to a pint of water. Bathe the parts with this lotion once a day.

once a day.

Mrs. M. C., Ludlow, Ky.—You are suffering from too much introspection. Many of your complaints are of your own imagination. You should go out-of-doors more. Take up some work that will cause you to meet other people and get rid of your many misgivings as to your health and relations to other people. It is of course impossible to get at the exact condition, but it is most probably, as before hinted at, purely personal and imaginative. Follow your physician's advice solely, and stop or curb your many and varied imaginings.



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would like to adopt a child. I advise them to do so because the poor little orphans are hungry for a mother's love and for a home. I am so thankful that I have a home, and parents to love me.

Our farm is called "The Fairview Farm" and we can see the nearest town, Ironwood, two and one half miles from here, very plainly.

I am in the Freshman class in high school and enjoy it. I hope to be a teacher some day. Mamma and Papa are doing all they can to get me through school and I hope to repay them. I am taking algebra, English, general science and German this year and I will take Latin the last two years. Almost all of us are doing Red Cross work at school. The girls are busy with needles and yarn, making warm garments for our boys in the Army and Navy. The boys are also knitting and do better than some of the girls. We are going to organize a Junior Red Cross soon and help keep the Boys comfortable.

I enjoy farm work such as milking and taking care of the cows, and driving a team. We have seven head of cattle but our herd is young.

I like to crochet and knit and would be glad to receive patterns. I am not much use at home when I go to school because I get home so late in the evening and have to leave at seven o'clock in the morning. I live about three miles from school nad as I do not like to stay in town I walk five or six miles every day.

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I'll be fifteen years old the 28th day of April. I am large for my age, five feet, three inches tall and quite stout. Have dark blue eyes, brown hair and am sunburnt and freckles dot my nose.

I would like to receive letters from the COMPORT sisters, especially those near my own age, and will try to answer.

Your COMPORT sister, HULDA JOHNSON.

Hulda.—You are a girl after my own heart and your letter was very interesting. Tell us more about your Junior Red Cross. I think it is a splendid thing for you to do.

ROSCOMMON, MICH.

MRS. WILKINSON:

Will you allow me space for this letter? I suppose that when I asked for information about small farms in Virginia I should have said farms of from ten to thirty acres and up from the coast. I am deluged with letters, not only from Virginia, but all other states. I have answered those that might do but it would keep me busy if I should try to answer all, so those who wrote to me and received no answer, please accept my thanks and the assurance that the land offered was not what was desired. With my weak fungs, I must find a home in or near the mountains. Another thing, when I asked for reading I expressed a desire that no religious papers be sent but up to the present time, all that I have received have been of that kind, religious papers and tracts, which is a waste of postage. I would, however, appreciate magazines devoted to the culture of flowers and fruits. I take Park's Floral World but there must be others printed on the care of flowers. Any good reading will be acceptable.

Again thanking one and all, I remain,
A COMFORT Sister,
MRS. E. A. DOYLE.

Mrs. Doyle.—It looks as though you had to take religious papers, directly or indirectly, whether you wish to or not; if you receive magazines relating to the care and culture of flowers, for Henry Ward Beecher said, "Flowers are sent to do God's work in unrevealed paths, and to diffuse influence by channels that we hardly suspect,"—then the flowers you cultivate not only enrich your own life but the lives of those who enjoy them with you. Christina G. Rossetti tells us too that "Flowers preach to us if we will but hear."—Ed.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

To sour milk, add a few drops of vinegar.

Rub a curtain pole with hard soap and the draperies will slip more easily.

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To remove mildew, soak the clothes in a solution of chloride of lime water. To clean lamp burners, wash them in a strong solu-tion of wood ashes and water.

Add a teaspoonful of water to the white of an egg and it will make it whip more quickly.

Put left-over toast into a glass jar and screw lid n tightly and it will keep fresh for hours.

To remove grease from wall paper, rub the spot with a piece of fiannel dampened in alcohol. When flower stems are too short for the vase you wish to use, fill the vase to desired height with wads of paper.

Wash your white silk gloves and stockings in cold water and dry them in the shade and you will find they will not turn yellow.

To remove paint from clothing, saturate the spot several times with equal parts of ammonia and turpentine, and then wash in warm soapsuds.

If a cake sticks when taking it from the baking tin, place it on a cloth wrung out of hot water and let it stand a few minutes. It will then come out without any trouble.

Requests

"Miss Curiosity," Utah, would like poem, "Flying Jim's Last Leap."

I would like to get the poem, "Frankness Between Friends." Mrs. J. F. Mahill, N. Mex. Will some of the sisters send directions for weaving a hair chain. Mrs. IDA LE MOINE, Rockbridge, Wis.

How to prevent hair from falling out and how to remove red ink stains from table-cloth.

Brown Eyes, Idaho.

Mrs. P. C. Bader, McKeesport, 850 Island Ave., Pa., would like the October and November 1917 numbers of COMFORT.

Hattie Parker, Cumberland City, Tenn., would like January and February 1917 numbers of "The Illus-trated Companion." Will return favor. Miss Alice Hillstrom, Stacy, R. R. 3, Minn., would like the copies of the "Ladies' Home Journal" con-taining story "Forbidden Ground." Will return as soon as read, if desired.

Mrs. W. E. Mathews, Templeton, Cal., would like it following songs:
"Tis a Picture from Life's Other Side."
"Dear Old Hills of California."
"There Little Girl, Don't Crry."
"Beautiful Isle of the Sca."
"I want to go Tomorrow."
"De Little Old Log Cabin in de Lane."

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"If I Could See as Far Ahead as I Can See Behind."

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Anna Benemer, Joliet, Ill.

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ANNA BENEMICK, Joliet, III.

CANCER CURE --Dig polk root, wash clean, scrape and roast. Clean off cancer (but do not wash) each time before applying salve. Poultice twice a day and keep polk root on as long as it hurts when you apply it. This will take the cancer out, root and branch. Then simmer some mutton-tailow and resin together and apply to heal. My husband took a rose cancer off his leg over twenty-five years ago and has never been bothered since with them.

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Wanted, information of Johnny Reed, aged 17, son of John and Mattie Reed. Please notify his sister, Mrs. May Rains, Ridgley, Mo.

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Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.)

She acquired a brilliant education, being determined to make the most of her opportunities, and be fitted to assume the very highest position possible.

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She made a great sensation in the world when she was introduced, and reigned a belle for a number of seasons; and, while the countess could not fail to be proud of her in a certain way, yet she missed the love which her childless heart was forever reaching out after.

And thus Ada Therwin grew to womanhood—beautiful, accomplished, and with powers of fascination which few women in the world possess. Yet there was not one particle of good in her heart, though she often deceived people, as she was now striving to deceive Sibyl, into the belief that she was an angel of light.

She won hearts by the score, only to trample on them when they became her captives, and laugh over the conquests she had made; and she had never yet met the man to whom she could yield her will in a single point, or who could satisfy her ambition for position in the world. She had begun to tire somewhat of London society and her conquests there, when the invitation came from her friend, Mrs. Maplewood, for her to spend the winter with her in Dumfries; and, upon her acceptance, they put forth every effort to make the season a brilliant one for her.

Thus it happened that Miss Ada Therwin, among other acquaintances, made that of Lady Prescott's beautiful ward, and, for reasons to be hereafter explained, became her bitterest and most implacable foe.

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Toward Raymond Prescott she was instantly and strangely attracted.

His grand figure, his high-bred face, his polished manner, together with the glare of his prospective fortune—for Miss Therwin was greedy, even as Judith had said—all seemed to have a peculiar charm for her.

Perhaps this may have been caused somewhat by Raymond's apparent indifference to her usually all-conquering charms, and his evident admiration of his mother's protegee, and thus all the antagonism of her nature was aroused to arms.

Be that as it may, she now bent all the powers of her strong will to the accomplishment of a twofold object—the ruin, utter and entire, of Sibyl, and the winning of the proud and handsome Raymond Prescott.

Sibyl had been profuse in her praises of Miss Therwin, and of the good she was doing so unobtrustively (?) upon her return from her very enjoyable drive; so much so, indeed, as to occasion the surprise of Lady Prescott, for the young girl was usually very reticent, and exceedingly shy of making intimate acquaintances.

Nevertheless, her ladyship was also very favorably impressed with her account of the beautiful stranger's goodness and charity, while she could but acknowledge her superior attractions, both of body and mind.

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but acknowledge, and mind.

"I never knew any one to take your heart by storm before, Sibyl; did you, Raymond?" playfully remarked Lady Prescott, as they sat at the tea table after Sibyl's return.

"Yes, I think I do remember one instance of that kind, previous to this," he returned, smiltingly

that kind, previous to this," he returned, smilingly.

Sibyl looked up in surprise, and colored deepest crimson as she met his admiring eyes.

"When was that?" demanded his mother.

"When? Your memory is not as good as mine, it seems. It was when my irresistible mother made a like conquest about six years ago," he replied, his eyes still reading the flushed and somewhat troubled face.

"I think the conquest was the other way, Ray—Sibyl took me by storm, and has held the fort ever since," Lady Prescott answered with a happy laugh, and a fond look at her lovely captor.

Sibyl heaved a sigh of relief.

Raymond had not then discovered, nor intended to cast any reflections upon her regard for him.

"It has been a very delightful fort to hold, auntie, and I trust I shall never be so unfortunate as to lose possession of it," she replied, with a bright look, and carrying out their figure.

"It would be a sad day for me if you should ever vacate it," laughed her ladyship, while a little thrill of sadness pervaded her heart, as she

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entitled to their interest in the property by operation of law; we think they should proceed to exercise acts of ownership.

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A. A., Michigan.—We think it would be better for you to settle your dispute with your aunt as to the amount due for your services and advancement for her support and maintenance, during her lifetime; we do not think such a claim is as easily proved against an estate as during the lifetime of the person who received the benefit.

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L. M. K., Colorado.—We think, as a general rule, it would be very bad judgment to make a contract to buy property if you have no money with which to make the first payment on account. We think you will encounter enough difficulty in meeting installment payments as they become due, even when you have your plans laid to meet them, without making a contract to make payments for which no provision is made in advance.

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E. N., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a stepchild has no rights of inheritance from the stepfather's estate, unless some provision is made for the stepchild by will, except, of course, that in case the child's mother survives the stepfather and receives a share of her husband's estate, her child would upon her death receive a child's share from her estate.

Mrs. J. H. Y., Washington.—We do not think you can compel your neighbor to cut his shade tree if the same stands entirely upon his own property. We think, however, you can compel him to trim same so that the branches do not extend over your property.

Mrs. M. B. F., Ridgefield Park, N. J.—Upon your statements, we think that if the roof of the house you own extends over your neighbor's property, your neighbor is entitled to have that portion of the roof extending over his property removed. Just what your rights are in any claim for damages you may have against the company which sold you the house, we think depends upon matters not stated in your communication. We think you should have had this property surveyed at the time of your purchase and rejected title if the house did not stand entirely upon the property pprchased by you.

Mrs. L. W., Shelburn, Ind.—We think that all claims for Eventive from the death the second of the same and rejected title if the house did not stand entirely upon the property purchased by you.

Mrs. L. W., Shelburn, Ind.—We think that all claims for exemption from the draft law on the grounds of dependents were questions for the local exemption boards and that if the case of the young man you mention has been passed upon by such exemption board, it will be difficult now to obtain any different ruling in his case.

thought the time might come when she would

"That is a calamity which can only be remedied by taking captive the captor, and making her take the oath of allegiance." Raymond said, with a mischievous glance at Sibyl, but with a mean-

ther there in the take the oath of allegiance. Raymond said, with a mischievous glance at Sibyl, but with a meaning-which his mother alone understood.

Sibyl innocently thought she did not need to take any oath of allegiance; she could never be other than true to her heart's core. How could she help bowing in homage before a man like Raymond Prescott, or fondly loving a woman like his mother?

When in his presence, except for her varying courteous.

At first he was deeply hurt by this reserve and lack of freedom, and set himself to study her, and if possible discover the reason of it. Her concession on the night of the birthday reception, in dropping the word "cousin," and calling him simply "Ray" had, he thought, been a great gain.

Still there seemed to be a barrier which he could not break through; and, as he became more and more interested in her, and found that she was to be the one woman in the world whom he could not break through; and, as he became more and home, it troubled him exceedingly.

"It is evident that she does not regard me in the light of a brother, nor yet as a cousin, else she would avoid me. She will prove herself stronger than I if she succeeds in hiding her beddid her to be a barrier which he could not break through; and, as he became more and more interested in her, and found that she was to be the one woman in the world whom he could not break through; and, as he became more and more interested in her, and found that she was to be the one woman in the world whom he was to be the one woman in the world whom he was to be the one woman in the world whom he she will alway the she would avoid me. She will prove herself stronger than I if she succeeds in hiding her beddid her the street of her feelings toward me? She will prove herself stronger than I if she succeeds in hiding her heart from me for so very long."

CHAPTER XIII.

TAKING HER TO HER DOOM.

"Sibyl," Raymond asked, a few days later, will you go with me today to look at a picture which I think of purchasing? I want your opinion before I bring it home?"



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"I do not know any such thing, my princess, know I have often asked your views upon cerain subjects since my return, and you always eprecate your qualifications as a judge; and the ext thing I hear, you come out brilliantly while alking with some one else. Do you not think hat is a little unfair to me, Sibyl?"

Sibyl's heart bounded, and the ever-ready color eaped to her cheeks at his words.

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Sibyl's heart bounded, and the ever-ready color leaped to her checks at his words.

He had said "my" princess this morning, having never before prefixed the pronoun, while the emphasis on his last words implied that he felt somewhat hurt at her reserve.

"Surely you cannot think that I have premeditated any unfairness toward you. I do not deem my opinion of any moment to you," she said a trile uneasily."

"I suppose it is because I feel my own littleness, and your magnitude." she answered, striving to speak lightly. "Mentally, I meant," she added, in the next breath, and with a laugh, straightening up, for she was nearly as tall as he was now.

He smiled, while he could not help the look of admiration which he bent upon her, she was so beautiful in her modest confusion before him. Then suddenly facing her, he laid his shapely hands on her shoulders, and said, gently:

The beautiful color came and went in her cheek; a thrill ran through every fiber of herbeing at his touch, and the white lids quivered over the drooping eyes, as if pride and timidity were each struggling for the mastery.

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"Sibyl's he repeated.

With an effort the large dark eyes were raised to meet his.

"I am not such a rara avis, after all, my princess. What makes you think I am "It is rather in absurd idea, I admit; but









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Two Wheel Chairs in February 451 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The continued severe winter weather has cut the wheel-chair subscriptions the past month much below the usual number so that only two wheel chairs can be awarded for February

The two February wheel chairs go to Mrs. Mary Olsen, R. 2, Box 39. Bagley Minn. 109; Hazel Hunnicutt R 2, Box 67. Hurdle Mill, N C. 106. The figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them Mrs. Mary Olsen, age 44 has long been paralyzed

in her lower limbs due to injury to her spine caused by falling down-stairs eighteen years ago She has a husband and children, and the wheel chair will be a great help to them in caring for her as well as a

source of much comfort to her.

Hazel Hunnicutt, a little girl of eight years has suffered much from white swelling of the knee joint due to an injury caused by an unfortunate jump from the barn loft. She has not been able to walk since

I hold to the hope, as expressed last month, that with the opening of spring and the advent of more favorable weather the wheel-chair subscriptions will again come in the usual numbers, or better to make up for the winter deficiency. Busy as probably you are with Red Cross work, don't forget and don't neglect to do something to help the poor, suffering shut ins to obtain the COMFORT wheel chairs they are so much in need of.

A few letters of thanks and the month's Roll of Honor follows

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 25 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL.CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shat-in and pay the treight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little taster each mostly than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friends to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

Pleased and Grateful for Her Wheel Chair

SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO. .

EDITOR COMFORT,
DEAR FRIEND:
I have received my Comfort wheel chair, and it is
double dear to me, because I have a little sick granddaughter now and I share the use of it with her. I am
so pleased with it that words or pen cannot express
my gratitude to you and my friends for helping me to
get it. My daughter is a widow with five little girls
and my boy is in the army. Thanking you all, I remain, lovingly.

ADELLA ALBISTON.

Her Wheel Chair a Comfort to Her

FORT WHITE, FLORIDA.

DEAR MR. GANNETT:

The wheel chair has come and I am much pleased with it. It surely is a comfort to me as I have been confined to my bed. I thank you and all kind friends who helped me to get it. Yours very truly,

CATHERINE FRAISCRE. DEAR MR. GANNETT:

Very MuchiPleased with COMFORT Wheel Chair

ROCKWOOD, TENN.

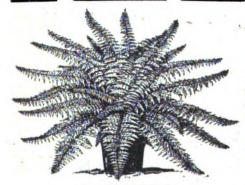
DEAR MR. GANNETT:
I received my wheel chair all right and am very much pleased with it. I wish to thank you and my friends who helped me get the chair which is a great pleasure Your grateful little friend, SANFORD SHELINGS.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

Mrs. E. M. Harrell, Texas, for Mrs. Carolina Alford, 90; Mrs. Lillie Price, Miss., for Mrs. Nather Johnes, 50; Mrs. Walter Keen, Missouri, for Miss Celesta Melins, 40; Miss Mary Clemons, Ga., for Mrs. Roy Wilson, 25; Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, Missouri, for Miss Celesta Mullins, 20; Lucye Somerset, Ala., for Mrs. Mary Green, 20; Mrs. T. J. Ragland, Texas, for own wheel chair, 20; Annie Estelle Whittington, La., for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Whittington, 13; Mrs. Frances, Satterfield, W. Va., for General, 8; Mrs. Frederica S. Krapff, Pa., for General, 8; Mrs. Frederica S. Krapff, Pa., for General, 7; Lena Green, Ga., for Florine Weldon, 6; Susan Roberts, Missouri, for Clarence Clark, 6; Willie Price, N. C., for own wheel chair 5; Mrs. S. M. Hunnicutt, N. C., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 5; Celista Beckstead, Iowa, for General, 5; Miss Amanda Stevens, N. H., for General, 5.

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A. V., Worcester, Mass.—Editorial offices are flooded today by the obtput of those that are in the writing game, and have had experience at it, too. We say this to let you know that there is but small chance of your story finding its way into print. But try it first on some of your local papers. It should be typewritten on one side of paper eight and one half by eleven inches, and in every case of submittal you must enclose sufficient postage for return. Typing is absolutely essential. The handwritten manuscript stands no possible chance of attention.

J. O. S., Orton, Ore.—You are right in your opinion regarding the opportunities in South America for new enterprises. Our bankers and capitalists are beigning to make a systematic study of the field, and closer trade-ties are being drawn each year between this country and our sister republies in the south. Write to the South American Publishing Co., 165 Broadway, New York City. They publish a splendid periodical dealing entirely with Latin American affairs. They also publish many books upon South America, of which they will send you a list if you will ask for it. "South and Central American Trade Conditions Today," by A. Hyatt Verrill, is one of these books, and a good one.

Mrs. S. M. A., Kamiah, Ida.—Here is another Comfort reader with a violin containing an interior inscription which makes her think it is a genuine Stradivarius. As we have stated before, it would have been impossible for old Antonius Stradivarius to have made all the violins that are cheerfully attributed to him by dealers who have something to sell and use a faked inscription to sell it. Experts differ as to the exact number of genuine Strads in existence today, but all agree that they are very few in number. There are about thirty well-antenticated instruments. Violins in those far-off days were made by slow and careful hand labor, and a great many have been lost and destroyed with the passage of two hundred yea

inquirers some nari facts about genuine Straus and
G. S. G., Springfield, O.—We do not think that
painting over the outside of your brick house in the
place where dampness comes through would remedy
the difficulty. We have known of this condition in
many brick houses, and it is generally caused by the
plastering having been done directly on the surface
of the brick wall. We suggest that you have some
furring strips nailed upon the wall of the room where
this dampness occurs, and then place wallboard over
this furring in such a manner that there is a dead
air space left of an inch or more. Now paper upon
the wallboard, and you will be safe from the dampness for all time. Lath and plaster could be used
instead of wallboard, if preferred, but the latter
would be cheaper, and easier to put on.

Mrs. Inquirer, Florida.—The addresses of animal

Mrs. Inquirer, Florida.—The addresses of animal show companies could be secured from the editor of The Billboard, Broadway and 42nd Street, New York City. You might write also to the director of the Broux Zoological Gardens, New York City, regarding this out-of-the-ordinary opossum that you wish to find a market for.

E. H., Rutland, Fla.—There is no better way to ispose of tin-foil than to sell it to a junkman in our own vicinity. They all buy it, at least the onese know do. You might be interested in a sample ppy of the Waste Trade Journal, which is published t 136 Liberty Street, New York City.

at 136 Liberty Street, New York City.

I. E., New Iberia, La.—We think the Texas periodical you mean is the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. This is published by the Texas Historical Association, Austin, Texas. Ridgway and Co., Spring and McDougal Sts., New York City, publish a monthly known as Adventure. There is a periodical known as the National Commercial Traveler, published at 638 Canal St., New Orleans, La. If this is not the one you want, the editor might be able to secure the address of the other that you require. We are able to tell you that the Gulf States Farmer is published from 629 Audubon Bldg., New Orleans, La.

City of Dreams

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21.)

"Oh, very well: I'll send the medicine right around." And after careful instructions and a promise to run in each morning to make Noble comfortable for the day, the doctor left Cecily alone with her patient.

Followed days of amazing inspiration for her. To be sure Noble required much of her, time, but there were still many moments to be snatched for her work and it made no difference to her whether they were by night or by day.

She gave up, for a time, her study with de Lille. She dragged an idle easel into the best light and bought recklessly of materials, experimenting with brush and crayon.

Her brain cells were clogged with undigested impressions. Everything which she had read—and it was much—every work of art which she had seen—and since coming to New York she had seen—and since coming to New York she had seen—and since coming to New York she had seen—and since towning her impressions into sequence.

Her Latin spirit aftre, she worked like a war horse and during the doctor's visits, which were her periods for exercise, she rounded up odd specimens of the alien races near the Square, bringing them home with her for sittings.

More than anything else, Noble's friends annoyed her. They were forever dropping in to enquire for his progress—the doctor forbade them seeing him—and she could see that they were curious about her. That she vastly amused them, she was too self-absorbed to see. While the unconventionality of the situation was a matter of complete indifference to them, Noble's departure from a hitherto unimpeachable judgment surprised them. In her gingham smock she did not fit into the picture.

Leah Belloc came nearly every day and she did not take at all kindly to Cecily's presence in the studio.

Slie was a tall, willowy girl, with reddish hair and curious green eyes. She did daring nosters, some of which Cecily remembered to have seen in an art store window.

"How long have you known Randolph Noble?" Leah sked one day. She had waited long enough for Cecily to show her hand and she was determined t

Leah's eyes narrowed. "Where in the world as he kept you?" she asked insolently.

Cecily met her eyes in silence. has

"I think it is high time that some of his friends investigated his condition. You do not permit

(TO BE CONCLUDED IN APRIL COMFORT.)

Thoughtlessly, foolishly recklessly, Cecily has drifted into a position that has destroyed her reputation, though she is as yet sinless. What will happen when Noble recovers his health? Her character is wavering on the verge of the precipice. With her reputation gone will her character descend to the depths? Her troubles are further complicated by the jealous hatred of a cunning and unscrupulous woman, Leah Belloc, but the climax is reached when Noble's angry father asserts his authority.

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Mrs. Folly Hobbs

Etoile De Lyon

THIS is a deep golden yellow rose, marvelously rich and pure, with an exquisite fragrance. The blossoms are beautifully formed, large, full and double and of splendid substance—the texture being very thick and lasting. It is an unusually strong grower, quickly forming a stout hardy bush and producing a profusion of glorious flowers on long stems all summer. Grace of form, charm of color and vigor of growth are three characteristics which make this one of the finest roses ever offered.

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Terms Used in Crochet

Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops, thread over, draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., enly work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl. st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw the thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chaln of 3 or sts. and omitting the same number of sts. in preceding row; sk., skip, to miss or omit number of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., padding cord,* stars mean that the directions given

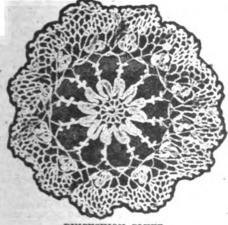
Pincushion Cover Design

CROCHETED cover such as here cROCHETED cover such as here illustrated is very pretty over a round silk covered cushion. The work is begun in the center, and worked outwards to the clover leaves and back to center, then the edge completed by working round and round. Use No. 30 mercerized crocheted cotton and No. 12 steel crochet hook. crochet book.

Begin with ch. 8 and join in a ring. For the first round make 12 single crochets in the ring. 2nd round.-1 d. c. in each s. c. with ch. 2 be-

tween, join.

3rd round.—Ch. 14, 1 d. c. under each ch.
4th round.—1 s. c., 13 d.c., 1 s. c., all under
ch. Ch. 7, sl. st. back in 4th st. to form picot.
Ch. 7, 1, picot, ch. 18, sl. st. in 9th st. from hook. This forms little loop seen in center of clover leaf. Next ch. 5, 1 s. c. in this loop, ch 7, 1. s. c., ch. 5 and 1 s. c. both in same loop. Now to finish clover, 1 s. c. under first ch. 5, followed



PINCUSHION COVER.

by 8 doubles and 1 s. c., under ch. 7 work 1 s. c., 10 d. c., 1 s. c. and under next ch. 5 work same as under first ch. 5. This completes the

Ch. 15, sl. st. in 5th st. from hook, fill this Ch. 15, sl. st. in 5th st. from hook, fill this ring with 20 singles, then ch. 10, make picot and sl. st. to 2nd picot made just previous to making the clover. Ch. 7, 1 picot, sl. st. to 1st picot, ch. 2, 1 s. c., 13'd. c., 1 s. c. under ch. opposite group of doubles first made. Repeat making 12 of these picots and clover leaf chains, excepting that hereafter when 2nd picot is complete, ch. 4 and sl. st. to ring below the clover, then ch. 14 and proceed as before directed.

For the Edge

Catch thread in top of a clover, ch. 10, 1 sl. st. in next petal to left, ch. 5, sl. st. in center of side of ring, ch. 5, sl. st. to next petal, ch. 10, repeat, working around each leaf in this way. Join to first st.

Ch. 3, 4 d. c. with ch. 2 between under ch. 10, ch. 5, 1 treble under ch. 5, ch. 5, 1 treble under next ch., ch. 4 and 4 doubles under ch. 10, ch. 3, 4 doubles and repeat all around. Finish with a ch. 4, 1 d. c. between each d. c. with ch. 3 between, repeat.

Two more rows the same as the last, then

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finish with one row of ch. 5, picot, ch. 2.

For the back of the cushion join thread in the bottom of the leaf, ch. 10, catch above hole, ch. 10, catch to bottom of next leaf, repeat and add 3 more rounds of chains of 9, with 1 s. c. under each ch.

Run a crocheted cord or narrow ribbon in the last round, slip cover over cushion, draw up and tie.

Hand-Made Spring Curtains

Scrim or muslin curtains may be made doubly attractive by adding a hand-made edge. Either of the two patterns illustrated for edging are very effective, but easily and rapidly made. Ist row.—Begin with ch. 15, 1 d. c. in 10th at, from book, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in first ch., ch. 6,

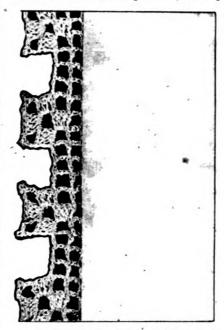


CROCHETED EDGING .- NO. 2.

2nd row.—1 d. c. on first d. c., ch. 2.1 d. c. under ch. 10, ch. 6. turn work.
3rd row.—1 d. c. on d. c., 3 d. c. under ch. 6

4th row.—4 d. c. under ch. 3 between two groups of doubles, ch. 4, picot, ch. 2, 4 d. c under same ch. 3, now 2 sps., ch. 5, turn work, ... 5th row.—D. c. on d. c., 1 more sp., ch. 5, turn work.

Two more rows of 2 sps. each, and repeat



CROCHETED CURTAIN EDGING .- NO. 1.

pattern, or more spaces can be made between blocks on edge if so desired.

No. 2.—Ch. 6, * 1 d. c. in third st. ch., ch. 3, 1 d. c. in first ch. from double, 1 d. c. in same st., ch. 3, 1 s. c. in same st. This makes 1 leaf or loop. Ch. 3, 2 d. c. and ch. 3, 1 s. c. all in same st., ch. 3, 2 d. c. ch. 3 all in same st., ch. 3, 1 d. c. again in same st., 1 sl. st. in third st. of ch. on top of first double, ch. 6 and repeat patch. ch. on top of first double, ch. 6 and repeat pat-tern from *. Nicely made of black knitting silk this is desirable for dress trimming, or for white or colored cotton adds to collars for

Wild Rose Filet Yoke

Use white No. 40 mercerized crochet cotton and No. 12 steel hook.

Begin with ch. 56.

1st row.—1 d. c. in 6 st., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in every blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 7 sps., 2 d. c., ch. 3, turn. third stitch making 17 spaces, ch. 5

turn.

2nd row.—1 d. c. on next to last double in first row, * ch. 2, 1 d. c. on next d. c., repeat from * making 5 spaces, 7 d. c. over next 2 sps., 3

sps., 7 d. c., 5 sps., ch. 5, turn.
3rd row.—4 sps., 4 blks. by working d. c. over next space, 7 d. c. and ch. 6. over next space, 7 d. c. and sps. following 1 sp., 4 blks., 4 sps., ch. 5, turn.

4th row.—Same as 3rd row.

5th row.—2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp. 2 blks., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.

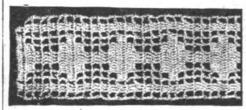
6th row.—1 sp., 4 blks., 2 sps., 1

sps., cn. 5, turn.
6th row.—1 sp., 4 blks., 2 sps., 1
blk., ch. 3, sk. 1 sp., 1 blk. in next
st., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., ch. 5, turn.
7th row.—1 sp. 4 blks., 1 sp., 1
blk., ch. 5, 1 d. c. under ch. 3, ch. 5,
1 blk., ch. 3, 4 blks., 1 sp., ch. 5,
turn.

8th row.-2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1

8th row.—2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., ch. 5, 1 s. c., under next ch., ch. 5, ch. 5, 1 s. c., under next ch., ch. 5, 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
9th row.—4 sps., 1 blk., ch. 5, 1 s. c., ch. 5, 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 chs. of 5 with single between, 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 6 5 turn.

2 sps., ch. 5, turn. 11th row.—1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., ch. 5, 1 s. c., ch. 5, 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp. ch. 5, turn. 12th row.—1 sp., 4 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., ch. 3, 1 blk., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., ch. 5, turn.



FILET CROCHETED INSERTION.

13th row.—2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
14th row.—4 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 4 sps.,

15th row.—Same as 14th.
16th row.—Same as 14th.
16th row.—Same, 2 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps.
This completes the motif of figure. Make four rows all of spaces and repeat pattern for first eight rows, finish this row with ch. 12, turn, make two sps. and then same as 9th row. Next row has spaces over these extra spaces, then ch. 12, turn and make 2 sps., work in this way, adding two extra spaces every other row until 12 spaces have been added, then begin to repeat pattern from 2nd row, making 9 sps., between 2nd and 3rd groups of 7 d. C.
Continue to work pattern having one motif above the other and adding 2 sps. to point every other row as shown, center is 3 rows of 2 extra sps., then decrease in work to match side of the point finished.

point finished. For the back and shoulders make strip of lace of the proper length and join together as shown.

The edge on neck sides is made as follows; Tie thread in corner, ch. 3, 3 d. c. in second space, ch. 3, 1 sl., st. to form picot, 3 d. c. in next space, ch. 3, sk. 1 sp., 1 s. c. in next sp., ch. 3, sk. 1 sp., 3 d. c., in next two spaces, ch. 3, sk. 1 sp., repeat from *.

Filet Crocheted Insertion

in last row, ch. 3, 4 d. c. under same ch. 6, ch. sts., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. in next st. Repeat twice, 4, 1 sl. st. in 3rd ch. to form picot, ch. 2, turn 1 d. c. in each of next 3 sts., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. work. 2 sts., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. in first st. of ch., ch. 5, turn

2nd row.-1 d. c. over each of first 3 d. c. in 1 d. c. over each of next 3 d. c. in 1 st row, ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. over next d. c., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. over next d. c., 3 d. c. over ch. of 2, 1 d. c. over each of next 4 d. c., 3 d. c. over ch. 2, 1 d. c. over d. c., sk. 2. Repeat once, d. c, over next 2 d. c., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. at end of row,

3rd row.—1 d. c., over each of 3 d. c., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. over d. c., 3 d. c. in sp., 1 d. c. over each of next 12 d. c., 3 d. c. in sp., 1 d. c. over d. c., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. over each of next 3d. c., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. over each of next 3d. c., ch. 2, sk. 2, 1 d. c. over d. c. at end, ch. 5, turn.

4th row.—Same as second.
5th, 6th, 7th. rows.—Same as first. Repeat from first row to length desired.

This design may be used as an insertion. Either coarse or fine it is very pretty for pillow

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This design made up of either coarse or fine crochet cotton in white or colors, is suitable for pillow slips, curtains, towel ends or yokes.

A corner may be turned as follows. Make the first change by completing a row corresponding to the third row, with 2 blks. instead of a blk. and a sp. as usual.

2nd row of corner.—4 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk.. 1 sp.

bik., 1 sp. 3rd row.—1 sp., 1 bik., 3 sps., 1 bik., 4 sps., 1

blk., ch. 3. 4th row.—2 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk.,

1 sp.

5th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 6 blks., ch. 3.

6th row.—2 blks., 7 sps., 1 blk. 1 sp.

7th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 8 sps., 1 blk., ch. 3.

8th row.—9 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.

9th row.—1 sp., 10 blks.

10th row.—11 sps.

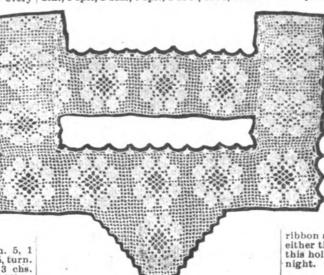
This completes corner, now working along on the side of the strip of insertion, proceed by making the next row, 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp. and repeat the pattern.

Handsome Filet Edging

This attractive design is easily and quickly made. Its employments are many as it is equally handsome whether made of coarse or fine thread. Use a steel hook of suitable size and linen or a hard twist Crochet Cotton. Begin by making a chain of 55 stitches, turn. 1st row.—Allow 3 sts. for the first d. c. in the block then 3 d. c. along the chain, work 16 sps. along the ch., 2 d. c. at end, ch. 3, turn. 2nd row.—1 d. c. on d. c., 16 sps., 4 d. c., ch. 5, turn.

5, turn. 3rd row.—1 blk. worked on ch. 5, 17 sp., 2 d. c., ch. 3, turn. 4th row.—1 d. c. on d. c., 17 sp., 1 blk., ch. 5,

turn.



WILD ROSE FILET YOKE.

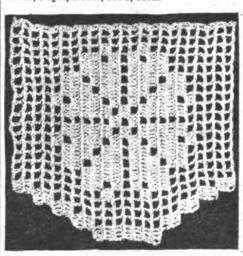
6th row.—1 d. c. on d. c., 5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1-blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 4 sps., 1 blk., ch. 5, turn.

7th row.—1 blk. worked on ch. 5, 5 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 5 sps., 2 d. c., ch. 3, turn.

8th row.—1 d. c. on d. c., 3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., ch. 5, turn.

3 biks., 1 sp., 6 blas., ch. 5, turn. 9th row.—1 bik., on ch. 5, 4 sps., 3 biks., 1 sp., 2 biks., 1 sp., 2 biks., 1 sp., 3 biks., 3 sps., 2 d. c.,

2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 6 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., ch. 3, turn.
11th row.—Blk. on blk., 4 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 5 blks., 3 sps., 2 d. c., ch. 3, turn.
12th row.—1 d. c. on d. c., 8 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blk., 3 turn. 1 blk., 9 sps., 1 blk., ch. 3, turn.



HANDSOME FILET EDGING.

Reverse the directions and work the second half of the design the same as the first begin-Make a foundation chain of 35 stitches, turn. half of the design the same as the first be 1st row.—Sk. 6 sts., 1 d. c. in each of next 3 ning the second part with the 11th row

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omitting the ch. 5 at lower edge and working the blocks upward (over spaces) until there are 16 spaces in row, 2 d. c. at top and 1 bik. at lower edge same as the second row of design. Repeat to length desired. If a turned corner is Repeat to length desired. If a turned corner is wanted make a perfectly square medallion of 18 spaces and work the motif used in the edging for the center of the medallion. Finish two edges of the medallion with close double crochet and join two plain sides of the medallion to the strips of edging. This is much never, casier and prettier than the usual method of making turned corners in filet crochet.

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New Knitting Bags

This capacious affair is large enough for any piece of work, needles and all. One and one eighth yards each of material and lining will be



LARGE KNITTING BAG.

required two dozen large rings and four yards of narrow ribbon. The length of the cloth, folded together makes the depth of the bag, while the ends are folded up and caught on the seams.

The Washing of Knitted Garments to Avoid Shrinking

Make a soap suds, using white soap and water just uncomfortably hot for the hands.

Allow the garment to soak for fifteen minutes or more according to whether it is much soiled or not. Then work over, simply squeezing the ends through do not rub, do not rub soap even on soiled places, use the suds only and never add any chemicals or washing powder.

Put garment through three or four fresh suds, of same heat and rinse in clear water to which a small amount of soap has been added as this keeps woolens softer than to rinse out all soap. Squeeze but do not wring a garment with the

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Shake out and drop in a pillow case. Hang in a breezy place; when partly dry lay out on sheet and pull edges into shape. Never hang up a wet woolen or its weight will stretch out of shape.

No hand-made garment should ever be washed without the greatest care. Remember that rubbing and

care. Remember that rubbing and wringing are both ruinous.

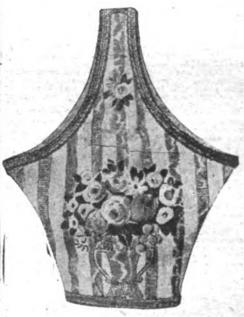
Pillow Sham Holder

Take a broom handle three feet long and cover it first with sheet wadding, then colored or white muslin, the colored muslins are pretty covered with flowered or figured lace or material the same as the curtains used.

Finish the ends with rosettes of narrow val. lace or ribbon as preferred. Use about two yards of ribbon attached to either end for hanging on either the inside or outside of a closet door as this holder is planned to hang the shams on at night.

Basket-Shaped Bag

This pattern makes a very attractive bag, especially if made up of material, which can be cut so that one motif only will decorate each



BASKET-SHAPED BAG.

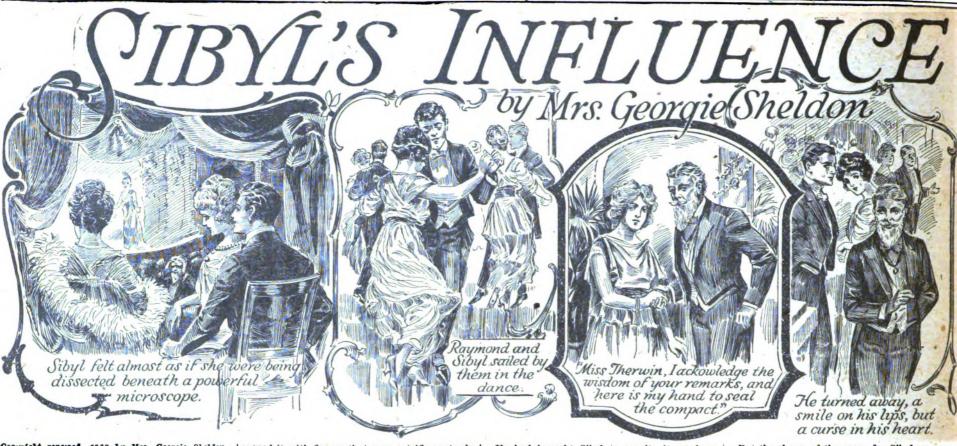
The bag illustrated is of cretonne having a grey blue background with a deeper blue ribbon like strip.

The motif is a wase of roses and other flowers in contract about a result of the strip.

in pastel shades. The lining is of light rose pink sateen and all edges are bound with a dull gold braid, the result being an unusually attractive color combination,

The shape as shown measures as follows: From top to bottom, through center 18 inches greatest width 14 inches, graduating to eight

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Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them, they stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sfbyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, they learn that a woman who had been in a radroad smash up and injured leaves the child, who for weeks cries for Nansie. Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures it. To Lady Prescott she traces, three letters "S. H. S.," which she dimly remembers and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck, and with Raymond they seek the drawing-room, where with Lady Prescott Sibyl assists in receiving the guests. Raymond, watching and anxious, admits to his mother how beautiful Sibyl is, and that no one attracts him as she does, and that his mother has the first right to his confidence. She will like mothing better than to keep her children with her. Sibyl is introduced to Miss Ada Therwin, the adopted daughter of Count Egbert Shirley and the guest of General Maplewood. Seized with a sudden faintness, Miss Therwin is carried to a quiet room. Sibyl remains with her. Regaining consciousness, Miss Therwyn refers to the ornament Sibyl wars, and to

CHAPTER XIII. (CONTINUED.)

IS tone was both entreating and reproachful, and touched her deeply.

"Ray, I am ashamed of myself, and I have been very foolish and inconsiderate, if not selfish," she replied, with charming frankness, yet with an "Nay, I shall not allow you to say such things about the 'Princess of the House of Prescott.' You shall still hold your castle and keep your treasures, only you must let me come in whenever I wish and share their beauty."

"Ray, I have no 'treasures' of knowledge; I am only a simple and unlearned girl even now, notwithstanding my six years of hard study," she said, humbly and half regretfully.

He laughed.

"Then don't be so shy of me any more." he

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"Then don't be so shy of me any more," he answered. "Let me find out what you don't know, and if there is a vacuum in your storehouse, I'll help to fill it."

"Then I shall be happy, and you shall have no cause to complain of me again," Sibyl answered, running away to hide the delight in her eyes, and to don her wraps for their proposed expedition. expedition.

expedition.

She soon returned, and Raymond noticed at once the little Russia leather purse which he had given her so long ago, hanging from her arm. There was not a scratch or blemish upon it, and the clasps were as fresh and bright as then. "Are you always as careful of everything?" he asked, touching it gently with his finger. "Yes, of my treasures," she said, flushing, and giving him a quick, sly glance.

His face grew tender at her words. "You overestimated a little gift like that, I fear. But there is one thing which you have not been careful of."

"What is that?"

"The promise you made me when I gave you

"What is that?"

"The promise you made me when I gave you the purse—you have forgotten that."

"No, I have not; I never forget my promises," she returned, quickly, and then instantly regretted the words, for she knew that he would discover her little secret now.

"Sibyl," he said, with an inward start, and a quick, earnest glance into her face, "do you know to what I refer?"

"Yes," soffly, with downcast eyes.

opened it with fingers that were a trifle unsteady. Within the different pockets there were several bills and a few pieces of silver—for Sir Athelstone was very generous with his lovely ward—and a tiny key with a little chain attached, which he instantly recognized as belonging to the bag he had given her at the same time.

The inner pocket was carefully clasped, and looked as if it were seldom used.

Raymond opened this, and within lay two small golden coins!

The sight of these, although he had half-

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expected to find them there, made him look very grave.

Had she kept the gold from a feeling of pride, and to avoid coming to him for money, or because he had given them to her and she prized them as his gift?

Without a word, he closed the purse and returned it to Sibyl.

"You see I did not forget my promise, Ray." she said, archly, yet somewhat troubled by his grave looks.

"I see," he answered, quietly; then added: "Is that the way you keep all your promises?"

"No, of course not. But are you not pleased that I have kept the gold?" she asked, with a suspicious quiver in her voice.

"That depends upon why you kept it. Was it because you were too proud to ask me for money?"

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"That was one reason, Ray; I never could ask anybody for money," she returned, truthfully, though the confession came reluctantly. His face brightened a trifle.

"And what were your other reasons, Sibyl, if I may know?" he asked.

"They were the first gold I had ever possessed in my life—you gave them to me, and I was really very happy to have them; but——"

"Well, princess?"

"I suppose you think it very foolish in me."

"Which?" Raymond asked, mischievously—
"keeping them because you were so proud, or because they were your first gold and my gift?"

"Both," she answered, proudly, but with a keen pain in her heart.

She could not bear that he should laugh at her.
"Does it seem foolish to you, Sibyl?" Raymond asked, with a queer little smile, and a look that made her heart beat strangely.

"No; and I shall keep them just as long as I live, let others think of it as they may," she returned, lifting her head proudly, and with a trifle of passion in her voice, but the roses in her cheeks were very red.

"Little maiden, pardon—I did not mean to wound you," he answered, playfully, yet with winning gentleness; then added, "we will go and look at our picture now, and," with a tender cadence in his tones, "I will tell you afterward what I think of your promises and your foolishness."

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what I think of your promises and your foolishness."

His tones stirred her strangely, making her pulse beat to the sweet, wild music in her heart. The picture which they went to see was one among a choice collection offered for sale by a noted artist.

Sibyl's shyness forsook her utterly as she gazed upon it. Her tongue was loosened, and Raymond could indeed find no fault with her unbounded delight, nor with the encomiums which she lavished upon it.

There were a number of other fine paintings among the collection, but nothing that impressed one like this; and, after examining them, they came back and stood before it again.

"I should never tire of it," Sibyl sighed, sinking upon a camp-chair to gaze at her leisure.

"That is all that I wanted to know, princess," Raymond said; and, leaving her sitting there, he sought the artist, and closed his negotiations for the picture on the spot.

When he returned to Sibyl, he found Miss Ada Therwin chatting gayly with her.

"Ah!" she exclaimed, with charming cordiality, as she gave him her hand, "how everybody flocks hither, like moths around a candle."

"Yes," Raymond answered, smilling, "there are quite a number of attractions here, although of rather a more substantial character than a candle."

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asked.
"This one, since Sibyl has sanctioned it with her approval," he said, mentally comparing the two faces beside him.
"You have good taste, Miss Prescott."
"Thank you; but really I know very little—am a very poor judge of paintings," she modestly replied, adding: "I know, of course, when a picture pleases me, and this one impresses me; it makes me feel as if I were really upon those silent, star-studded waters, and could feel the soft, hazy atmosphere surrounding me. I think, too, as a work of art, it is very finely and evenly done."

done."

"It is so spoken of, I believe," assented Miss Therwin, with a little shrug of her shapely shoulders at Sibyl's entlrusiasm.

"I do not deserve, however, that Ray should give me the credit of his choice," Sibyl added, with a deprecating glance at him.

"Choice, Mr. Prescott!" exclaimed Ada, with a start, and turning to him with surprise, for she knew the enormous sum demanded for the picture. "Are you its happy possessor?"

quick, earnest glance into her face, "do you know to what I refer?"

"Yes," softly, with downcast eyes.

"May I look inside?" he asked again, touching the purse.

"Yes," once more, and the rich color flew to the velvet cheek.

He unclasped the purse from her arm, and the rheart was filled with rage.

"Then I shall beg permission to come and look at it whenever I like; and I congratulate you with all my heart, for it is a glorious thing."

Her manner was gracious and faultless, but her heart was filled with rage.

He had brought Sibyl to see it—it, perforce, needed Sibyl's sanction before he could complete his purchase.

"Thanks," Raymond returned. "I freely grant you the permission you crave, and am very glad you think so well of my purchase."

Hiding her feelings under a smiling mask, Miss Therwin gradually led him to speak of some of the other pictures, and detained him in an animated and quite lengthy discussion upon their different merits.

At parting, she said, with her sweetest smile: "Sibyl, I think I have found some one who needs a little of the kind care and attention which you so long to bestow."

"Who is it?" Sibyl asked, eagerly, her beautiful face all at once aglow with interest.

"A poor woman, who, until now, has managed to keep herself very comfortable; but a recent attack of rheumatism has completely unfitted her for labor; consequently, her resources for getting a living are entirely cut off."

"Poor thins! How did you find her out?"

"I was visiting a little girl living in the same house with her, yesterday, and she told me about the 'poor lady upstairs who had nothing to eat.' I went up to see her, and she really appears like a very nice kind of a person—Has evidently seen better days, and is quite depressed with her present destitution."

"Where did you say she lived?"

"I did not say, dear—how eager you are! But her home is No. 15 Algeria street, up two flights, first door, right-hand side. But," she added, laughing, as she saw Sibyl's face fall at this lengthy direction, "you can never find it yourself, and if you like I will call for you tomorrow, and take you to her."

"Oh, thank you—if you would, I should deem it a favor, and after the first visit I should not mind going alone. What is her name?"

"Mrs. Stillman. I judge she is a widow, and entirely alone in the world; though of course I could not discover so very much about her in one visit."

"No, certainly not."

After a few moments more spent in general conversation, they separated, Raymond and Sibyl returning home, and Miss Therwin to prep

CHAPTER XIV.

THE DUC D'AUBIGNE.

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That evening Sir Athelstone insisted that they should all attend the opera.

The entrance of their aristocratic party created no little sensation, both on account of the returned traveler—for Raymond caused an anxious flutter, especially among the feminine element, wherever he went—and of Sibyl's recent appearance in society.

Although it was somewhat annoying to Raymond to see so many lorgnettes leveled at his fair companion, yet he could not fail to experience also a feeling of pride and pleasure that her loveliness was thus appreciated.

And certainly tonight there was some apology for them, for one always turns instinctively toward the beautiful, in whatever guise it is found, and the young girl was supremely lovely. Although she immediately gave her attention to the stage, yet she could not but be aware that she was an object of especial observation, and soon became very much annoyed by the steady and persistent glare of a large opera glass only a short distance from their own box.

She noticed that the owner was a rather distinguished-looking man, possessing a large and powerful frame, light complexion, having a profusion of light golden hair, and a flowing silken beard.

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After the first act, she turned to Raymond, and said, with a little laugh, though her eyes shone with indignation and her cheeks glowed botly:

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"I should judge, Ray, that people in coming to the opera did not reel it incumbent to retain their good breeding."

"They do seem to forget themselves more than usual tonight, I admit," he replied; then added, with an admiring glance: "And yet, I must confess, that I think there is some excuse for them myself."

myself."
"Et tu Brutet" Sibyl returned, flushing a still deeper crimson. "But," with a troubled look, "I do not like it at all, Ray, especially from that man on our left. I wish I might change my seat."

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"You shall, dear," he answered, in a tone that she alone could hear, and meeting her beseeching glance with a deep tenderness in his own.

While the lights were being turnd down the change was effected, and Sibyl was effectually screened from observation by the silken curtains, and sat where no one but Raymond himself could feast his eyes upon her; and henceforth the knight of the big opera glass was obliged to content himself with views from the stage.

But the charm of the opera for Sibyl was gone. She heard the music, and knew it was good; she saw the different actors as they appeared and went through their parts, and seemed to be giving her undivided attention, to them; but the music of those softly spoken words, "you shall, dear," rang in her heart and brain to the exclusion of all else.

As they were about leaving the opera-house, Raymond said to his mother:

"We have cards for Lady Wilton's assembly, have we not?"

"Yes; but do you wish to go at this hour?"

"I gave her my promise that I would be present for a while at least. However, if you are too weary, I will see you to the carriage, and leave you there, only—"

"Only" what, Raymond?" queried the indulgent mother.

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mother.
"I want Sibyl to go, too, and she cannot, of
course, without a chaperon," and his eyes rested
proudly upon his lovely companion.
"Would you like to go, Sibyl?" asked Lady."
Prescott, turning to her.
"If you please, auntie, unless, as Ray says, you
are too weary."
"Oh, no, dear—I think, on the whole, I would
like it also."
The fond woman would have gone to the Antipodes if Sibyl and Raymond had desired.
Arriving at Lady Wilton's, our party found her
rooms already thronged with guests.
Sibyl was presented in turn to her ladyship,
who instantly turned and introduced a gentleman
standing by her side.
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Sibyl acknowledged the introduction with a graceful inclination of her small, proud head, and then raised her eyes to observe her new acquaintance more closely.

To her intense astonishment, she found the gentleman to be the same whose rude glance had so haunted her all the evening.

Raymond was also presented, and then quickly but quietly drew Sibyl to a distant part of the room, which again caused the duke to reveal his handsome teeth in a smile, which, to say the least, was "peculiar," if not child-like and bland!

"A lover of "de emperess," perhaps?" he said to his right hand.

She shook her head, laughing.

"No, only a brother. Are you, too, taken by storm? Everybody seems to be growing wild over her beauty."

"Nay, not taken by storm, as you term it: nevertheless, the girl pleases me," he said, indifferently, as he gazed after the graceful, retreating form. "But you mistake; he is not her brother, he added, a moment after, turning to his hostess.

"Well, it amounts to the same thing; they have been reared together, although I believe they are in no way connected by birth."

"Then he is, or will be, her lover," quietly affirmed the stranger.

"What makes you think so?"

"I have seen too many cases of the same kind not to be familiar with the signs."

"Pshaw! I don't believe such an idea has entered Raymond Prescott's head. Why, he is years older!" exclaimed my lady, rather hotly. Miss Clara Wilton, a young lady of twenty-four, was yet "in the market," somewhat to her anxious mamma's vexation.

"She is, however, the brightest star in your rooms tonight. Kate," returned the duke, with his eyes still fixed upon the young girl.

"That is not a dangerous symptom, I believe, and will wear off in time," retorted the nobleman, with a rather contemptuous shrug of his broad shoulders.

"Two things which might occur, if the young lady in question should happen to come in contact with you very

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"Two things which might occur, if the young lady in question should happen to come in contact with you very often, Arthur," she answered, quickly, and with a mocking laugh.

Clearly Lady Wilton had not any too much confidence in the morals of her guest.

"Thanks, Kate. I shall interpret that as a compliment, since you give me credit for possessing some power over goodness," replied his lordship, serenely, as he walked away.

The Duc d'Aubigne was a bachelor of about forty, strikingly handsome, yet to a pure mind it was not a good kind of beauty; immensely wealthy, and not noted for his incorruptible morals.

He had only returned the day before from one of his many wanderings, therefore had never until this evening heard of Lady Prescott's lovely ward. Another introduction he had that evening also, although it proved to be an old acquaintance, for he had met Miss Ada Therwin in Paris two years previously, when a desperâte flirtation ensued, and then, by mutual consent, was suddenly dropped.

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While they stood talking together tonight of the past, Raymond and Sibyl sailed by them in the dance.

The duc d'Aubigne paused in his conversation, and watched the pure, happy face, the rosy shimmer of her silken robes, and the gleaming of the diamonds in her hair until they had passed from his view.

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Then he said, as if speaking casually:
"A new star that, and—a very pretty one."
"Diamonds are always beautiful," observed
Miss Therwin, dryly.
"But I had reference to the lady, not the
ornaments which she wears," laughed the duke.

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HE modest little woman whose letter is given below, asksome to print her letter if it- isn't too long. Just as though that would make the slightest bit of difference when it is one that means so much. It would be very selfish of me if I kept it to myself and did not let it make others as happy as it made me.

In the November Comfort she asked that the sisters send letters, cards, socks, etc., to her boy who had sailed overseas, and now comes the good news that he received one hundred and fifty letters the night he landed in France. Just think of that! It makes me feel that after all we are accomplishing something worth while. Wasn't that the best possible welcome for him, especially if the letters were cheery ones, calculated to make a man feel more a soldier than ever, and not the sob variety that are so depressing to all concerned, for, somehow, our sorrows seem almost unbearable when we read them, so it is the duty of every mother, wife and sweetheart to make her letters brave and cheerful.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I must take advantage of the Sisters' Corner in dearold Comport to answer the two hundred kind and
cheery letters which I received in answer to my letter
which appeared in November Comport. I would answer each one individually if I could, but it is simply
impossible, so please, dear sisters, actept my sincere
thanks for the kind letters and the good books and
magazines. I can never thank all enough, for the
letters and parcels that were sent to my soldier laddle.
He received one hundred and fifty letters the night
he reached France, November 18, but he could not
find time to answer all of them, but he wrote me how
glad he was to receive them. I have not heard from
him since Christmas but feel sure the parcels reached
him all right.

My husband was discharged from the hospital some
time ago but will never be very strong again. My
health is fine this winter, better than it has been for
twenty years.

If this letter isn't too long, dear Mrs. Wilkinson.

ease print it. Mrs. H. W. Englessy.

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If the lotter isn't too long, dear Mr. Wilkinston, blease print it.

Mrs. H. W. ENGERST.

Hollo there, girls, the old woman is sinking her feather bed and a high wind is scattering the contents all over northern Wisconsin but here in my long much-used sofa cushions on the floor by the heater and I'm among them. No, I'm not ten—I'm thirt-rank only more so. That manping sound is the pine knots with which I've filled life heater. I'm very much used so will be the sort with the sound of the which is the sound of the sort with the cast to lease and letters to answer. We do not mad for we both love the solitode of the tail timbers and my magazine rack is well stocked, two-do come. I sew, crochet and knit, on the stormy days, do c

if we don't use him?

Do you know that one can put an unbelievable amount of corn meal in the bread if it is made into a well-cooked, smooth mush first?

I've just made two very pretty muffs for little girls, from the backs of their old curly coats. Lined them with a piece of thick bed quilt and then with black sateen from an old coat lining. One I had to patch, and I trimmed the large three-cornered patch with pearl buttons. The other muff was trimmed with tassels. Am going to make one for myself from an old collarette of plush. I love to make pretty things, don you?

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

ITH two wheatless days a week, (Monday and Wednesdity) and one wheatless meal every day; one meatless meal every week (Tuesday), and one meatless meal every day; one day; Saturday porkless and every day a fat-saving and sugar-saving day, the ingenity of the housewife is pretty nearly faxed to the utmost, but some of them seem to have risen to the occasion, as shown by the wheatless and meatless recipes that have been sent in by the good sisters.—Ed.

Potato Some—Signature (Monday and Wednesdity) and one week, (Monday and Wednesdity) and one whether two cups of some all and two tablespoons of lard. To this add one half cup molasses and two cups of sour milk in which has been dissolved one beging teaspoon of soda. Turn into two buttered breat this and bake about one hour in a moderate oven one cup of raisins may be added, which improves the taste greatly. Mrs. A. J. Within the control of the con

POTATO SOUP.—Six potatoes, cut in quarters, two onlines, fininced fine. Boil fifteen minutes in three quarts of water, then add dumplings made as follows: Two cups of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder, mix with water to make a soft dough and drop in soup. Cook fifteen minutes longer.—Ed.

VEGETABLE SOUP.—Two cups of shredded cabbage, two cups of slived potatoes, two cups of onions, one cup of bacon, cut in small pieces. Add three quarts of water and boil one hour. We think this is very good. MRS. ELIZABETH WAINRIGHT, Lisbon, Ohio.

CREAM OF ONION SOUP.—Put three large onions through the food chopper and cook the pulp and juice in three teaspoons of butter until brown. Have ready a quart of milk, scalded in a double boiler add the onions and a tiny pinch of soda and cook until creamy. Season with salt and pepper and thicken with cracker or bread crumbs.—Ed.

MEAT LOAF.—Take the meat from a soup bone or

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MES. A. K. H., Thorsby, Ala.

MEATLESS MEAT LOAF.—One cup of ground carrots, one cup of ground peanuts, one cup of ground bread crumbs. Mix well, season to taste and bake in buttered pan two hours. Serve hot.

MES. BAILEY, Charleston, W. Va.

POTATO AND BRET HASH.—To left-over cold boiled

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POTATO AND BEET HASH.—To left-over cold boiled potatoes, add cooked vegetables, preferably cabbage, turnips or paralips, with a generous portion of cooked beets from the boiled dinner. Chop all together, add salt and pepper, brown in beef drippings or simply heat thoroughly, without burning.

MRS. J. A. LOVETT, Monroe, La.

BEAN SALAD.—Two cans of white or kidney beans, three hard-boiled eggs, four chopped onions, six pickles, one half cup of vinegar, three teaspoons of sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Chop pickles, eggs and onions together, add beans and serve.

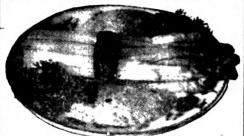
MRS. A. SPARGUE, Farmer City, Ill.

BAKED FISH-BALLS.—To three and one half cups of mashed potatoes add one can of salmon, mashed into small pieces, one egg, beaten, salt and pepper to taste. Form into balls and dip each into melted butter. Place in oven until brown, turning so both sides will cook.—Ed.

ASPARAGUS ON TOAST.—Wash carefully so not to

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ASPARAGUS ON TOAST.—Wash carefully so not to break heads. Snap off white tough part. The in bunch and stand upright in kettle of boiling salted water. The steam will cook heads. Cook twenty to thirty minutes. On a hot serving dish put slices of

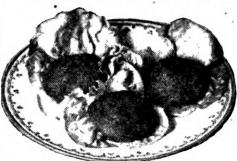


ASPARAGUS ON TOAST.

oven toast, moistened and seasoned with pepper and sait. Arrange asparagus in a bunch and decorate with a band of boiled beet.—Ed.

SWEET POTATO CROQUETTES.—Mix together two and one half cups mashed sweet potatoes, three tablespoons of butter, one tablespoon milk, the beaten yolk of two eggs, one half teaspoon, sait and a little pepper. Stir in double boiler until heated through; chill, form into croquettes, dip in beaten white of egg, roll in crumbs and fry in deep, hot fat, until brown. Drain on brown paper.—Ed.

BAKER HARDOCK—Cet a medium-sized haddeck and



egg. Stir the meat into the water and add slowly the meal and seasoning. Cook one hour, remove from the fire and let cool. Form into flat cakes and fry in hot fat.

Bran Gems.—Two cups of milk, one and one half cups of bran, one half cup whole wheat, one half cup bread flour, one egg, two tablespoons molasses, one teaspoon soda, one half teaspoon salt and one tablespoon butter.

Mrs. J. E. D., Malden, Mass.

OATMEAL PANCAKES.—Soak over night two cups of oatmeal in one pint of thick milk or buttermilk. In the morning mix in one half cup of corn meal, one half cup of flour, one teaspoon baking powder and one half teaspoon of salt. Last of all, add one teaspoon crust.

taste greatly MRS. A. J. WIDRICK, FYRINFORT, N. 1.

PERNUT BUTTER CAKE.—One cup of sugar, four tablespoons melted lard, one rounding tablespoon of peanut
butter, one cup of hot water, a little sait, one heaping
tablespoon of baking powder and Graham flour enough
to make a good cake batter. Dissolve the peanut
butter in the hot water.

MRS. A. K. H., Thorsby, Ala.

ORENGE PURDING —Put all but half a cup of one

MRS. A. K. H., Thorsby, Ala.

Orange Pudding.—Put all but half a cup of one quart of mik into double cooker and bring to boiling point, then slowly stir in four tablespoons of cornstarch that has been mixed into the half cup of cold mik. Cook three minutes, stirring all the time, then add one tablespoon of butter and set away until rold. Beat four eggs very light with three quarters of a cup of sugar and a pinch of cinnamon and nutmeg.



and then add to the corn-starch and beat thoroughly to a smooth custard. Turn into a buttered dish and bake half an hour. When cold, press sliced orange into the pudding and put sections over the top from which all the pulp has been removed, and, when served, over each portion pour a spoonful of orange juice.—Ed.

FRUIT BUNS.—One and one half cups sugar, one and one half cups of sour milk, two thirds cup of butter or other shortening, one cup of chopped raisins, one half cup of currants, two eggs, one half teaspoon each of all kinds of spices and one teaspoon of soda. Mix with flour to make batter a little thicker than pancake batter. Bake in good-sized baking pan. All raisins can be used if preferred and I have had good success by using only one egg.

MRS. A. K. H., Thorsby, Ala.

1918 CAKE.—One egg, one cup of sugar, one cup

MRS. A. R. D., Linking, Alan.

1918 Cake.—One egg, one cup of sugar, one cup
of butter or lard, four level teaspoons of baking powder, three cups of flour, sifted, and one cup of water.
Flavor to taste. If chocolate is preferred, stir in
batter. Bake in layers.

A. B. L., Kentucky.

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Wartime Cake.—Cook one pound of raisins fifteen minutes in two cups of water. Add one cup of cold water when cooked. Take from fire and add the following: One and one quarter cups of molasses, one cup of shortening, one cup of chopped nuts, if preferred, live cups of flour, two traspoons of soda, one teaspoon of baking powder and one teaspoon each cinnamon and cloves. Bake in two loaves. This is delicious and good for lunch baskets, as it keeps moist.

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FRENCH TOAST.—Slice bread and cut off the crusts.

Have ready as egg, well beaten, one half cup of milk and a pinch of salt. Dip the bread in this and fry in butter until browns Serve with syrup or jelly.

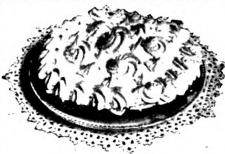
RAISIN TURNOVERS.—Make a good puff paste, as for pies, and cut into squares. Beat one egg, add the juice of one lemon and part of grated rind, one cup of sugar, one cup of chopped raisins and two teaspoons of melted butter. Put a little of this on each square, fold corners over and bake in moderate oven:

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MEAT AND VEGETABLE HASH.—Chop left-over meat, add cold boiled beets, cabbage and potatoes, chopped fine; season, moisten with milk and turn into frying pan in which has been melted one tablespoon of butter. Brown slowly and turn onto hot platter.

RICE SALAD.—To two cups of boiled rice add one cup of beets, boiled and chopped, three quarters of a cup of celery, chopped fine, salt and pepper and serve with salad dressing.

LEMON MERINGUE PIE.—Four eggs, the yolks beaten up with eight tablespoons of sugar, one tablespoon of floor, juice of one large lemon and about two thirds of the yellow of rind grated in. Beat all together and add two thirds of a tumbler of milk warmed



LEMON MERINGUE PIE.

enough to melt one tablespoon of butter. Have ready a plate lined with pastry, fill and bake in a quick oven. Beat whites to a stiff froth and gradually add four tablespoons of sugar. Return, to oven and slightly brown. Best eaten same day.

No. 2.—Line a pie plate with pastry, prick to prevent it rising in center and bake in a quick oven. Make a filling of one heaping cup of sugar, grated rind and juice of one lemon, one beaten egg, one even tablespoon of corn-starch and a pinch of sait. Mix all together, add a cup of hot water and cook in a double boiler till it thickens. Pour mixture into cooked crust, pile lightly with meringue same as in above recipe, and lightly brown.—Ed.

RICE OMELET.—To one cup of bolled rice add two well-beaten eggs, three tablespoons of milk and a little flour. Have frying pan hot and well buttered, turn omelet n and let cook until light brown on under side. Place in oven a minute or two and serve.

TOMATO PUDDING.—To two beaten eggs add one cup of milk, two cups of dry bread, broken into small pieces, three tablespoons of melted butter, two cups of tomatoes and sait and pepper to season. Turn into buttered frying pan and cook slowly on back of stove for about twenty-five minutes.

SUSANNA'S FILLED COOKIES.—One cup of sugar, one cup of shortening, one egg, two cups of flour, pinch of salt and two tenspoons baking powder.

Filling: One cup of sugar, one cup of raisins or rigs, one half cup of chopped nuts, one tablespoon of flour, one half cup of hot water and one teaspoon of lemon. Boil until smooth. Roll out cookies, put in pan and put one spoonful of filling on each. Cover with another cookie, pinch edges together and bake.

MRS. LUCY PARKS, Millboro, N. C.

APPLE SAUCE PIR.—One cup of apple sauce, yolks of two eggs, one and one half tablespoons corn-starch, one tablespoon sugar and spice and vanilla to taste. Bake in one crust until firm. Use the whites of eggs for meringue.

MRS. BAILEY, Charleston, W. Va.

BUTTERMILK PIE-Two cups of buttermilk, two eggs, two tablespoons of flour, ane cup of sugar, small piece of butter, flavor with lemon. Bake in one crust and cover with meringue made of beaten white of egg and

PUMPKIN PIE.—To four cups of pumpkin that has been stewed and put through sieve, add two table spoons of butter, four eggs, one half teaspoon of ginger, one teaspoon of cinnamon, two cups of sugar, one cup of milk or cream Mix well and bake in under crust.

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Although I've spent over half of my life in cities and traveling over our country and Canada, I find the woods worth speaking a good word for these times. Cheap rent, fuel rotting on the ground, Nature's own health resort and kindergarten for the kiddies, and sweet peace for all. We are doing all in our power toward helping the Government just the sama. If this letter helps no one else it has, at least, given me a very pleasant chat and no one else got a word in edgeways.

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Ioam a grown tomboy, I skate, slide down hill and snowball with all the youngsters and am very optimistic—when I haven't the toothache—and I invite others who were chipped from the same block to write me a letter of advice on-oh, any old thing that you think I need. I will try to answer you whether I swallow the advice or not, providing you don't advise me so keep still.

the advice or not, providing the gifts I made for I'd like to tell you about the gifts I made for Christmas and am making now for birthdays, but my letter is getting too long, and I had so much more to say.

Sincerely,
MRS. PEARL VESEY.

Pearl Vesey.—Your cheery letter is a regular ray of sunshime, brightening up our corner, and I know the sisters will enjoy it as much as I do. Come again and tell us how to make the Christmas and birthday presents you mentioned. need all such helps.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON

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May I say a few words to the sisters about gossip and slander?

The sight of a man or woman being tried by the courts for crime is always a shock to the law-abiding element. Yet how many of those who go through life without doing bodily, harm to their neighbors, stain their tongues each day with the venom of gossip and slander. If you hear a bit of seandal do you let it

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SYNOPSIS OF FRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Annesley, stepmother to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a heautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, heffi near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, spparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is mususpicious of intrigue, but Sir Thomas, only sixteel, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lod Levallion, a former sulfor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and vanders through the strain work of the party and wanting to go home through the strain of the party and wanting to go home through the strain of the party and wanting to go home through the strain of the party and wanting to go home for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenal prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, who fails to meet her. Going home she enters the drawing-room, where she finds Lady Annesley and Lord Levallion, departure for India. The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion's delight, takes Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home. Ravenal is invited to Hester Murray's to lunch and at the instigation of Lady Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Belleving Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion. Coming from the altar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported missing. Lord Levallion some she had an a fact of the shall be SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

"You can fight it out as well as I can," bitterallion turn to Adrian, and Levallion, coming upon the scene, catches the glimpse of a man with haggard eyes and sadness in every gesture. Hester Murray pleads with Levallion for his love and the care of the child. He deales everything—even the bread he would give a beggar. Mrs. Dameral suggests a fancy bill and the women to wear their favorite flower, and that night Adrian, who has never danced with the girl he loves, sees her in Levallion's arms.

CHAPTER XXI. (CONTINUED.)

H." said Ravenel, who had not seen him, "you're holding me too tight! And you're out of breath, Levallion."

"I am forty-seven," he runned, rather grimly, stopping by the lower door. "Now run off and amuse yourself. I must go and condole with Mrs. Damerel. Did you know she wanted me to send seven miles after dark for a bunch of mistletoe? In October!" and he deliberately, and of a set purpose, never turned his eyes towards his wife during the remainder of the evening, and when "kitchen lanciers" rent the air, retired, without ostentation, to the library.

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"I was watching some one, Levallion. I wish you'd put out the light and come here. I'm sure there's some one trying to get into the conservatory."

him. "It must be one of the servants, but I'll just find out!"
Whatever deviltry Hester had in mind should not be done. He would, from a safe screen of crange-trees, that would keep him from view of the people inside or out of the greenhouse, watch his lawyer had that day received his 'orders, had had seen and suppose she frightened Raye woman was capable of anything—as he had good cause to know—and suppose she frightened Raye her words then the stared through the leaves till his eyes ached, he saw no more of that prowling wolf outside; he was just going away, when two people sat, down on a secluded sean to a yard away from him and effectually cut off his retreat. For as he hestitated for one second, he heard his own name, in Rayenel's voice.

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"I tell you Levallion had nothing to do with it," she was saying angrily. "If I thought he had, I'd want to kill him—or I'd go with you." "What did you want to ask me?", Adrian Gordon made no direct answer.

"Two things, though they don't matter to me now," wearily. "I wanted to know why you said you were too poor to marry me when you were Levallion's heir—though I didn't know it."

Levallion stood paralyzed. Hester, then, had not lied—for a wonder! He felt as if something hurt him unbearably, but he did not even try to escape it. He wondered dully what Gordon would say.

"I can't tell you, except that I," lamely, "always thought he would marry."

Levallion, white with relief, leaned against his orange-tub. Though, of course, he had known Adrian would never tell his wife the thing she asked.

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it's the only weak point in the whole thing, I I know about the letters. I know about the ring; but this hurts me because—".

"Because it looks like a lie." Perhaps Levallion was no more sick at heart than Adrian. "Well, it is quite true! I never counted on being Levallion's heir." though if she had not been Levallion's heir." though if she had not been Levallion's wife he might have given a different answer.

"I believe you—don't be angry! I feel as if all the world were a lie since—since Sylvia," her voice, that began passionately, broke off in dragging despair, "separated you and me."

"What was the other thing?" 'said Adrian slowly. "Nel, for God's sake, take off that black hood and let me see your face! I am going away tomorrow," with quiet and jealous pain. "Why have you got on white poffnies? The real ones always smell to me like laudanum—and death!"

"T've got them on because they mean oblivion." she answered bravely. "T've got to live my life, Adrian. I made it for myself—and Levallion has been good to me. The only way I can go on with it is to forget."

"What about me?" very low.

"You can fight it out as well as I can," bitterly. I can't get rid of Levallion even to please you."

He put his untasted supper of plain almond soup, which was all he ever took at night, on the first floor for Mr. Jacobs, who licked the plate scrupulously clean, and immediately after was as thoroughly and scrupulously sick. Sir Thomas hastily removed him as a footman removed the remains, and, being a conscientious master, dosed him till he was sick again, for there was froth about his mouth, and Sir Thomas feared fits.

It was not a pretty incident, but luckily only Levallion and Tommy beheld it—unless the outraged cook peering through the pantry door saw the insulting treatment Levallion gave his soup. No one else thought anything about it.

CHAPTER XXII. THE MOONLIGHT PICNIC.

Levallion, contrary to his custom, rose early the next morning and repaired to Mrs. Murray's house, meaning to strike terror into her soul by threats of withdrawing her allowance.

There was ho smoke coming from her chimneys, and, as he was about to dismount and knock her up, an untidy female emerged from the back premises and announced that their late tenant had decamped without the formality of giving notice. She had, to the station-master's knowledge, taken a ticket for London on the preceding morning, and Levallion decided, with some relief, that it must, after all, have been a litchen-maid whom he and Tommy had seen looking in the conservatory.

"One did," obstinately.

"Then I don't know who," and Levallion was been a dark hing for a great thing; don't fuss of a great thing;

bettly, inch by inch, he made his way past their unconscious backs, doing his Jest not to hear any more. He was a dishonorable eavesdropper, already, but he did not care. He would not have any one else hear, though, and that rutling of sike had been unpleasantly close.

Whoever it had been the present to tell Tommy they had seen a kitchen maid watching the quality; hurried to the picture-gallery to see who was missing besides Ravene!

"Gad, I wish it had been any one else", thought, wretchedly. For the only woman abent was Lady Gwendolen Brook, of the orange gown and the evil orchicls. And that she entered at that moment did not reassure him, for with he was Scarsdale, and Jimmy Scarsdale believed in the honor of neither man nor woman, and always say. "Levallion, have you seen Ravenel?" cried the dichess. "We're waiting for her to go to supper."

The two latest arrivals exchanged glances. "Then don't wait," returned Levallion lazily, with his best manner. "She's with Adrian in the conservatory. I don't wonder you're hunry," I am quité a wreck. I interfered with my cook samours, and-he quite cowed me with his dinner tonight. Come, if you wish me to live till morry in work of his guests, as he took her down-stairs. "She's had timé enough," Lady Gwendolen and Scarsdale, were close behind him, "to say everything by now. She hasn't been up here for an hour. I wonder—"

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with a glance at the fern-covered stone on the path.

"The dog is dangerous. He threatened my life," with a majestic rage.

"You are quite wrong, the dog is harmless. If you are afraid of him, remember that you will be quite safe in your kitchen. This—is my garden!" She turned her back in a manner the duchess would have envied. "Come, Tommy, and bring the dog."

"Why were you so down on him?" Tommy inquired when they were out of ear-shot. "I really believe Jacobs would have bitten him. Goodness knows why, but he hates the man?"

"So do I," hotly. "There is not a seat in the garden where I can go without finding him in the neighborhood. I feel as if he had the evil eye on something; he makes me shiver. Levallion's going to send him away."

"When's Gordon going?" said Tommy abruptly. "Tomorrow." She grew scarlet. "Tommy," she said miserably, "don't be horrid to me! I don't deserve it. I don't mean even to speak to him before he goes."

"All right," gruffly, but he slipped his arm, in hers as he had not done since he came. "I say, Ravenel, I'll be glad when the others go! They're no good, except the duchess."

"I can't bear them," with sudden viciousness. "I feel all the time that if I were down in the world not one of them would speak to me—even Lady Chayter. The others are—well, her lady-ship was a good imitation of them!"

"That reminds me." he picked up Mr. Jacobs and rolled him in Ravenel's cloak. "I'm sure I saw the old Umbrella yesterday, in the village."

"Oh, nonsense!"

"I did, then; looking mighty out at elbows. What do you bet she'll not be up here, whining to you?"

"She can whine," deliberately, for whatever Lady Annesley had done, it was sure to be no secret to the Umbrella. "Hateful old wretch!" spet hot all over when I think how I used to hate him."

"Beats me how Levallion ever was a friend of Sylvia's," observed Tommy idly. "By George, I get hot all over when I think how I used to hate him."

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"He's kind," in a stifled voice, "But oh, Tommy! Sometimes I feel as if I should scream, with the shut-up-ness of being grand! The fine clothes and too much to eat, and—it's rather awful being Lady Levallion!"

"It's better than her ladyship," the boy said dully. "Brace up, Ravenel! Nobody in the world is downright happy, I believe."

He lit one of Levallion's cigarettes to avoid conversation, and refused to see she was crying.

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CORN MEAL—OUR ALLY



CORN MEAL LOAF WITH TOMATO SAUCE.

Saved Our Pioneers. By Its Help We Shall Win the War

By Violet Marsh

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MERICA'S commander-in-chief in France, General Pershing, about the middle of February, made a two-days' inspection of the American sector northwest of the Toul. Wearing a "tin hat" (the soldiers' name for steel helmet), with a gas mask swung over his chest at the alert position, General Pershing dropped down into the dugouts and visited batterles busy hurling "iron rations" at the enemy.



CORN MEAL WITH APRICOTS

Splasning through the mud and slipping on the ice, he inspected all the first line trenches, asking innumerable questions, especially of the men with regard to food.

Of one mess cook, General Pershing asked what they had for dinner. The cook replied that they had roast beef, potatoes, onions, white bread, coffee and rice pudding.

Then turning to a long line of soldiers with mess kits in their hands, the General asked:
"Do you men get enough to eat out here?"

The line saluted briskly and almost in a chorus came the reply:
"Yes, sir."
One young infantryman asked: "Who is that with the four stars on his coat?" After being informed by a comrade, he replied, "Is that so? Whoever saw a commander-in-chief of an army walking around in a trench asking privates if their feet were dry or if they had enough to eat? It is not being done!"

But General Pershing is determined that the American soldiers at all times shall have the maximum of protection under the best conditions possible.

Let us again read: "Roast beef, potatoes,

American soldiers at all times shall have the maximum of protection under the best conditions possible.

Let us again read: "Roast beef, potatoes, onlions, white bread, coffee, and rice pudding," that we may fix in our-minds the stern fact that wheat flour must be sent to our soldiers. Not that our brave men would not enjoy corn bread and graham muffins, but no bread making material will endure the over-sea journey and exposure to the elements as well as wheat flour.

Corn saved our pioneyrs; in Colonial times it was the chief cereal food of our people. Corn is still our largest crop; we have an abundance of it, and in our own diet we must substitute corn and other cereals for wheat to the extent of reducing our consumption of wheat: at least one third below that of last year in order to feed our soldiers and our allies. How much wheat flour can be saved to send abroad depends largely on the American housewives. Thousands of families in New England, from choice, eat corn or graham bread for breakfast every morn-



well as conducive to good health.

There is no real hardship in what is asked of us in aid of food conservation. We are cautioned not to reduce our diet in quantity or quality below the requirements of health and bodily vigor, and, above all, not to limit the food of growing children. We are asked to substitute equally nourishing and wholesome foods that are plenty for foods needed for war purposes.

Poultry is not classed as "meat" by the Food Administration. Therefore, on meatless days we may eat poultry as well as eggs and fish. But the pressing need at present is for more wheat four for export to Europe, and, if we are to wim the war, we must make the savings in our homes.

One word more: Guard against half-hearted

attempts at conservation. Go at it with the spirit of a soldier, that you may reap the full reward of having done your bit. Let your slogan be: "Until the End of the War."

War-Winning Hints and Recipes

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A cup of corn meal gives even more fuel to your body than a cup of wheat flour.

Stop buying white bread, and make spider corn cakes, brown bread and graham muffins. You will conserve and save money at the same time. Eat vegetables. It will help Uncle Sam and improve your health.

In substituting a pure vegetable shortening in a recipe, leaving all other ingredients the same, it must be remembered that the vegetable shortening goes further than butter or lard.

When using molasses and soda with the heavier flours, use a little baking powder in addition, as these flours require more leavening. It is also well to add a little baking powder to the heavier flours when used in making yeast bread. Sift it though the flour.

The month of April is always a happy one for the children, and April Fool and Rainy Day parties are in order. The accompanying cuts and recipes will assist the mother who is endeavoring to hold to her conservation standards, and with the appropriate decorations, and the usual "Bug-on-your-back!" jests for entertainment, the expensive cake and candies will not be missed.

JESTER LOAF.—Pour two cups of bolling water over two cups of fine corn meal and stir. When lukewarm, add one quarter of a yeastcake dissolved in one third cup of lukewarm water, one half cup of molasses, one teaspoon of salt, one eighth teaspoon of soda and two cups of rye flour. Beat hard, and let rise over night; in the morning, beat again, add one half cup each



. JESTER LOAF.

of seeded raisins and chopped nuts, pour into an angel cake pan, and bake in a moderate oven two hours. The jester decorations which always delight children, are made by inserting a jester's cap, Nade from cardboard, into the center opening, and ornamenting it with paper rosettes and a fringe about the crown. From the center of loaf, hang strips of paper of different lengths, and at the end of each sew a tiny jester's bell. If the loaf is made from a cake mixture, cover with white frosting before decorating.

POTATO FOOL.—Cook potatoes in boiling salted water; drain and shake over hot cover until dry and then mash. To each cup, allow one tablespoon of butter, one half teaspoon of salt, a dash of red pepper, and hot milk enough to make a creamy consistency. Have prepared a filling made from left-over fish chopped fine, and to one cup add half a cup of bread crumbs, salt and pepper, and egg gravy enough to moisten. The addition of onion juice improyes the flavor. Make a mound of potato and scoop out the center and put in the meat filling, then add more potato, making it into a pyramid shape to represent a Fool's Cap. The filling should be completely concealed. At the base, decorate with passley or celery leaves, and down the side have the word Fool cut from red beets. The filling and potato should be handled very quickly and from hot dishes to prevent chilling.

Corn Dodgers.—In a mixing bowl put two cups of corn meal, granulated or bolted, one teaspoon of salt, and two teaspoons of fat. Over this pour two scant cups of bolling water and beat well. When cool, form into thin cakes and the teaspoons of corn meal, granulated or bolted, one teaspoon of salt, and two teaspoons of fat. Over this pour two scant cups of bolling water and beat well. When cool, form into thin cakes and bake thirty minutes in a hot oven. Eat with butter or gravy and serve with meat and vegetables.

Corn Meal Loaf with Tomato Sauce.—Take one pint of corn meal, stri into it one cupful of

Comfort Sisters' Corner

die in your memory or do you tell it to the next friend you meet as a toothsome piece of news? If you do the latter there is not much difference between you and the prisoner who answers in open court for his misdeeds. He stabbed with a visible weapon; you cut with an invisible knife and your thrust was in the back. Do you live your life and let your neighbors live theirs in the sweet satisfaction of letting one another alone? Or do you keep an eye across the way, and spy out the things that are not meant for public gaze, and then whisper them to the neighbor next door? If you do this you are no better morally than the street Arab who picks your pocket. Dishonest prying and tattling are in effect character picking. Gossip begets gossip. While you are stabbing others in the back, are you sure your own ribs are invilnerable and that your neighbor's stiletto does not find an entering place for as deadly a thrust as the one you give? You are an ostrich if you go about thinking you can thrust your head in the sand and hide from retailation.

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Slander is a "chicken that comes home to roost."

Abuse your neighbor's daughter and some one may kill the good name of your own. The most poisonous reptile in the world is the man or woman with a serpent tongue. That person lives from the carrion of character and the venom is an acid eating both ways, into the life of the slandered and into the soul of the slanderer, and the last is worse than the former, for life goes out but the soul goes on and carries its stains to the high court of last appeal.

A tongue, red with the killing of character, is as deserving of punishment as a hand red with actual life blood.

I am nineteen years old and have brown hair and eyes. I would appreciate letters from the sisters.

A friend,

MABEL HENDERSON.

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- teaspoon salt cup milk
- l egg 2 tablespoons shortening

Sift dry ingredients into bowl; add milk, beaten egg and melted short-ening. Stir well. Put into greased pan, allow to stand in warm place 20 to 25 minutes and bake in moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.

Rice Muffins

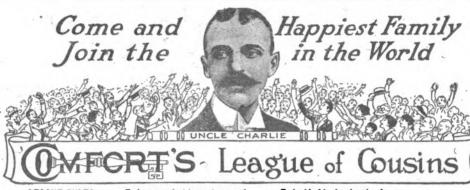
- I cup milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar or corn syrup ½ cup cooked rice ½ cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

Scald the milk and pour over the corn meal; add the shortening and sugar or syrup. When cool, add the rice, and the flour, salt and baking powder which have been sifted together; add beaten egg. Beat well and bake in greased muffin tins in moderate oven 20 minutes.

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ERE is a letter from an American friend of the Kaiser, one of many native and foreign-born citizens and residents of the United States who approve of the aims of Prinssian military despotism and sanction its fieadish methods; who are doing their utmost to help the cause by promoting the German pacifist propaganda in America and trying to frighten our people into believing that it is useless and hopeless to attempt to oppose German might and frightfulness. France has just convicted and sentenced to death, for treason, one of her promisment citizens for his activities, as the paid agent of the Kaiser, in promoting in America and France pacifist and terrorist agitation precisely in line with the views expressed by the author of this letter, who shows wise caution in not signing her name. She says her husband emigrated to America, at the age of fifteen, to escape military service in the land of his birth, and now she wants me and everybödy else in this country to adopt the views of the German citizen would she have us imitate? The kind that is murdering old and young and outraging women whenever and wherever they fall into his hands, that is enslaving all conquered peoples and trying to enslave the world? Or the kind that dodges that is enslaving all conquered peoples and trying to enslave the world? Or the kind that dodges that is enslaving all conquered peoples and trying to enslave the world? Or the kind that dodges that is enslaving all conquered peoples and trying to enslave the world? Or the kind that dodges that is enslaving all conquered peoples and trying to enslave the world? Or the kind that dodges that is enslaving all conquered peoples and trying to enslave the world? Or the kind that comes here to grow up with the country, and fight for its defense, if necessary. She writes:

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rry, and fight for its defense, if necessary. She writes:

"RUSHMORE, MINN."

"Uncle Charlie, Dear Sir: It is with deep regret that I find you indulge in the hate propaganda now so popular. Have you ever considered this matter from a German citizen's standpoint? (**Yes, I have, but you have never considered it from an American citizen's point of view.—Uncle Charlie.) My husband left the old country when he was fifteen years old to escape being a soldier and now finds that we have to fight this same military system barehanded as it were, for what is a few weeks of training or even months against the most efficient fighting machine under the sun. (Britain's little army made that 'wonderful' German machine hide like a rat in a hole for two years and smashed it every time it showed its nose.—Uncle Charlie.) My husband is a native born Teuton but a U. S. citizen now. Germany has the best trained soldiers and her officers are brought up to a military career from childhood. This is no idle boast for she has proved this in the three years of terrible fighting. Ex-President Roosevelt is also dong his very best to stir up trouble. (He's stirring up trouble for Germany—that's why you don't like him.—Uncle C.) I have inclosed a few newspaper clippings so will add no comment whatever, and so give you a chance to throw your cowardly roaring at me. You hide behind the public safety bogey and the Federal authorities. Don't forget the message of Christmas, the same even in war "Peace on earth, good-will to men." We have good-will for men, but not for murderérs.—Uncle Charle.)

"A Reader of Comfort.

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This letter is typical of scores that I receive which mean just this: The American people are to be kept in ignorance of Germany's horrible blood-guiltiness and to know nothing of her dastardly deeds and of her wicked, wanton attempts to conquer Europe and later on, America, and then the whole world. If the writer could have her way we should remain utterly ignorant of this terrible danger, lulled into a sense of false security to oblige German sympathizers, until the Prussian wild beast sprang upon us, tore us to pieces, while people of the writer's stripe went out to meet the conquerors with beer and coffee. Because we dare to show this wild beast up in its true colors we are accused of stirring up hate. This letter is a perfect specimen of that insidious German propaganda which has done its fiendish work in all sections of the world, in making people impotent and helpless in the presence of the German invader and ravisher. God knows I have every sympathy for every loyal German in this.country, but none for those who prattle of loyalty and who run away from military duty then try to close our lips and scare us with tales of the terrible efficiency of Germany's war machine so that we'll run away also. We are not to be silenced and we are not to be scared and when we are through with that German machine it will look like thirty cents with a hole in it. Germany has licked three little nations—a fine record. Russia has licked many's war machine so that wen full away also. We are not to be scared and when we are through with that German machine it will look like thirty cents with a hole in it. Germany has licked three little nations—a fine record. Russia has licked herself—thanks to German lying, spying and buying. As for Teddy Roosevelt, the finest type of virile Americanism in the world today, would to God we had ten billion like him. Any big, strong man who hits enemy plotters and criticizes incompetence and speaks out for America is bound in these days to arouse the hate of quitters and the disloyal. When Germany acknowledges her guilt and asks forgiveness of a world she has outraged, then and not till then can humanity afford to lay down its arms and take her back into the family of nations. It is madness to talk of peace and good-will to a mation that is cutting the throat of the world. To do so would be to play Germany's game and that game has been played long enough in this country and we'll stand no more of it. Even the Kaiser's own newspapers are calling him a "Hangman." That ought to open this writer's eyes but it won't. In any of the warring countries except this, any one who wrote a letter like this would have to face a firing squad. God give the writer sense and us patience. To invoke the law against the disloyal is the duty of every patriotic citizen. The existence of our country is threatened. We cannot and will not allow our enemies to openly flout us, and vent their venom upon us for doing our duty to God and our Country.

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ESTHER, N. C.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a bachelor of twenty-two summers, have dark brown hair, blue eyes, and am a tiller of the soil. I honestly don't think so much will be gained by the overthrow of Germany. What is to prevent the victorious nations from fighting among themselves after the war? They have broken treaties in the past, why not again. We could not avoid entering this war, but I think we should only fight until we have put Germany into a position where she cannot again murder our citizens traveling on the high seas. Have not the Germans as good a right to their form of government as we have to ours, and if the German soldiers are not satisfied with their government why the deuce don't they rebel and overthrow it? The Germans could adopt a democratic form of government and still be as great a menace to us as ever. I think Mr. Wilson should make public a statement telling exactly what we are fighting for and on what terms we can make peace.

Sincerely yours,

CARL A. MANESS.

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Sincerely yours,
Carl A. Maness.

Your letter, Carl, shows an amount of superficial thinking that is appalling. Our war alms have been stated a thousand times. Lick your enemy before you talk about peace or don't start fighting. Germany can have any old form of government she wishes. She can stay in the dark ages where she is now forever, if she desires. If people want to be slaves to a tyrant dressed up like a peacock that is their privilege, but when these same people think they are superior to everyone else and that all other peoples are dirt and ought to be conquered and placed under subjection, and they start murdering their neighbors, filling the earth with their spies, debauchers and fire fiends, then it's time that such monsters were soundly thrashed, made to behave or wiped off the face of the earth. Nations have broken treaties, but none so flagrantly as Germany. The victorious nations, if this country puts its full force into this last fight of right against might, will be Britain, France, Italy and the United States. They are democratic nations, with a common ideal and a common purpose. They are not militaristic nations as Germany is and will not fight among themselves, for they have nothing to fight about and have all suffered horribly and hate war and everything conmected with war. They are penceful, progressive people, seeking only to be left alone, but Germany would not let them or us alone. She has outraged every law of God and man and must be brought to her senses (if she has any) otherwise decent people have got to get off the earth, for life under the brutal military heel of Germany would be intolerable, even for a dog. German would be intolerable, even for a dog. German woldiers if they wished, could replace their present autocratic form of government with a democratic point of view, is hundreds of years behind that of other countries. The German likes to be bossed around, he does not know how to act without orders. Germany must be t

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am anxious to get the history of the early settlers of Ohio. The first settlers came down the river on a raft, and settled at Marietta. I want the names of the early settlers if you know them. I have hunted for the history but failed to find it. Please answer my letter personally. You talk of Maria and Billy the Goat but you never say what your name is.

Your niece,

Callie, I fear you are not very observant, as my name has appeared in Comfort scores of times in the last fifteen years. It has appeared over scores of poems and songs and other special matter. For information about Marietta write to the Ohio Historical Society. Address all inquiries about conditions in any state to the governor of that state in which you are interested, and his secretary will send your letter to those whose business it is to attend to such matters. Marietta was named in honor of Marie Antoinette, and was founded in 1788 by a company of revolu-

tionary officers from New England under the leadership of General Rufus Putnam. In Marietta is located Marietta College which possesses a library of 60,000 volumes, which doubtless contains all the information you seek. Every home should have an encyclopedia which costs but a trifle which tells you about everybody of note that ever lived and everything of consequence that ever lappened. All people care about, however, is pleasure. Knowledge and education, the only worth-while things in the world, are shunned and igpored. I know from bitter experience. The first people that tried to settle at Marietta were a bunch of men who came down the river on a raft to see if they could not Marry Etta. The raft broke however, and they settled at the bottom of the river. Wasn't that too bad?

DEAR UNCLE CHARLE:

I ride to school and put my horse in a born near
the school, there are fifteen going to my school, our
teacher's name is Miss Ellen Jones. She has gave a
few of us a licken. I am in the fourth reader. This
is what I can do at home. I can wash dishes, herd
cattle, and milk, crochet and read papers and books,
I can feed the horses and cattle. That is all I can
think of now.

Your loving niece,
MYRTLE G. RAMSEY.

Myrtle, put your horse in a barn, not a born. People who make their a's like o's and nearly all children do it, cause a tremendous lot of trouble in this world. We are glad to know you can milk, crachet and read papers. With milk at 17 cents a quart it is good to know that this indispensable fluid can be obtained, probably at a much lower price, from paper instead of cows. Your experience with your good, practical teacher, Miss Jones, has made me burst into rhyme:

Poor Miss Jones, you can hear her groans And likewise hear her kicking; For her tongue's encased in a dark brown taste, When she gives her scholars a licking.

We are glad to know that Miss Jones only had to lick a few of her pupils. Think how ter-rible it would be if she had to lick them all. She would be a dyspeptic for life.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I have been reading your department in COMFORT for a long time and am much interested in the League of Cousins. My sister also takes COMFORT. I am a boy nineteen years old, and never talked to a girl in my life. I can hoe corn and tob. I milk the cows and live nine miles from Milton on a big 150-acre farm. We have one horse, ducks, chickens and dogs, and I go hunting very often. I wish you were up here to help me strip tob. I would like to hear from some of the cousins. I will close hoping Billy the Goat won't get this. Your new cousin, James Devose, R. 3. DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

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James, to refrain from talking to girls is not customary with the boys of today, most of whom are in the habit of forcing their attentions upon young ladies without invitation or excuse, or the formality of an introduction. This practice is becoming more common and gives evidence of a lack of respect for the gentler sex and a breaking down of those conventionalities which alone keep society from degenerating into a barnyard or jungle. So you want me to come and help you strip Tob? Who is Tob anyway? And what has he done that he should be deprived of his clothing in this atrociously cold weather? I don't care for this stripping game anyway. Germany has stripped Belgium and Northern France, Poland, Serbia and Roumania. Now the anarchistic Bolsheviki are stripping the banks in Russia and seven thousand corpses have been taken out of the Neva River in Petrograd; thanks to anarchy and idiocy masquerading as socialism. Nobody is working and nothing is being produced in Russia except crime and bloodshed, and those who have clothes are being stripped of them by thugs and thieves who can obtain fortunes by selling the apparel of their victims. If you want any help to strip people of ignorance, stupidity, prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness, call on me, but I positively refuse to remove anyone's clothing. The Goat says that Tob is the abbreviation for tobacco, and all you want me to do is to help you strip tobacco. Great Heavens! James, why didn't you tell me so?

Veena, Utah.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

My grandpa has got nine little pigs. My papa has a Ford car. We go riding most every day. I go to Sunday school most every Sunday. I am eight years old. I would like to see this in print. Well this is all for this time?

From your niece,
IRVA EATON.

Yours must be a very happy family Irva, and much to be envied. Think of a family these hard times that is the proud possessor of a Ford car and nine pigs. The Ford car would not be of much use to me, but I could do a lot with the pigs. I'm glad to know you go to Sunday school. If there were as many Sunday schools in America as there are saloons, and as many Sunday schools in Germany as beer gardens, and they all had good, live teachers, who could bring up children to be soldiers of Christ, we would soon have the war lords put out of business. When children get the right kind of education seven days a week instead of five and are brought up in a Christlike way, war and contentions will cease. Walk with God and you will walk right and the Sunday school is the place to find God, and it is there you will learn to make him your companion and guide through life.

WINCHESTER, CALIF.

WINCHESTER, CALIF.

You surely are a well-posted man. You give the world the best there is in you. You have been a great blessing to humanity. You give the truth in the strongest and simplest way. Your judgment is good. I am working in a Magnesite Mine, located on one of the beautiful hills that surround Hemet Valley. Hemet Valley is small but it is one of the most beautiful valleys in California, and is 95 miles South East from Los Angeles. Magnesite is white as chalk and is very scarce. I am deeply interested in what you have to say, about the war. Wilson has incre power than very scarce. I am deeply interested in what you have to say about the war. Wilson has hore power than any king. If we would use that ten billion dollars for coast defence I think it would be to a much better advantage. It looks like hell to send the bloom of our dear country over to the trenches along with billions of wealth, from which we expect nothing. People in the U. S. are thinking as they never thought before and we all hope for the best, so continue to be good and stay with us as long as you can.

Your loving friend,

J. W. Hilton.





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war in its proper light, have utterly failed. In order that we may effectively fight the Kaiser who is an autocrat and a tyrant, we are obliged, in a crisis of this kind to invest our President also with autocratic power, so that he may be able to act instantly in emergencies and meet every situation as it arises without delay. President Wilson acts for a limited period, for a nation of free people, for their best interests, the Kaiser, who is a tyrant and an accident of birth acts only for the Hohenzollern dynasty and the interests of a despotic, titled, military caste. So you think it looks like hell to send the bloom of our country to the trenches in Europe do you? It would look still more like hell if we didn't. Did it look like hell to France when she sent the bloom of her youth in men, and money, under General Rochambeau and Admiral De Grasse to help us win our freedom? We owe France a great debt, we would be dastards if we did not repay it. You would fight a defensive war here, would you? and leave France and Britain, who have been shedding their blood for our protection, as well as their own, the democratic nations of western Europe, to their fate, while you snuggled down safe in your little old mine in California. That's a fine doctrine for a nation of curs but not, for men. You would let Germany bring the war to our shores and make a Belgium of our country. (Don't think we could keep her out.) If freedom is to live in this world, the free nations of the world must stick together. Apparently you do not realize the horror of the German menace. Let every American man and woman thank God that owing to the bravery of the French and British, we can fight the Hun in devastated Europe, instead of invaded, devastated America. You are right, people are thinking as they never thought before, but alas, tens of thousands will persist, like yourself, in spite of all I have done to put the truth into their brains, in thinking evrong. Now please get it right this time.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:

I come to thank you for those wonderful books that you sent me. I am not flattering them Uncle Charlle but the song book, story book and book of poems are the best books of their kind I have ever seen.

We have taken dear old COMFORT for six or seven years. We think that we can't do without it. I live on the farm with father and mother. I think farming is a fine occupation. Cousins come over some of these days and bring Uncle Charlie and we will have a musical entertainment. I sure love music. Uncle I believe as you do on Woman Suffrage. I believe the woman should have equal rights with the man when it comes to yoting.

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Uncle, I am one that tries to obey the league rules. Uncle, I see you publish more of the girls' letters than the boys. We boys think that you are partial toward them. I am eighteen years old, weigh one hundred and forty-two pounds, five feet and eight inches tall, have light complexion and black eyes and hair. Would like to hear from the cousins.

Your loving nephew,

TROY IVESTER. (League No. 36,638.)

So Troy, you think I am partial to the girls do you? Well I surely am. I'd be a queer kind of a male thing if I were not. Sex however, has nothing to do with the selection of letters that go into this department. The thing that counts is the idea. If there is a thought in the letter that offers opportunity for a profitable discussion, or some ludicrous error of spelling, grammar or diction, the correction of which will both instruct and amuse, it is eagerly selzed on and marked for comment and publication. The best letters that come to me are penned by girls and women. Girls on the average stay longer at school than boys, and take them as a whole they are more idealistic and more ambitious. I get lots of inspiring and encouraging letters from men young and old, but many more from girls. The great tragedy in conducting a department of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.)

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In the Enemy's Airplane

By Hapsburg Liebe

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WOMAN'S voice spoke softly, and yet frightenedly, in French that came with anything but a natural accent: "Monsieur- are you awake now, monsieur?"

Elwood heard her and moved his limbs, at which his left shoulder gave him a sharp pain. A warm hand passed over his brow, and he somehow realized that his head was bandaged. Then he struggled to a sitting posture in the plitchy darkness. Not even a star was in sight. By the slight rustle that accompanied his movements he knew that he had lain on a bed of straw, but he knew very little else. He was dazed.

"Where are we, madame?" he asked, also in French that was halting and incorrect. "Or is it mademoiselle."

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"Yes, yes," broke in Elwood; "I remember now. They shot me down. I was on my way back to the French lines to report——why, mademoiselle, I should be going!"

And he added in plain English: "Was there ever such rotten luck!"

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"Oh, you are an American!" also in English.

"Why, so am I. And we were laboring along in French! But as to your going, it is impossible. Listen!"

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Elwood now recognized the bothersome noises he had been hearing constantly since his senses had returned. It was the booming of French seventy-fives and German howitzers, the rattling staccato of machine guns, the intermittent cracking of infantry rifles, the deep rumbling of excluding shells.

"It is hardly safe in this basement," the feminine voice went on. "At any moment one of the French shells may go over its mark, alight in the ruins above, and bury us completely. But it was this or worse than death, so I chose this."

this."

Elwood did not question the correctness of anything she had told him. Now that there was to be some waiting and the resultant inactivity, he found that he was in possession of a miserably aching head and a shoulder that seemed broken.

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"We might get better acquainted," he said
finally, "even if we can't see each other. I have
the high honor of calling myself a member of
the Lafayette Escadrille, and my name is John

the Lafayette Escadrille, and my name is John Elwood."

"I am Miss Catherine Lane," she reciprocated; and he wondered dizzily how she looked. "I am a niece of George Lane," she went on. "My uncle married a wealthy French woman, and came here to carry on her affairs and to start a business of his own. My parents were dead, and I lived with Uncle George. When this German advance began, my uncle and aunt thought fhe German armies would never get so far into France as this; so we remained when most of the town was flying westward. At last we sought flight in Uncle George's automobile, and my aunt forgot some jewels that had been in her family for two hundred years. My uncle needed petrol, and he stopped at a suburban garage to get some. Against my aunt's wishes, I ran back for the forgotten jewels. I had barely entered the house, when all at once the whole universe seemed to explode. A great shell had burst in the upper story. I found myself in the basement, bewildered; but otherwise I was unhurt.

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"About sunset," she continued, "I looked cautiously out of the ruins above us, and saw you fall. There was a sudden roaring of German fire, and when it had died somewhat, I heard distant German shouts. They, too, had seen you fall. I had recognized your plane as a French plane, and I ran to help you when I saw you creeping out of the wreck. You were dazed.

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So far as he could see, the town was destred, and most of its buildings had been razed after the true German style. Because of the elevation of the town, he could see over the ground westward for miles, and his eyes were all to the town, he could see over the ground westward for miles, and his eyes were all to the town, he could see over the ground westward for miles, and his eyes were all to the town, he could see over the ground westward for miles, and his eyes were all to the town, he could see over the ground w

often sees of the war.
Then she became more grave. "I kept you m the Germans, Mr. Elwood," she said suddly, "And for that I wish to ask a favor of of wa.

you."
"It shall be granted if it is within my power,
Miss Lane," he promised.
"We are trapped, very neatly trapped," she
reminded him, "though the Boches don't know
it yet. When they find us, Mr. Elwood—as
they surely will—before they can put hands on

it yet. When they find us, Mr. Elwood—as they surely will—before they can put hands on me—"

She paused, and he saw her lips tremble. For the moment speech failed her completely. Then she pointed to the automatic pistol he still wore at his hip, and with the other hand touched the center of her milk-white forehead.

"Save me in return," she choked. "Pay your debt to me. For I am weak, weak—I couldn't do it myself."

John Elwood, an aviator that had dared heights that few other aviators had dared, who had attacked single-handed pairs of Boche machines at dizzy altitudes, now went a clean white as he realized what she meant. He stepped to her, all the stout American manhood in him thoroughly awake, and put his arms about her as though to protect her.

"Don't worry, little girl," he said gently, "I will save you, but not in that way."

"But if you can't save me in any other way?" she asked, her eyes pleading.

He looked at her thoughtfully for a long minute. Unspeakable German atrocities in France and in Belgium were still fresh in his mind. Why did heaven permit such frightfulness? It did not stop at merely crucifying women, or bayoneting children through their stomachs. They were not isolated instances; it was all a part of the method of Teutonic warfare.

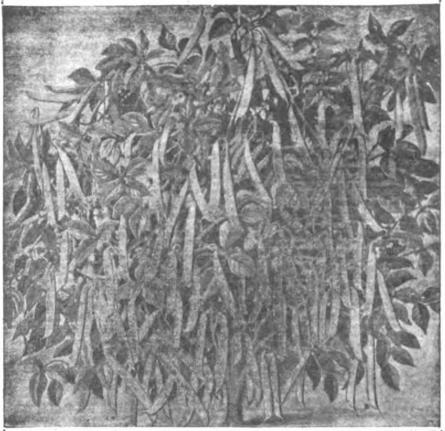
"I promise," he said.

That which she did next wrung tears from the eyes of Elwood. And from that moment on he loved her. She took one of his hands and kissed it, and pressed it to her heart.

"I thank God for you, John Elwood," she murmured.

He prevailed on her to lie down on the bed of straw, with his coat for a pillow, and sleep.

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that he saw was to wait there in the basement and hope that the German lines would be forced to retreat. Even then, there was the ever present danger of being buried by an exploding shell.

Each of the two took a room in the basement for himself. Three days passed, and they still had food and water; nothing had happened save that Miss Lane had fallen in love with her protector quite as deeply as he had fallen in love with her protector quite as deeply as he had fallen in love with her feeling that existed between them, of course.

All search for Mrs. Lane's jewels had been futtle.

On the morning of the fourth day. Catherine went to Elwood with her face white, with a fear worse than the fear of death in her eyes. "Listent" she said in a low voice.

Elwood listened. He heard the voices of Germans were looting the ruined building above them. Elwood, too, was white. The young woman kerself drew his automatic from its holster and placed it in his hand.

"In a moment," she whispered, "they'll be here. Don't fall—— and don't miss——Good-by Good-by."

Before they realized what they were doing, they were kissing each other, Then he pressed her to him with one arm, wfille the other hand held the pistol ready.

But the Germans did not find the way down to the basement! And if John Elwood had tried for a hundred years to express his gratitude for that one thing, he would have falled.

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When the officer had reached a point directly opposite the aviator, the latter-named called out in the excellent German of Heidelberg, to which city Elwood had gone for a part of his education:

"Come over here, Herr Major."

The Teuton stopped quickly, and one hand dropped to his pistol's butt.

"Quickly, Herr Major," Elwood went on. "It is most important."

The major came. After all, he wasn't afraid. Who but a native German could talk like that? He had now only a feeling of curiosity.

He entered the crumbling doorway confidently. He was a youngish man, handsome if one overlooked the brutality in his eyes, and he was dressed in a very smart uniform, with a scrupulously neat spiked helmet. When barely inside the doorway he stopped short, as the threatening black eye of an American automatic came into straight line with his heart.

"Oo what I tell you to do, major," said the American, "and little harm, if any, shall come to you. I promise you that on honor. And if you do not obey me, I will shoot you promptly. Now follow me."

He backed in the direction of the entrance to the basement. The German, his formerly rudy face now pale, followed. At the head of the stairs, Elwood

complished it in quick time. Miss Lane smothered a cry of alarm.

"Nothing to fear, Catherine," said the aviator, smiling a reassuring smile with lips that were a triffe pale. "Please retire to your own apartment, but be ready to come when I call."

The girl disappeared. Elwood took one step toward his prisoner.

"Now, Herr Major," he said decisively, "you and I are going to exchange clothing. Be quick about it?"

The officer straightened and swore. "A disgrace for me! You may shoot me first, mein freund!"

"Then take off that coat," coldly smiled the

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American. "I don't want to spoil it with bullet

holes."
The German paled. "I will make the exchange," he decided.
It was carried out within a few minutes. When it was over, Elwood bound the officer hand and foot with strips torn from a portiere, bound a thick cloth around his head and in his mouth to prevent his making an outery, called Miss Lane and gave her the German's pistol.
"If he tries to escape," said the aviator, "kill him. I expect to be back within one hour."
With that, he was gone. The uniform and

high!" clipped Elwood; and again Borfeld complied.

Miss Lane took away his weapons; then she and her saviour climbed into the seats of the airplane, and Elwood faced the German again. "Start the propeller, Herr Borfeld. And when you have done that, go to the ruins of the house of Mr. George Lane and search for the officer whose clothing I wear. You will find him in the basement, and be kind enough to give him the compliments of John Elwood, American, of the Lafayette Escadrille!"

Another moment and the machine was moving. It rose high, and sailed over the German lines and to safety, though they did land with some difficulty because of the enemy machine. And almost the first persons to greet them were George Lane and his wife, who had thought themselves sure of Catherine's having perished with the explosion of the great shell in their house.

A week later, Catherine wore a diamond ring on her engagement finger.





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How to Grow Garden Shrubs

By Warren Mason

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LOWERS are always wonderful in the garden, yet a garden without a few good shrubs is by no means as attractive as it can be made. A great many people complain that they cannot make garden shrubs grow. The reason is that the shrubs are not planted properly. As with nearly everything else in this world, the right sort of a start means much.

You may be sure that if you patronize reliable nurseries you will secure good shrubs. They may not look very thrifty when they reach you, but, properly planted they are certain to grow. When you receive them they are packed in moss and covered with burlap, and one great trouble is that the average amateur gardener at once rips open the burlap as soon as they come, to see what they look like. He leaves the roots exposed to the air until he gets ready to set out the shrubs. Then he digs a hole, crowds in the roots, pours a pall of water over the earth and calls the job done.

Now trees are living creatures and they need to be robust to endure such treatment. Pretty often they die. They were not given a square dad good shrubs at the worked in the provide additional plant food, but worked in to provide additional plant food, but worked in the roots. A handful of bone meal thoroughly mixed with the soil that is put around the roots. A handful of bone meal thoroughly mixed with the soil that is put around the roots. A handful of bone meal thoroughly with the soil that is put around the roots as as to leave no open spaces. When half full of earth, a pail of water should be poured in, not so much because water is needed by the plants as to firm the soil over the roots. Then he dies a hole, crowds in the food of the roots water as a living over it wo

should therefore be planted thickly, and some for the pound to be robust to endure such treatment. Pretty often they die. They were not given a square deal. If they live, they are likely to be spindly and frail.

Most failures are due to one of three causes or to a combination of them all—letting the roots dry out, failure to cut back the top, and too deep planting. The shrubs may be kept safely for several days in the original package, if the roots are not exposed. If they are to be kept for some time before being planted, a trench should be dug and the plants set in it, very close together, and slightly inclined toward the direction from which the sun shines, the roots being covered with earth. This is called "theoling in and serves to keep the roots moist."

If there are several shrubs to be handled at planting time, it is well either to set them in a barrel of water or dip the roots in a puddle of liquid mud, which will cake them over and prevent their being dried out by the wind.

Many amateurs get poor results because of their curious mania for deep planting. Generally, a ring on the stalk will show where the plant stood in reference to the surface of the ground when in the nursery. Let it go into the earth just deep enough to hide this ring under half an inch of soil.

Lifting a plant usually deprives it of half its root growth, and the top should be cut back accordingly. It is just as well, in fact, to have rather less top than root at the beginning. Cutting back to this extent may seem a drastic measure, but it is really of vital importance. The roots themselves should be trimmed smooth at thends, if they have been broken off, and should be carefully spread out in a wide circle. This means, naturally, that a wide hole should be dug. To get the best results, the soil should be thoroughly



BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

Duck Raising on the Increase

UCKS are coming to the fore with a rush in this country, and I predict that within another year America will have followed the lead of England and Australia, and duck farming will be as common as chicken farming, as the demand for eatable birds and eggs has increased steadily for the last five years, and judging from the letters I have received during the last few months asking for information about duck raising, our readers are awakening to the fact that there is money in ducks.

The first point for the beginner to grasp is the difference in breeds, for not all ducks are money-makers. There are quite a number of breeds, the principal of which are Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Crested, Indian Runner and Muscovy.

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The Pekins are creamy white, with reddish orange shanks and feet, and weigh at maturity, drakes, eight pounds; ducks, seven. The Aylesbury are pure white, shanks and feet light orange; drake, nine pounds; duck, eight. The Rouen drake's head and neck are green, with a white collar. Body, ashy gray, mixed with green. Breast, purplish brown; underbody, steel gray. Weight, nine pounds. The ducks are principally light brown, pencilled with darker brown and green; weight, eight pounds. The Crested are pure white ducks with pronounced white crests or topknots. Drake weighs seven pounds, duck, six. There are two varieties of Muscovy—the pure white, with a red wrinkled skin on their faces, and orange shanks and feet; the colored Muscovies have black and white heads, with the same odd, wrinkled skin on their faces as the white ones. Their backs are blue-black, sometimes broken with white feathers; shanks and feet, from yellow to dark red color, or even black. Drakes, ten pounds; ducks, eight.

There are also two varieties of Indian Runner ducks—one pure white, the other light fawn and white or gray and white. The fawn and white are the most popular among breeders. The side of the face should be fawn or gray; throat, pure white; breast and shoulders, fawn or gray, running to white; tail, fawn or gray. Brakes weigh four and a half pounds; ducks, four.

When it comes to market purposes, we narrow down to Pekins and Indian Runners; Pekins being preferred, in most markets, for table birds; and they are certainly the most profitable for that purpose, because they grow up very quickly, being ready for market when six or nine weeks old, when they will weigh from four to six pounds appece, if they have been well fed and kept in yards away from streams and ponds; and in the wholesale market they bring about eighteen cents a pound.

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As egg producers, Indian Runner ducks are the wonders of the poultry world, for they have outstripped all records. One breeder in Indiana, who had three hundred and fifty birds, affirms that on January 26 he commenced shipping eggs for hatching, and sent out 36,000 by July 25th, and that each duck (the stock consisted of three hundred ducks and fifty drakes) averaged ten dollars a year, the average yield being ninetynine eggs for each bird in one hundred and eight days. In New Zealand a two years' contest was conducted, one duck laying five hundred and twelve eggs in twenty-three months, and was still laying an egg a day, even though she was moulting. They are strong, healthy, easy to raise, develop very rapidly, and will, under good conditions, commence to lay before they are five months old.

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There are many points in favor of duck culture, as they are free from lice, roup, scabby legs and other diseases so common to chickens.

These ducks are hardy and vigorous, and as their chief characteristics are their laying qualities, they have come to stay, and the one who gives them special attention will realize a good profit from them in the future.

Running water is not at all necessary to their development, but they must have plenty of clean, fresh water for drinking purposes. They are great foragers, and find a part of their food when given free range, but they can be successfully handled in two-foot quarters. A two-foot fence is sufficient to inclose them.

One of the secrets of success is to start with pure bred stock, for blood will tell in ducks the same as in other poultry. Having a good foundation, it is wonderful what can be done with a small number. By this method you get experience as your flock increases.

Keep one drake for every six or eight ducks, and fatten the rest for market when nine or ten weeks old. At this age we dress them and sell to private parties for fifty to sixty cents each. Some work, but it pays. But eggs are what you work for, and the flock should be large enough to enable you to market them by the case.

To get winter eggs, laying ducks should have an inclosed house, but after May they do better if allowed to run out all the time, but should be penned at night until nine o'clock the next morning, when they will be through laying for the day. The eggs are larger than hens' eggs, and they bring from five to ten cents more per dozen than hens' eggs in the commercial market.

Laying ducks should be fed a damp mash composed of bran, shorts, corn meal and beef scrap twice each day, with whole corn at night. Never

vegetable food or they can't produce eggs. You can buy dried beef scraps specially prepared for poultry. Cabbage, beets or sprouted oats are the best winter greens. Failing these, chop clover or alfalfa hay quite fine, steam it for several hours, and mix with ground grain for mash.

N. G.—I cannot recommend brooders or publish dresses in this column. Look through the advertiseats and write to the different people for their price

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A. F. T.—You certainly did have a disastrous experience with your incubator, and also with the henhatched chicks. As your neighbor had the same poor results when she tried the incubator in her cellar, and with eggs from different stock, the trouble cannot lie with your hens or cellar. Are you sure that the eggs were turned and aired night and morning from the second to the eighteenth day? The heat in the egg chamber should be kept as near 103 as possible all through the hatch until the eggs commence to pip, when it may run up to 104½ or even 105, but it must not drop below 103. Read answer to L. K., and refer to "Poultry Farming for Women" in January COMPORT. The loss of chickens which were hatched and brooded by hens must have been due to mismanagement after the chicks were hatched, as the hundred chickens from the eggs you bought died in the same way. Were the coops and hens free from vermin? Were the coops on dry ground, and did you keep the chicks in until the dew was off from the grass in the morning? Please refer to the February number of COMPORT. It will help you about brooders and feed for little chicks.

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grass in the morning? Please refer to the February number of COMFORT. It will help you about brooders and feed for little chicks.

B. E. M.—The plans you have made for altering a chicken house are so good that I cannot offer any improvements, unless it is about using four or five thicknesses of building paper at a dollar a roll, and over that rubberized roofing at \$2.25 a roll. The building paper would be a needless expense. The strips which you intend putting over the cracks on the outside and the building paper will make the house quite warm enough, but the muslin screens before the windows will allow a good circulation of air, so that the ventilator can be omitted. As you were troubled with gapes last season, I advise you to have the ground where the brood coops stood given a heavy dressing of fresh lime and then plowed and planted to some quick growing crop, for the germ of the gapeworm is carried by earth worms that inhabit the soil that has been overcharged with poultry droppings, and your only way to eradicate they trouble is to purify the soil. If it is not possible to have the ground plowed up, keep the brood coops and young chicks as far away from the old stand as possible. It will save you a lot of trouble and the poor little chicks the uncomfortable experience of having the worms fished out of their throats. Better let some of the oats deyelop, and have them threshed out, then you will be able to make up a well-balanced ration from some of the things you purpose raising. Oats, millet and cane seed, mixed, will give you good scratching feed and can also be used for night feed, until cold weather, when all hens should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper, and cracked corn should have whole corn for supper

day than risk using a lamp.

H. N.—Egg eating is a bad habit, usually starting through the egg being broken accidentally and the birds finding out what good food it contains. Once started, the whole flock soon acquires the taste and lay in wait for every egg that is laid. The best remedy is to place the nests about two feet above the ground, with the opening facing the swall, and not more than two feet from it. Buy some china eggs, put one in each nest and throw two or three in the middle of the floor. The birds will spend much time picking at them, and, as they will get no satisfaction, soon tire of the habit, especially if the eggs from the nests are gathered several times a day for a few weeks.

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N. S. H.—As I suppose you know, the heat in the egg chamber of an incubator should be kept as near 103 all through the hatch as possible. During the second week, or at any time up to the eighteenth day, it would not spoil the hatch if the heat went as low as 60 for a short time, say an hour at the longest, but if it ran up to 105 it would be dangerous; over that, fatal. Frequent and severe changes in temperature invariably produce crippled or blind chicks. Running an incubator too low, or cooling the eggs too long each day, prolongs the hatch and weakens the chicks. Running it too high, or not cooling and airing, hurts the hatch and has exactly the same effect in weakening the chicks. You will find it better to make a fireless brooder exactly as described in the February COMPORT. A lantern in a large box would not furnish sufficient warmth to keep the chicks comfortable at night, and if they get chilled it means bowed trouble and loss. I should think you might be able to exchange corn for eats without any extra expense. Read answer to B. E. M. in this issue about making up balanced rations.

C. W. S.—Your losses last year were certainly very

help you. Kaffir corn is usually to be bought at the large grain stores. About ducks, see the department

this month.

G. H. K.—The birds were suffering from coccidiosis, which is contagious and may have been introduced into your flock by a new fowl, pigeons, wild birds, rats or mice. It is caused by a very minute form of animal life. Birds may appear dull, sleepy and lose weight, or they may die suddenly without showing any outward signs of the disease. Kill all birds that look sickly or suspicious and burn the bodies. Clean up the chicken house and have the yards plowed or dug up. Add four grains of catechu to every quart of drinking water for the remaining birds and give a mash made by moistening ground grain with castor oil once a week for three weeks.

Important to Poultry Raisers

Chicago, March 1.—Incubators and brooders have been exempted from railway embargoes. The farmers and poultrymen of America whose early orders have been held up at points of shipments will now get their machines without interruption, and those who have held back their orders because of the rail embargo situation can breathe easy and get their orders in quickly, with the knowledge of uninterrupted shipment.

Playing Hide and Seek for a Bride

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The chase is the chief characteristic of a wedding among the Koraks of Siberia. It takes place in the family home, which consists of a large tent made into many compartments. In these the two principals of the drama play a modified version of our own game of hide-and-seek.

In the center of the spacious tent the guests assemble. Much hot tea is drunk while one of the number grouped about the fire, beats zeal-ously upon a drum. After bringing in a bunch of willows and placing one in each room, the drummer breaks into a loud song which increases in volume at the entrance of the bridal pair.

At the most intense moment of the drumming and singing a relative of the bride signals to her. Fleet as a doe, she springs into the first compartment. The hopeful bridegroom follows with his fastest pace. If he fails to overtake the maiden, he will wear a bachelor's frown until two years pass, when he may try again.

Being a bridegroom among the Koraks is an ordeal, for in each of the rooms a woman with willow shoots awaits the matrimonial candidate and lashes him freely when he enters. Other women throw reindeer skins before him. He therefore travels a path of stumbling-blocks and entanglements.

The girl may legally refuse her suitor at the last moment. The hindrances to the groom are sufficient to prevent him from capturing the bride; who goes rapidly through all the compartments, for she is neither whipped nor tangled in skins. In the last section she is supposed to wait for him; but, if she suddenly changes her mind, she may give him the mitten by emerging alone.

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A Korak groom, however, rarely worries about such a possibility nor resents the beating he gets from the women who wield the willows. He knows the whipping and the dropping of the reindeer skins before him are merely make-believe and that a Korak maiden invariably waits in the last compartment.

SAVE ALL YOUR CHICKS

E. J. Reefer, poultry expert of 204 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free a new book which tells of a simple home solution that raises 98 per cent. of all chicks hatched and cures white diarrhea over night. All poultry raisers should write for this valuable free book.

Their Troubles

Two loyal German-Americans, related to each other by marriage as husband and wife, were both assailed simultaneously with a variety of sneezes and coughs which betoken influenza.

"Ah," the wife explained, "I have a colt in mine old gray head."

"And," the husband speedily rejoined, "I haf a horse in mine throat."

Raise Chicks Without Loss

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C. W. S.—Your losses last year were certainly very heavy, and I am sorry to say that I can't help you. If it had all happened at one 'time, I should have suspected poison, but as you have had the same experience for two summers, it can't possibly be that. I advise you to send a full and very minute description of the symptoms and the exact care you gave the chicks to the Agricultural Experiment Station at Cornell College, Ithaca, New York, and see if they can

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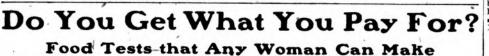
AN ELEPHANT'S BREAKFAST.—The British Forest Department of India uses elephants for piling and arranging logs at the timber depots. In the Sungam district the huge pachyderms are turned loose every evening and they do their own foraging for green fodder and juicy shoots of bamboo. Each morning the mahouts or keepers rustle out and round up their charges. Then they march the animals to the nearest river or stream, command them to lie down in the water, and give them a real-for-sure bath, minus soap and other luxuries.

An elephant does not object to his bath, for he knows that breakfast follows. He probably regards the meal as a reward for his good behavior; so it is, for his allowance would be reduced or not given him if he became stubborn or unruly.

The breakfast consists of one maund (or twenty-four pounds) of rice for each elephant. The diners arrange themselves around a mat which suffices as a table. Then the cook, walking on the mat, serves the rice in the proper order.

The elephants exhibit excellent table manners. The cook makes the boiled food into balls as large as a man's head and gives four or five to each animal. As the cook lifts each ball, the bulky diner opens wide his mowth to receive the huge morsel. Elephants, unlike hogs, eat quietly.

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*RE you sure you always get what you pay for? Things are not always what they seem, in spite of pure food laws. There are three substances sometimes sold as butter: Dairy or creamery butter, renovated butter and oleomargarine. Now each of these substances is, if in good condition, perfectly wholesome for human food, but the prices should be different. Dairy or creamery butter is made from cream kapt a certain number of days until it acquires. dozen than hen's eggs in the commercial market.
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Remember to provide green stuff of some kind in each feed after they are ten days old. This mot only cheapeas the food, but insures good health. We fire all feed in troughs, and fresh water several times a day.

Ducks and guinea fowl are very profitable stock on a farm, or where they can have plenty of range, for guinea fowl will find the larger part of their own feed. All that is needed for the experiment is formed and this must be within their reach all the boundary of their own feed. The first all feed in troughs, and fresh the cond of four weeks, and the youngsters will come up at night with full crops; and until marketed in the fall, they need have nothing but al little cracked corn at night, just to brist the home regularly and keep them tame.

Correspondence

J. G.—In future you will find it better to use whole corn for the night feed, sprayed with water. Mixed chicken feed is not rifle enough in the components of the condition of the cond

grains also contain a good deal of oil and will float. Throw a spoonful into a glass of water. If after standing a little while the water is colored a deep brown, it is certain that chicory is present, for coffee grains unless crushed and boiled do not possess this property. If you see the water turning brown and some of the grains at the bottom of the glass instead of floating on top, you had better buy another brand of coffee. Tea is very rarely, adulterated.

Occasionally pickles or canned vegetables, peas, beans or spinach are a bright green color that makes them look fresh and attractive. This is due to coloring with copper. If you have reason



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The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6.)

When he threw away the stump she was sitting quite motionless, but she was dry-eyed.

At dinner he looked at her covertly and wondered why on earth she wore a black gown. It made her eyes look dark and gave the red and white of her face an unearthly clearness.

"She looks awfully old, somehow," the boy thought uneasily. "I hope she doesn't go and make another break tonight. She looks—" even to himself he did not say "desperate." After all, he knew no reason why she should be.

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But when he went into the drawing-room, after putting Mr. Jacobs to bed, something caught at his heart. Neither Ravenel nor Captain Gordon were there; and all the women but the duchess had a furtive look.

"Beasts, women!" Sir Thomas retreated as suddenly as he had entered, determined to fetch his sister to her senses, or die. But at an open window in the hall something moving outside in the moonlight caught his eye, and checked his hasty walk. He hung out recklessly, and saw two figures disappear into the shrubbery, a man and a woman in a black dress!

"She's mad," said the boy, with something like a sob in his throat. And turned round to see Ravenel and Levallion looking at him.

"I—I felt dizzy," he stammered, scarcely believing his eyes; for if this were Ravenel, who was that outside?

"I don't wonder." said Levallion cheerfully. "In another minute I'd have hauled you in by the legs. Come and play blind man's buff with the rest of the idiots I have taken into my house."

"I think I'll take a stroll. It's hot in there. Where," in pure blank desperation, "is Gordon?"

"Gone to bed. He starts at seven," and just as if he were sorry for the girl who stood by in silence, Lord Levallion did not look at her as he followed her into the lights, the scent, the circle of women—enlightened by Lady Gwendolen—that made his own drawing-room a place of torment.

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Sir Thomas, in his thin shoes and no cap, slipped unnoticed out into the moonlight, pure curiosity his only motive. The woman had looked like a lady, a lady's long dress and voluminous evening cloak had showed plainly where she stood in the clear moonlight. The night was bright as day, the air warm, almost balmy, as if the moon had brought back summer when the sunset chill was gone.

in the clear moonlight. The night was bright as day, the air warm, almost balmy, as if the moon had brought back summer when the sunset chill was gone.

"I don't believe it was any old kitchen-maid last night," he thought, as he followed the path by which the mysterious man and woman had vanished. "I could see very well, but I believe it was, well—whoever it was now!" rather feebly. No one had told him of the lady who had come to ask for Gordon, and he had never chanced to pass that new bungalow that had given Levalion such an unpleasant surprise. Against his will there cropped up in his mind those old stories of Levallion; if one half of them were true, there must be several women ready to eat their hearts by staring in at his respectable married windows! Sir Thomas hoped devoutly there was not going to be any fuss. The path led him from the gardens into the park, across the grass among the deer, and into a thick tangled wood. But the boughs were leafless, and the moon showed him that the path went on still, a dark thread between the dead bracken under the crowding trees. It wound on and on, and the night silence of the wood somehow quieted Tommy Annesley. Through the arching boughs overhead he could see the cloudless indigo sky; the moon peeped at him in uncanny suddenness from different directions as the path twisted. He stepped more and more cautiously, as if the noise of a breaking twig under his feet would have been a crime in the strless quiet of the wood.

"This is rot," he thought, stopping once. "No one can be here," but something drove him on again even while he called himself a fool. The curious awe that was on him deepened till, without knowing it, he was moving noiseless as a midnight thlef walking a strange road. With a queer thrill he pulled up standing; slipped, before the moon caught the tellale black and white of his clothes in the surrounding dimness, behind the trunk of a great girtled oak. The path had stopped, as suddenly as the trees and undergrowth it ran through. Before him, short gras

The oak-tree was between him and the moon. If there was any one beside it, they were blotted out against its thick bulk of darkness. But what was that clear, steady glitter on the rock? A crystal, starry glitter that in one spot turned to worn gold?

worn gold?

A quick rustling behind him made him turn with apprehensive annoyance. No one likes to be caught inspecting the world from behind a tree. But the rustling was Mr. Jacobs.

"Lie down!" whispered Sir Thomas savagely. "What silly fool let you out?" He grabbed the humble Jacobs—who had been vastly proud of escaping from bed and scenting him out—in his arms, that he might not bark; and suddenly felt that he was glad that the dog had come. For the place was ghostly.

"It's impossible, though, to lug him and edge round a bit nearer!" he thought, deeply interested in that glitter which was no business of his. "By George!"

A man had come from against the tree, hoisted

sound like the howl of a wild beast.

Mr. Jacobs felt he could not bear it. He gave a low, shivery growl, and before Sir Thomas knew it, was on the ground, running like a wiry white devil straight to that picnic-party that sat unawares. He ran quick—that was what froze Tommy's voice in his throat. If he had barked it would not have mattered what he rushed at, but a silent Jacobs was another thing, as dogs and sets know.

and cats knew.

Before Sir Thomas could get clear of his hidingplace, the need was over. Jacobs had flown
straight at the man's legs, where they hung over
the rock, but with a wild leap his prey had
sprung to the top of the mighty slab, where he
stood upright, never making the slightest motion
toward the woman beside him, whose long cloak
had hung over his memaced legs. Tommy heard
Jacobs fall back heavily as he missed his spring;
saw him pick himself up, trot deliberately back
to his master, slowly and with puzzled growling,
as of a dog who had been deceived.

The boy stooped and took something from the

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Turning Yellow into White

UCH a lot of sallow skins, and lackluster eyes, and pimples here and there,
and black rings under the eyes, as I am
hearing about. And, girls, not one of
these things has to be! It is just as if
you had let your country be overrun by
an invading force, and were folding your hands
and sighing over their depredations, doing nothing
more active than plaintively asking: "What shall
I do?"

The answer is "Do? Why, drive them out!"
You have allowed your own special domain of good looks to be invaded by all these beauty de-



IN THE MORNING EAT PRUNES WHICH HAVE BEEN SOAKED OVER NIGHT.

fects, and our job, now, is to get right to work and drive them away.

It's really quite easy, girls—just takes a little bit of "keeping at it." To begin with, sallow complexions come from inactive organs—liver, stomach, bowels. And your particular task, therefore, if you want to get rid of the yellow skin, is to make them active. Exercise will do this, and you should get at least half an hour a day of vigorous exercise—the kind which exercises waist and abdomen muscles.

Then, help out your digestion by the choice of your foods, and the manner of preparing them, and, most important of all, the manner of eating them. If you will chew every mouthful of food until it is fluid before swallowing it, you will never have one hour's trouble with indigestion—you couldn't have if you tried. Your stomach will have such a delightfully easy time, that it will grow strong and well, and it will extract from the food you eat every particle of nourishment, whereas in the past you have failed to digest your food properly, so have not gotten what it had to give you in strength, flesh or energy.

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digest your food properly, so have not gotten what it had to give you in strength, flesh or energy.

You can't have a clear skin if the eliminative functions of the body are not active—the pores of the skin must be kept open, and the bowels regular. A daily bath, even just a quick sponge, and daily exercise, will take care of the pores; exercise, food and liquids will take care of the bowels. Don't forget my ancient slogan of "Drink eight to ten glasses of water a day"—lobey it! Put half-a-dozen prunes to soak in a tumbler of warm water every night, and drink the juice and eat the prunes the next morning—they are better as a corrective than medicine. Eat apples, raw, baked and made into apple sauce, sliced oranges, grapefruit, honey, spinnach when you can get it, bran bread, stewed or pressed figs, pineapple. These foods will act as vigorous correctives, and if you see that they are included in your meals at least twice a day, to supplement the water you drink and the exercise you take, I can warrant you, that the days will be few indeed before the yellow tinge will be gone from your cheeks, and the dullness from your eyes, while plunples will have fled in dismay.

It's worth following, girls—this advice of mine. Try it, and here's good luck to you.

Answers to Questions

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"The down!" whispered Sir Thomas savagely. "What silly fool let you out?" He grabbed the humble Jacobs—who had been vastly proud of eacaping from bed and scenting him out—in his arms, that he might not bark; and suddenly felt this be was glad that the dog had come. For the place was ghostly.

"It's impossible, though, to lug him and edge round a bit nearer!" he thought, deeply interested in that glitter which was no business of his. "By George!"

A man had come from against the tree, hoisted himself rather clumsily on the breast-high rock, and seized the golden shining point that had taken Sir Thomas eye. If amiliar pop, and a quick gurgling came through the quiter air. Tommy, nearly dropped Mr. Jacobs as he grabbed his jaws together to stop a bark.

"Champagne! a—well, I'm blowed! I've come all the way out here to gaze on amonlight period to the wast of the man swung herself lightly, boyishly, beside the man laughed, and a wooman's laugh answeed him; shrill, hysterical, strained; full of that fiere middless that would strained; full of that fiere middless that would sound like the howl of a wild beaxt.

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may be substituted for quince seeds. For your height, five feet, six inches, you should weigh, when you are a little older, one hundred and forty-three pounds. One hundred and thirty-eight is a perfectly good weight for you, at fifteen.

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BROWN EYRS.—Blackheads are caused by dirt lodging in the pores. The way to get rid of them is to keep the face scrupulously clean. Use a complexion brush—of camel's hair, which is soft—and scrub the face with that at night. A daily bath of the entire person stimulates the pores to throw off all secretions and is, therefore, a good way to help get rid of the blackheads. Rub the skin well, after a bath. If it is not convenient to take a tub bath daily, you can give yourself a quick sponge bath, standing on a bath towel. Scrupulous cleanliness will help the condition of your scalp, also, for the health of your hair depends upon the entire body. Shampoo the hair once in two or three weeks probably two weeks, in your case. I have given directions many times for making a shampoo jelly to use; do not rub soap on the hair. Be careful about rinsing and drying. Every night massage the scalp with the flat of the finger tips, moving the scalp back and forth on the skull. This stimulates the circulation of blood and helps to nourish the hair and strengthen it. Look after your general health, especially your bowels. Drink lots of water. About the bust, which you say is small for your age, you do not tell me its size. You should not have a very large bust, being only five feet, three inches tall. Any arm and chest exercise will develop the bust—or will reduce a too fat bust. Funny—isn't it?—how exercise works two ways; that is because exercise wears away just fat, but develops muscle. Try the various exercises lately given in COMFORT, and practice them at least twice a day for ten or fifteen minutes. Why try to get a much larger bust? Slim busts are very fashionable, these days, and many a society woman would no doubt sigh for yours!

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Lilly.—If your hair is falling out and splitting at the ends, it is not getting enough nourishment. Your whole body probably needs attention. See answer to "Brown Eyes." Brush your hair nightly, from fitty to one hundred strokes. Get plenty of outdoor exercise, sleep with your windows open, select sensible foods, avoiding fried foods, but eating plenty of fresh fruits and green vegetables. Do not shampoo oftener than once in three weeks, if your hair is dry. Be sure to massage scalp nightly. You may occasionally massage in a little oil. Use a medicine dropper, and run down a part in the hair, then rub oil gently in; do the same with another part; and with another; then massage all over the scalp, starting at the oily parts and moving to oiled surfaces. In this way a few drops of oil can be spread over the scalp without leaving it greasy and unpleasant. Be careful not to drop the oil on the kgir, nor to touch the hair itself with oily fingers—keep the fingers pressed just against the scalp and massage until every particle of the oil is absorbed. Do not brush that night, but brush lightly in the morning. The important thing for you to remember, however, is that if you want beautiful healthy hair, you must have a healthy body, bathed daily, fed properly, exercised regularly, and every function, such as those of stomach and bowels, taken care of as it should be.

WILD ROSE.—You say you cannot shampoo in the winter because you are not year, strong. You hair

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Wild Rose.—You say you cannot shampoo in the winter because you are not very strong. Your hair will certainly fail out, as you say it is doing, if you do not shampoo it, and your dandruff of which you complain comes from no other cause. You cannot possibly suffer any harm from shampooing your hair, whether in winter or summer. Better get at it at once. Do not under any circumstances use a dry shampoo, that will only make matters worse and you will lose more hair than you have lost already. If you will prepare a soap jelly by shaving white soap into boiling water—half a cake to a quart—dissolving over the stove and setting away to cool and will use that to rub your hair with, after wetting it, you will find it excellent. Lather thoroughly, and rub, then rinse: lather again, rub thoroughly, rinse; lather a third time, rub, and rinse, rinse. Pour pitcher after pitcher of very warm water over your scalp, if you have not a bath spray, and finally dip your head in a tub or large pan and submerge it many times. Finally rinse the hair with cool water, then dry in the sun



EVERY TIME IS THE TIME TO DRINK WATER.

or by a stove, shaking constantly and rubbing to prent any feeling of chill. Get the hair entirely dry'bone-dry''—before putting it up; and do not go or
doors for a couple of hours. You won't catch col
if you follow this plan, and you certainly need to
shampoo. Your whole health suffers to some exte
when your hair is not properly shampood.

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NORTHPORT.—See answers to "Brown Eyes," "Wild Rose" and several others this month, for hair seems to be our favorite topic.

Address all letters containing questions to Katherine Booth, care Comfort, Augusta, Maine,

Slow Mail Service

during the last three months has caused delay in the delivery of magazines, much to the annoyance of subscribers and publishers.

Our January, February and March issues were mailed on time, as usual; likewise this present April number is being mailed seasonably.

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SKIN LIKE LILY IN A FEW DAYS

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Brings Youth to the Face.

Wrinkles? Worry about them no longer. Try this unusually effective way and you will be able to make your face look years younger. Crow's feet, wrinkles, sagging cheeks, lines of age, have you any of these? Try this, it makes the skin more vigorous and plump: At any drug store you can obtain a two-ounce package of eptol for fifty cents. Mix this with a tablespoonful of glycerine in a half-pint of water. It will do the work.

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Home Dressmaking Hints



with short sleeves.

The separate skirt, aside from its service for business and general wear, is styles for sports wear. Fancy striped satins, plaid suiting and jersey cloth are among the popular materials of this kind.

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Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require three and one fourth yards of 36-inch material. 2372—A Dainty Frock for the Little Miss. Lawn, batiste, voile, dimity, serge, silk and gabardine are nice for this style.

Cut in four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. Size six requires three and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2374—A Smart Dress for Home Wear. This model is nice for gingham, linen, seersucker, perchle, gabardine, serge and silk.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2377—A Good Model for a Tailored Waist. Linen, satin, crepe, crepe de chine, madras, lawn and pique, are good for this style.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires three and one eighth yards of 36-inch material.

2382—A New and Attractive Style for the Growing Girl. This model with the left front crossing over the right at its closing is very good for linen and other wash materials. It is also nice for serge, satin and taffeta.

Cut in five sizes; eight, 10, 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 12 requires three and three fourths yards of 44-inch material.

2383—A New and Stylish Skirt. The pockets may be omitted. Serge, gabardine, satin, silk, broadcloth, Jersey, linen, gingham, voile and crepe, all of these fabrics are good for this model. Cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires three yards of 36-inch material.

2384 Waist; 2381 Skirt—A Pretty Afternoon or Calling Gown. Embroidered voile with lace insertion, or bands of contrasting material would be nice.

The Waist Pattern 2384 is cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size as requires six and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2386—A Daint

years. Size six requires three yards of 44-inch material.

2394—A Good School Dress for the Growing Girl. Striped seersucker, gingham, percale, galatea, linen, khaki, voile, taffeta, foulard, serge and gabardine are nice for this model.

Cut in four sizes: eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 requires three and seven eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2397—A Smart Dress for Mother's Girl. The sleeve may be in wrist or elbow length. The style is good for gabardine, batiste, voile, crepe, albatross, linen, pique, and other wash fabrics. Cut in five sizes; two, four, six, eight and 10 years. Size six requires three and one eighth yards of 36-inch material.

2399—A New and Attractive Shirt Waist. This style is nice for satin, linen, batiste, lawn, taffeta and crepe.

Cut in six sizes: 34 36 38 40 42 and 44

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Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires three yards of 36-inch material.
2401—A Simple, Smart Design. Serge, voile, linen, gabardine, gingham, chambray, khaki, shantung, and foulard are nice for this model. There are two styles of sleeve.
Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 requires five and three fourths yards of 40-inch material.
2413—A New Dress for Mother's Girl. This is a good model for wash fabrics, for plain and

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Cut in furee sizes; 10, 10 and 20 years. Size 16 requires five and three fourths yards of 40-inch material.

2413—A New Dress for Mother's Girl. This is a good model for wash fabrics, for plain and figured voile, for silk, gabardine, serge, checked and plaid suiting. The dress is made to slip over the head.

Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 10 will require three and three eighths yards of 44-inch material.

1672—Child's Rompers, with Sleeve in Either of Two Lengths. Gingham, chambray, percale, galatea, flannelette, serge, repp, linen and poplin are nice for this style.

Cut in four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. Size six years requires two and seven eighths yards of 36-inch material.

1710—Girls' Apron. Gingham, percale, chambray, lawn, drill, jean or sateen could be used for this style.

Cut in five sizes; two, four, six, eight and 10 years. It requires two and one fourth yards of 36-inch material for a six-year size.

1715—Ladies' Apron with or without Sleeve in Either of Two Lengths and with Collar, or with Neck Edge in Square Outline. Percale, brilliantine, mohair, sateen, gingham, seersucker, lawn or cambric may be used for this design.

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2024—Ladies' House Dress with Sleeve in Wrist or Elbow Length. This design is good for striped seersucker, for cheeked gingham, repp. poplin, flannelette, linen, drill and other washable fabrics.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires seven yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

2356—A New and Pretty Night Robe. This model is lovely for lawn, batiste, dimity, washable satin, linen, crepe and silk.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34: medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires four and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

2357—Ladies' Cover-All Apron. Here is a smart apron model in one-piece style, which closes at the front over the sleeve portions. Gingham, ercale or seersucker are good for its development. Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34: medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires five and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2358—Child's Rompers in Two-Piece Style, with Sleeves in Either of Two Lengths. This style is developed with the bloomers buttoned to the waist. It is nice for khaki, percale, galatea, gingham, chambray, flannelette and serge.

Cut in four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. Size six requires three and one eighth yards of 36-inch material.

2361—A Practical Set of Clothes for an Infant. For the cloak, one could use serge, silk, gabardine, Bedford cord, or albatross. The dress could be of lawn, batiste or mull. The cap of any seasonable material, and the kimono of fiannel, cashmere, silk or linen. The pattern comprises all of the styles illustrated.

Cut in one size only. The cloak requires three and three eighths yards. The dress two and five eighths yards. The cap one half yard. The kimono three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

2367—A Style Very Becoming to Growing Girls. Black satin, with braid trimming, nav

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shut jaws. He had seized the woman's

cloak. "Not her, or she'd have yelled!" he thought with relief. And then as the man moved, a living silhouette against the cold moonshine, Sir Thomas Annesley knew him.
"I wonder," he thought, sick and shaken, "if the moon's made me crazy?" He made a step toward the pair on the rock—and oh! if he had only gone close to them—and then drew back. It was no business of his. But the thing was so unpleasant that he held his tongue about it.

CHAPTER XXIII. THE DARK GLASS.

"Adrian's gone," said Lady Levallion to herself as she woke the next morning. She knew she ought to be glad of it, thankful that he was no longer in Levallion's house; for which reason, probably, she dragged herself out of bed and thought with blank loathing of the empty day before her; of the women who must be amused; of Levallion, who must not see she missed any one.

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"I might as well pretend not to care if Tommy died!" she said bitterly. "For it's just the same. If I know anything about Adrian, he will never see me again, of his own accord."

There was a letter on the plate at breakfast, and for one half second she thought he might have written a bare half-dozen words of farewell to the woman he had meant to live and die with. But the common envelope, the scrawled address, undeceived her. It was a begging letter, and she opened it listlessly, and hardly noticed some scraps of torn pasteboard that fell out of it. But as she read the soiled half-sheet of common writing, Gwendolen Brook nudged Colonel Scarsdale. Lady Levallion's face was a dull crimson from forehead to chin.

Even Levallion noticed it, as she stuffed the letter into her pocket and gathered up those fallen bits of pasteboard. Noticed, too, that the very instant breakfast was over, she went to her own sitting-room, scarcely waiting to hear the plans for the day. Yet it was not the letter that had brought the blood to her face. That was from the Umbrella, as Tommy had prophesied; and the news in it was late for the market, except that it gave chapter and verse of what Ravenel had only guessed at.

Lady Annesley had turned Adams out, she had lost her savings, was at a farmhouse half a mile off, with no money and—she thought—dying. Would Miss Ravenel come to her, as she could not die with her wickedness on her mind? It was she who had warned Lady Annesley of that wild dream of marriage with Adrian Gordon, she who had shown him Ravenel's torn Sunday frock on the day you was out," it wound up. "I send it so you may see it is true. Her ladyship cut his ring off your neck that day, you know of, and gave me five pounds to post it to him. I kept the torn card just to have something to hold over her. But she didn't care, and she turned me

Gordon."

"I won't go," thought Ravenel, laying down the letter.

"She always hated me. She's only doing this to pay Sylvia out. I couldn't see her. I won't let any one tell me things—or pity me," but even as she said it she knew she would go. She was never a good hater, and the woman was dying—or thought so.

She laid the scraps of card on the table and pieced them together. There was one bit gone. The Umbrella must have left it with her ladyship's rubbish-basket. But she made out the penciled, pitifully-guarded scrawl, in spite of the missing corner.

"Dear Miss Annesley"—it ran—"how have I dissed you? Didn't you get my letter? sail tomorrow, but after mess.

"Forgive her!" said Ravenel, making sense well enough, for she knew the missing words must have been, "I'll come back tonight" and "meet me," because of Adrian's story of his useless waiting in the garden. I can't forgive her. I don't believe I ever forgave anything in all my life, or forgot, either. I'll send her money, but I never want to see her as long as I live."

A sound at the door startled her into saying. "Come in" before she swept the patched card off the table. It was only Levallion, but his face (Continued on page 13.)

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grew gray as he saw her put her arm sharply over the torn card, the scrawled letter. Something that had been on his lips died there, and there flashed up in his mind, like an instantaneous photograph, the memory of Adrian falling in a dead faint under the trees, and the little inarticulate, dreadful cry with which Ravenel had sprung toward him.

"Are you coming out?" he said. "They are waiting for you," and he went away without waiting for an answer.

Her back had been to the door. She had not seen his face, nor could she dream that outside in the lonely passage he stood for one instant, and hid his worn face in his hands. The next second he threw into a jar of flowers a scrap of penciled card Lady Gwendolen had said sweetly was his wife's; "Lady Levallion had dropped it."

"It's not very valuable," Levallion had asswered, glancing at the scrap, and taking in both sides of it with the quickness habitual to him. But now, when he had seen her poring over some fragments exactly like it, he cursed his quick eyes and Lady Gwendolen. For on one side of the quarter-card was "Gordon—Hussars." On the other, "I'll come back tonight. Meet me. "A. G.'" No wonder Ravenel had turned red and torn it up.

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"Quid pro quo!" said Lord Levallion slowly. "It's my turn now, I suppose, having taken a wife instead of borrowing one. But I don't think there'll be any meeting!" He straightened himself, wearily, and went out shooting as if his heart was not like lead. Somehow, he had lacked either courage or inclination to tell Ravenel what he knew. And she never dreamed he would have listened to the silly, childish story that meant nothing now, except to her and Adrian.

She sent some money to Adams, with a carefully written note to the effect that she knew of nothing she had to forgive, since nothing Lady Annesley or her maid had done had caused her any harm. It was a lie, of course, but there was nothing else Levallion's wife could say. She breathed freer when it was gone.

But when the shooting-party came home, Levallion's face somehow worried her. All the softness was wiped off it, and he talked as the old Levallion had been wont to, not the new. She waited for him in her dressing-room till the gong went for dinner, but he never came. And when he passed her in the drawing-room on his way to give his arm to the duchess, she stopped him. "Levallion," she whispered, her hand on his arm, "what's the matter? Aren't you well?" "Perfectly, thank you," he said quietly, but he never looked at her. A sudden gust of wicked femper shook him like a leaf; if they had been a snake—to wish the next second that he had kissed her before the whole room.

For as he looked straight before him he met Lady Gwendolen's amused, insolent eyes, and knew that all he knew she knew also; and his knowledge of it besides. His lordship went into dinner with the cheerful conviction that at forty-seven he had made a fool of himself—before the people! And it did not soften his heart to his wife.

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A curious second light, born of strained nerves, made him slip away from the men some ten minutes after the women had left the diningroom. And crossing the hall was what he had expected, Ravenel in a hat and cloak, hurrying to a side door. Levallion's heart turned over. "Where are you going?" he said, very quietly. But his hand that caught her arm was not gentle. "To—out—the man's waiting—" she gasped, utterly terrified. "Levallion, don't look at me like that! It's a poor woman who sent for me this morning, and I wouldn't go. She's sent again today; she isn't dying, but she must see me. Thought I could go and be back before you came out of the dining-room. The woman knows me, she used to be Lady Annesley's maid. Look!" she held out a scrawled letter.

But no one knew better than Levallion that any letter might mean anything. He flickered it to the ground contemptuously.

"You have excellent reason to go and see your stepmother's maid." he said, careless that he betrayed ill-gotten knowledge. "But I fancy not tonight. You can drive over in the morning. Go back; take off those things; try and remember that if I was blind, other people are not." His low, furious voice carried farther than he knew, to where, on the turn of the staircase, Lady Gwendolen Brook stood breathless with laughter. Having seen the note delivered which sent her hostess from the drawing-room, it had been a delightful way of passing time to follow her. But she had not anticipated anything so amusing as this.

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"Legallion," said Ravenel, "you've no right to speak to me like this!" She threw off her cloak and hat, and in all her white satins faced him paler than he. "Now, if the people you're afraid of do come," she whispered contemptuously, "they won't see anything to amuse them. But listen to me you shall. Even though I don't know what you are suspecting. Read those," With a gesture that was superb, she stooped for the letter he had dropped, put it and another into his hand; "then go outside and speak to the boy who's waiting to take me to the farmhouse, and then tell me, if you like, what you are thinking about me."

you said to Adrian the other night. I thought—"
"Here's the rest of it. It was six months ago I was to meet Adrian," she answered simply, for she knew what must have been on the card. "Did you think it was tonight? That I meant to meet another man, and steal out of your house to do it?"

"I feel like Othello, whom I always considered an egregious ass!" said Levallion slowly. "You see, it was just what I should have done, in Gordon's shoes." He slipped card and letter into

his pocket.

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"You wouldn't," she cried, hotly. "Never! Why do you lie about yourself? You know nothing would make you do a thing like that."

"Nor you, either." She had never heard his voice so slow, so gentle. "I was a fool to doubt you. But I heard—the other night in the conservatory. I thought you cared still; that this—that when I cared at last, fate was having its revenge on mgt But I know better now!" Before she could stop him, he stooped and kissed the hem of her gown.

"Yon't," she gasped. "I've been wicked. I thought at first when I found out—for I never found out till I saw the ring they cut off his finger—and heard how he got it—that you had known all Sylvia did."

"My poor little child," he said, soberly. And then, wistfully: "You'll be as happy as you can, won't you? I—I try, you know."

"I'm happy, and I'll be happier," she answered bravely. "I—you know I like you, Levallion?"

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Work for Odd Moments

Child's Crocheted Hat

ATERIALS required: Two skeins white and one fourth skein colored eightfold Germantown.

With white wool, ch. 6, join.

1st row.—Make 15 s. c. in ring.

2nd row.—Using both loops at top of stitch make * 1 s. c. each in first s. c., widen by making 2 s. c. in 3rd s. c. Repeat from * around row.

This makes 5 sections.

Now, make 11 rows of s. c., always making 2 s. c. in the 2 s. c. of the widening of preceding

row. Your work should now measure about 20 in-

ches around.
For larger sizes make 1 row more each inch

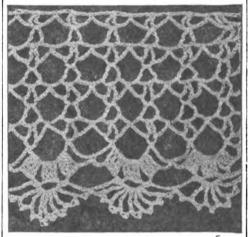
Make 7 rows, making 1 s. c. in each s. c. Using colored wool, make 1 row. Using colored wool, make I row.
In the next row widen in every 4th stitch.
Make I row without widening. With wiwool, next row widen every 6th stitch.
Make 5 rows without widening.

For trimming make pompom.

Mile-a-Minute Lace (With Shell Edge)

The open-work pattern is very lacy and pretty, and can be most rapidly worked. As it is made lengthwise it can be worked into the

edge of children's skirts or any kind of under-wear or made up separately, as preferred. Begin with chain length desired. Into this work * 1 s. c., ch. 5, sk. 3 ch. st., 1 tr. c., ch. 2., 1 tr. c. in same st., ch. 5, sk. 3, repeat from *.



MILE-A-MINUTE LACE WITH SHELL EDGE.

2nd row.—Ch. 5, 1 tr. c. under ch. between 2 tr. c. in last row, ch. 3, 1 tr. c. under same ch., ch. 5, 2 tr. c. between next 2 tr. c., repeat.

3rd row.—Same as the 1st row. 4th row same as the 2nd row. These two rows can be repeated alternately to make a lace of any width, then finish with shell edge as follows:

Shell Edge

After completing row like the first as shown in illustration make 1 row of chains 12 sts. with 1 s. c. under each ch. between the two trebles.

2rd row.—*1 s. c. under a chain 12, ch. 3, 4 d. tr. (thread over hook 3 times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, making 5 loops on hook, thread over and work off by twos) under next ch. 12, ch. 3, 4 d. tr. c. under same ch., ch. 3, 4 d. tr. c. under same ch., ch. 3, 1 s. c. under next ch. 12, repreat from *.

3rd row.—Ch. 10, 3 s. c. between first and second groups of double trebles, ch. 5, 3 s. c. between second and third groups of double After completing row like the first as shown

second groups of double trebles, ch. 5, 3 s. c. between second and third groups of double trebles. Repeat.

Last row. 1 s. c. under ch. 10, ch. 3, catch into 2nd st. to form picot, ch. 1, 1 d. tr. c. under ch. 5, * ch. 3, picot, ch. 1, 1 d. tr. c. Repeat from * 5 times, making 7 d. tr. c. in all, ch. 3, picot, ch. 1, 1 s. c. under ch. 10.

Spider Web Insertion

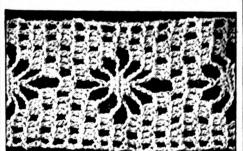
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"As you like." He shrugged his shoulders, having in his day written many a letter that meant other things than were in it. But as he read, his face changed. There was nothing in those letters but their face value.

"Ravenel,"—in the stillness she heard the men rising in the dining-room, heard a quick rustle of silk on the stairs, and moved sharply round a corner so that she was out of sight. But Levallion was quicker. They stood now in the porch of the side door, as much alone as in Sahara, and she saw in the dim light that his hard mouth trembled.

"I have behaved abominably," he said with a humiliation that sat ill on him. "I—I found half a card this morning; and I heard something you said to Adrian the other night. I thought—"

"Here's the rest of it. It was six months ago I was to meet Adrian," she answered simply, for



SPIDER WEB INSERTION.

6th row.—3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. 3, 1 s. c., ch. 3, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 5.

7th row.—1 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c., ch. 2., 1 d. c., ch. 5.

8th row.—3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. 5, turn.

9th row.-Same as the 2nd row. Repeat pat-

Rickrack Braid Wheels

Crochet and braid wheels such as illustrated

enable one who has not much spare time for fancy work to secure most attractive effects in a comparatively short time.

Wheels or motifs such as these can be used in sofa pillows, for edging doilies, pillow slips or searis, to form yokes, the crown of a morning



RICKRACK WHEEL NO. 1.

pend upon the braid selected, which comes in

a variety of widths.

For braid measuring about an inch from point to point, No. 10 crochet cotton and No. 8 crochet hook can be used. For wheel No. 1, begin to form center of wheel by making ch. 5,

join in ring.

1st row.—Ch. 4, * 1 d. c. in ring, ch. 1. Repeat from * until there are 11 d. c., ch. 1, join in

third st. ch.
2nd row.—Ch. 6, 1 d. c., ch. 3, 1 d. q., ch. 3, repeat in each space around row, making 12

repeat in each space around row, making 12 spaces in all.

3rd row.—Ch. 3, 1 d. c. in first sp., ch. 2, 1 s. c. in point of braid, * ch. 2, thread over, draw up a loop in same sp., thread over, draw through 2 loops, over, draw up loop in same sp., over, draw through 2, over, draw up loop in next sp., draw thread through 2, over, draw up loop in next sp., draw thread through 2, over, draw up loop in same place, draw thread through 2 three times, draw through last 2, ch. 2, 1 s. c. in next point of braid. Repeat from * until you have joined 12 points of braid; join neatly.

Sew wheels together as shown and finish sides of scart by stitching a piece of braid under the edge.

No. 2 illustrates another pattern made by employing a narrower braid, which may be put to the same uses.

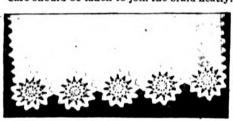
Begin with ch. 6, join in ring, ch. 7.

1st row.—11 tr. c. with ch. 2 between each, in the ring.

the ring.

2nd row.—2 s. c. under each ch. 2. draw loop

through point of braid, ch. 1, 2 s. c. and repeat until 12 points have been attached. Care should be taken to join the braid neatly.

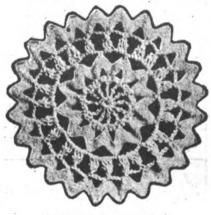


RICKRACK TRIMMED SCARF.

3rd row.—Fasten thread in point on opposite side of braid and make 1 s. c., ch. 6, 1 s. c. in next point and repeat.

next point and repeat.

4th row.—Ch. 5, catch point of another row of braid, thread over hook twice, draw up loop, and through 2, thread over twice draw up loop, and through 2, then over and through 3 and over and 2, ch. 4, catch to next point of braid;



RICKBACK WHEEL NO. 2.

another group of trebles under the same ch. 6. ch. 4, catch to next point and repeat.

This completes small wheel or a tumbler Beautify the Complexion

For Six-Inch Doily

Repeat same center, join in another row of braid with ch. 5 between points and repeat 3rd and 4th rows.

For Nine-Inch Doily

Make six-inch center repeat the 3 rows as given above but skip every 3rd and 4th point in the braid to keep work flat.

For Twelve-Inch Dolly

Repeat the additional rows, until desired size and skip point of braid whenever necessary to keep work flat. A centerpiece may be made by surrounding a nine-inch doily with wheels the size illustrated.

In and Around the Home

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inches at bottom and three inches at top, or center of handle.

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CITY of DREAMS

By Maud Mary Brown

Twas after that episode that Cecily entertained a few fugitive misgivings about the position in which she had placed herself. Until then she had crowded the New England part of her nature into the background, drugging it with work and inspiration. What would Noble say to her unwarrantable in trusion into his life, once his normal balance if mind was restored? The prospect of leaving his environment was intolerable, yet on what erms might she remain? Finally she succeeded T was after that episode that Cecily entertained a few fugitive misgivings about the position in which she had placed herself. Until then she had crowded the New England part of her nature into the background, drugging it with work and inspiration. What would Noble say to her unwarrantable intrusion into his life, once his normal balance of mind was restored? The prospect of leaving this environment was intolerable, yet on what terms might she remain? Finally she succeeded in thrusting her apprehensions aside. There seemed to be room in her mind only for the glowing present. She was an opportunist, refusing to clutter her mind with forebodings.

Noble's mind functioned sluggishly for many days, and he lay, half dreaming, by the hour, too tirred to unravel the mystery which vaguely troubled him.

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He knew Cecily, calling her Mignonette always, and her presence in his rooms soothed his restlessness. Hazily he wondered how she came to be there. Once he asked her and she explained that she was taking care of him. Mignonette a nurse? He did not remember that—not that it really mattered.

Once or twice the doctor referred to her as his wife. He did not protest, but, alone, he tried to focus his mind. Had he, then, married Mignonette? He could not remember, but he knew that sometimes in the past, when he had not been quite responsible, he had done odd things which he could not afterwards recall. He would ask her some time when his head did not ache. June came and with it the heat became oppressive. Noble was up now and alone for many hours of the day, for Cecily had resumed her studies. So soon as he could travel comfortably, he was going up to the Catskills. Some of his friends, notably Leah Belloc, had cottages at Sunset Park.

But first he must find out about Mignonette. He had been curiously reluctant to ask her, but now that he was quite strong there was no excuse for delay.

She came in while he was still thinking of her,

His nerves were raw with his weakness and he saw red.
"You'll come with me quietly and at once, or so help me God, I'll make you beg me on your knees to marry you!"
She shrank—but she went. Mechanically she replied to the questions put to her at City Hall. In dazed silence she drove with Noble to a deepnaved church and after he had found the clergyman, they were married, with the sexton and a servant from the rectory for witnesses.

Turning to speak to Cecily after the ceremony, Noble surprised a flaming radiance in her face, but, meeting his glance, the light vanished, leaving it as expressionless as a stained glass window from behind which the light had been suddenly extinguished.

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elusive plot of his play. In his dangerous mood of unrest, he spent long hours with Leah Belloc.

One day in January, Cecily returned home early and retired behind a big screen, intending to work on one of her covers, but presently, feeling drowsy, she cuddled up in a big chair and slept.

The sound of voices finally roused her. Above the crackle of the fire, she recognized them instantly. The man was a dramatic critic, one of the sincere workers among Noble's friends and the only one who had ever regarded Cecily with friendly eyes. The woman was a blowsy writer of vers libre.

"I am so very sorry for Ranny," came the

of vers libre.

"I am so very sorry for Ranny," came the arresting words,
"For Ranny?" the man queried, "And why, pray? How about Mrs. Ranny?"

"Ah! And do you think she is deserving of sympathy when she took advantage of his chivalry? We all know that that must have been the way she got him to marry her. And she is so crude."

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"I should never think of calling her crude. She will go far, my friend."

"But men like Ranny want their genius decorative. And she is a frump, Jim. Have you noticed how ornamental Leah is becoming?"

The man replied with a significant sound of disgust and they rose to move on. Cecily, alone, emerged from her retreat and warmed her chilled hands thoughtfully.

"You're not going to Miss Belloc's studio party tonight?" Noble said to his wife a few days later.

"I believe I will."

Noble's flush did not escape her. "Have you anything to wear, Mignonette? Mayn't I—after all, you're my wife."

"Thank you, no."

Cecily's cloak revealed nothing as she descended the stairs that night and once in Leah's studio, Noble waited apprehensively for her appearance.

When she finally appeared, her husband did not, at first glance, recognize her. With her hair massed high the graceful slender lines of her

and he was done—through with him until he had come to a sense of a man's responsibility.

No more money would be forthcoming. Let him get at his play and earn it. There was a fine irony in that. But merely to show him that he was willing to give him his chance, he would give him the use of his up-state farm for a year. It was well equipped but faultily managed. Let him see what he could do at a man's job. Or he could go on his own. In either case, it was plain that the discouraged man expected fail ure.

Cecily read the letter twice. "Hellish, isn't it?" Noble said when she laid it down. "However, he's a good old scout; all he needs is management. I am going up—"

"No!" Cecily broke in sharply.

He flushed a little under her steady gaze. "You're right," he said at last, his jaw squaring. "When do we start?"

"Start where, Mignonette?"

"No. But you must not go—must not relinquish your career."

"I climbed the little way I have gone on your ladder. I haven't been fair to you from the first. But I think I can help you up there. I am accustomed to the country, you know."

Without giving Noble a pause for withdrawal from the first fixed purpose of his life, Cecily took care of the details of their removal, and he, vacillating and depressed, felt a vague comfort in her comradeship.

There was promise of spring in the air when they reached the country. On southern slopes the

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One part of wisdom is to be ignorant of things not worthy to be known. •

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to

Often the only way for a rich man to be healthy is to live as if he were poor.

The smoke from one's own chimney is better than the fire on another's hearth.

Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty as well as by the abuse of power.

The end of learning is to know God, and out of that knowledge to love him and imitate him. Riches can never give as much satisfaction in their pos-session as they can give torment in their loss.

In a free country there is much complaint and little suffering: in a despotism much suffering and but little complaint!

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The plan should be drawn on paper and should show the location of crops, method of planting—by drills or hills—time of planting, distance between rows, distance in rows, and time crop occupies ground. The last named, time crop occupies ground, is very important on account of successive and companion cropping which allows a large

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for commercial planting a better way is to first test seeds before planting, thereby calculating the amount of seed needed, without waste.

Transplanting Seedlings

In setting out plants such as tomatoes, cab bage, peppers, etc., it is a good plan to set boxes or pots in which they are planted out of doors in a sheltered place to become weathered before the plants are set in the garden. If the plants have been grown in the house or in a hothouse, a shady porch is a good place to put them during the warm part of the day. After a few days they may be moved into the sun, but should be carefully watched and kept moist or they may wilt or "cook down if the sun is too hot. The point is to get them gradually used to the sun and wind before setting them out in the garden.

When they are ready to transplant, wet the soil in the box thoroughly and take as much soil out with the roots as possible. If the garden soil is dry, it is a good plan to fill the hole, in which the plant is to be set, full of water and allow it to soak into the soil. After the plant is set with as little disturbance to the root system as possible, press the soil firmly around the plant, being careful that the roots are in direct contact with the soil. If this is not done, the air will dry out the roots and the plants will die. After the plants are set, rake a thin layer of very fine dry soil around them. This serves as a blanket and gives the moisture a chance to work up to the roots of the plant.

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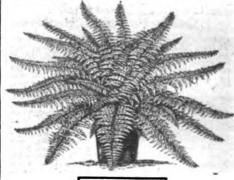
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The Care and Value of Milk

By Mary Harrod Northend

ILK has always held a prominent place as a staple food, it is perfect because it contains all the nutritive constituents required by the body.—
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Cleanliness of the milker is essential to cleanliness of the milk ris essential to cleanliness of the milk, therefore he should wash and drawn his hands carefully before milking. The cows having been previously cleaned, the udder and flanks should be wiped with a waste cloth just before milking.

Milk is often contaminated, after it enters the house by being left uncovered. All milk containers should be rinsed out in cold water, the moment they are emptited of the milk, then washed in warm, soapy water: after this, rinse in boiling water and wipe with a fresh, perfectly clean towel. Milk should be kept in a very cool place. Cream is the fat of the milk which rises to the top, and is one of the most easily digested of fats. Sour cream should never be thrown away as it may be used to advantage in a variety of ways.

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Cheese is made of curd and fat of milk. A skimmilk cheese contains less food value than one made from whole milk. Butter is made from the cream of the milk,—the United States Government insists the' butter supplied to her citizens shall contain no more than sixteen per cent water, and at least eighty-two and five tenths percent butter fat. There is very little poor butter from the point of view of nutrition sold today. The first and last word in butter making is cleanliness, clean stable, clean cans, clean milkers, clean utensils and a clean place to make it in. Today the large stores are showing many things which can be used to keep the milk so that it may be drawn off from the bottom, without disturbing the cream, strainers held in place by an iron standard, churns of all kinds, butter molds in all sizes and shapes, and many other things too numerous to mention.

Milk soups give an endless variety of nutritions dishes and when combined with vegetables they find especial favor with the farmers' wives, because they are easily procured.

CREAM CELERY SOUP.—Celery leaves and stalks, two and one half cups: water two and one half cups.

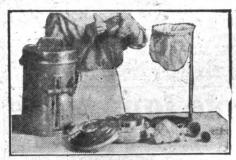
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CREAM CELERY SOUP.—Celery leaves and stalks, two and one half cups; water, two and one half cups; flour, one tablespoonful; milk, two and one half cups; pepper and salt, to taste.

Carefully wash the celery and place it in a kettle, covering it with water. Let it boil for one hour, then strain. When poured off have two and one half cups of water, put it in a double boiler and let it come to a boil,—then thicken with flour, add celery stock, also salt and pepper. Sometimes it is wise to add a little celery salt.

CREAM POTATO SOUP.—Take four large potatoes, peel and boil. Have a quart of milk belling in a double boiler. When the potatoes are hot, mash them thoroughly and add to the milk, also add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, salt and pepper. If this is not as thick as heavy cream, add a little flour dissolved in cold milk. Onlon flavor can be used if desired.

CREAM CARROT SOUP.—Take four large carrots, peel and wash, cutting them into small pieces. Put these in a quart of milk and place on the back of the stove, letting it boil for two or



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three hours in a double boiler. Then strain, add butter and season to taste with salt and pepper. It is delicious and the cost is small.

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Tomato Soup with Cream.—Tomato juice, strained, one pint; milk, one quart; soda, one actor playing many batter, the size of an egg; salt, pepper and paprika.

Let the tomato juice come to a boil, then add soda. Put the milk in a double boiler. When boiling add the tomato, then the thickening, and lastly the seasoning. If one wishes they can serve a spoonful of whipped cream on each plate.

Creamed asparagus and creamed spinach soup, may be made easily after the manner of the celery soup.

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ILK has always held a prominent place as a staple food, it is perfect because it contains all the nutritive constituents required by the body protein, fat, sugar (as milk sugar), mineral matter and water. The milk from the different breed of cows varies, that of the Jersey and Alderney, give milk, yielding a

Orange Custard.—Peel five or six oranges and cut in thin slices, sprinkling over them a cup of sugar. Boll one cup of milk in a double boiler and add the well-beaten yolks of three eggs, one tablespoonful of corn-starch, made smooth in cold milk. Stir constantly to prevent lumping. When thick enough pour over the fruit. Beat the whites of the eggs stiff and add two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Spread over the custard and brown in the oven.

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PEACH COBBLER.—Make a paste of one pint of sour cream, two tablespoonfuls of lard, one teaspoonful of soda, a saltspoonful of salt and flour enough to make a dough. Mix as any puff paste, —roll thin and line a deep baking dish that has been well buttered. Fill the dish with slices of either fresh or canned peaches with plenty of sugar sprinkled over them. Cover the top with strips of pastry, about half an inch wide, making a lattice over the top. Pour in one and one half pints of water, if the peaches are fresh; if canned, use the juice and add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter.

ICE CREAM WITH ANY FLAVORING DESIRED.—Heat one quart of new milk, one pound of sugar, cool thoroughly and add one quart of heavy cream that has been whipped. Add any desired flavoring. Freeze.

CREAMED LOBSTER.—Stir into one pint of milk, one level teaspoonful of flour and one well-beaten egg. Cut the meat of one boiled lobster into pieces and add to the milk. Boil, and stir until the sauce thickens. When nearly done season with salt and pepper, butter and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Serve on thin slices of buttered toast.

Boiled chicken, salmon, cod or halibut, are de-



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licious when served in the same way as the

BANANNA PIE.—Banannas, four; milk, one quart; eggs, three; flour, three spoonfuls; vanilla, one half teaspoonful; sugar, two thirds of

nilla, one hair teaspooniu; sugar, two thirds of a cup.

Put the milk in a double boiler and add the well-beaten eggs, sugar and flour. Beat all together thoroughly and cook until a thick cream. Then add the flavoring and crushed bananas. Cover a deep plate with pie pastry and fill with cream and bake in oven. Dates and prunes can be used in the same way by cooking them and removing the stones.

FILLING FOR CHOCOLATE CUSTARD PIE.—Chocolate of cococa, four tablespoonfuls; sugar, five tablespoonfuls; corn-starch, two tablespoonfuls; eggs, two; milk, two cups; vanilla, one teaspoonful.

Put the milk in a double boiler and add the yolks of the eggs to the sugar, also the cornstarch and chocolate, making it into a paste by adding cold milk. Pour it into the milk, stirring constantly and flavor when cool. Line a deep plate with pie pastry and fill with cream. Beat the whites of eggs stiff and add two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and spread on top. Bake in a moderate oven.

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A delicious orange cream pie, can be made by the same rule, using the julce of two oranges, and adding three tablespoonfuls of corn-starch in place of the chocolate.

For the child beyond the nursing period (eight months), cow's milk is the staple food,—a strictly milk diet is not advisable, a little orange juice should be given to the child, the first thing in the morning. A well-known writer has said, "Herod was a novice in the slaughter of infants compared with those who provide unclean milk for the helpless little children." To boil milk is to sterilize it and make it free from all germs, although many scientists claim it makes the milk more difficult to digest.

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The wise housekeeper will master the art of using all the milk possible in the diet of her family, as it is sufficiently important to warrant a good deal of attention.

Let the tomato juice come to a boil, then add soda. Put the milk in a double boiler. When boiling add the tomato, then the thickening, and lastly the seasoning. If one wishes they can serve a spoonful of whipped cream on each plate. Creamed asparagus and creamed spinach soup, may be made easily after the manner of the celery soup.

Doughnurs.—Sour cream, one cup; soda, one teaspoonful; sugar, one cup; eggs, three; nut meg, flour.

Beat the eggs and sugar together, adding the soda to the sour milk, then the nutmeg, and for to make a stiff dough which will roll out without sticking. Cut with a doughnut cutter and fry in deep fat.

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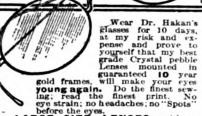
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Dixie and Windy, Humphrey, Mo.—No girl of fifteen should go with a boy of twenty. What difference does it make about his size? You are far too young to have your head filled with such nonsense. (2) It is most decitedly wrong, unkind and uncivil to go to a show with one boy and then leave him and let another one take you home. (3) If your sister goes with a boy that people say is "half-silly" and she likes him and says that he "acts all right" when with her, perhaps that is because she is then just as silly as he is and cannot tell the difference.

ANXIOUS, Macon, Ga.—The things to order when at a restaurant with a young man are the things you like—and if he is the right sort he will see that you get them. But have some regard for his pocketbook, and try and like dishes that are not too expensive. (2) You should seat yourself at the table first, and make the first suggestion about leaving when the meal is over.

BROWN-EYED GIRL, Round Mt., Ala.—Here are three pages that we can hardly read, all about one boy that will not write or "rite" when he ought to, and another that Brown-Eyed Girl does not care for anyway. She has the blues, cannot eat, and wants to know what to do. And we say just as plainly and quickly as we can: Learn to read and write.

BLACK EYES ROOT Ala. It is for write decided.

what success you meet with, will you?" she sian consul general In London, has predicted that in the year 2,000, Russia's population at Persent is ferce tones.

Better try waiting a while will not help to work out the situation.

BLUE EYES, Chester, Texas.—We are sure, Blue Eyes, that if you are sensible enough to realize, as you write, that a successable enough to realize, as you write, that a successable enough to realize, as boys to a girl of fourteenough you must also know that you should not go automothy you must also know that you should not go automothed you make a smoldering fire in her great eyes, as if she had some deep-laid scheme in her mind—as if for "sweethearts" later on—as you wisely say. Your letter was fittligent, and—thanks to that spelling book—without errors.

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KUTT AND CUTT, Monkey Den, Ark.—No kissing and you also. (2) The girls should be wished to me, willing or not."

We can never climb to her level—you could never each her; "she answered; but there was a moldering fire in her great eyes, as if she she were seeking logad him on.

"We can never climb to the eagle's eyrie, nor interest to which it soars; but there is a way to bring that royal bird down to go buggy riding and the girls to sit on the boys lapt.

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KUTY AND CUTY, Monkey Den, Ark.—No kissing before becoming engaged. The girls should know better, and you also. (2) The girl need not be assisted unless the walking is bad, or she asks for your arm. The gentleman walks on the left, or on the side nearest the curb. (3) You need not say you have enjoyed each other's company—that is taken for granted. (4) Surely you may go to see her on Wednesday night—and on any other night that she and her dad will let you.

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ANXIOUS, Flora, Ill.—A young man should know when he should go home, and he ought to find this out by ten o'clock. If not, try some little hint about being tired or sleepy.

BROWN EYES, Blythville, Ark.—A finger bowl is used by dipping the fingers in it after eating and before leaving the table, and drying them on one's napkin.

L. L. R., Nodoway, Iowa.—You may certainly accept an invitation to go with your sister and the young man. (2) If you do not care to dance with a man, simply say that you are tired, or that you had rather sit out that dance.

BOY OF ORNGE, Elfland; N. C.—We do not think that you, a boy of twenty, had best commence a custom of sending flowers to a girl of twenty-one who is a primary teacher in your school. Better look for another girl—one perhaps three years younger and who is not writing letters to a sailor lad soon to leave for France. We think it would take more than flowers to get this teacher's heart away from the navy. These are war times, and the days are the days of war brides.

VIOLET AND DAISY, Screven, Ga.—When a young man wants to take you into a drug store for a glass of soda or some ice cream, say "thank you" and walk right in. Just see how easy it is! (2) Tell the young man that you have another engagement for that night. He ought to know what that means. (3) If you really mean "Yes," say it; if not, say "no." Surely you know how to answer a simple question truthfully. truthfully

truthfully.

CONSTANT READER, Atlanta, Ga.—There is no objection, to using a fork in the left hand—some people are born left-handed. It is better to eat pie with a fork in the left hand than it would be to attack it with a knife in the right.

GIRLIE, Boston, Mass.—You are certainly right in asking your husband not to shake hands or speak to a girl who refuses to notice you when you are in his company. Out of loyalty to you, he should accede to your request.

Sibyl's Influence

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"Ah! you were speaking metaphorically, and I am very fond of diamonds, so my mistake was not singular. I believe Miss Prescott has been quite enthusiastically received," Miss Therwin replied, indifferently.

"Do you know her?"

"Oh, yes, well. But—
"Well?"

"She is not one of your kind, nor—mine," with a scornful smile.

'You still retain one of your former virtues, Miss Therwin."

"And what may that be, pray?"

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being interrupted: for I have made up my mind to try my powers of fascination upon Miss Prescott."

The Duke d'Aubigne offered his arm, with a low bow, and then the two slowly and quietly made their way from the room to mature their nefarious plots.

An hour later, Sibyl sought Raymond again. He had been dancing with Miss Clara Wilton, much to Lady Wilton's delight, and was now standing alone, resting by a huge piece of statuary near the entrance to the grand salon.

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understand your meaning regarding Miss Prescott. How is she not one of 'your kind' nor 'mine?' Please describe her to me."
"Miss Prescott is very highly educated, very proud, very reserved, and—never did a wrong thing in her life," answered Miss Therwin, with a sneer.

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"Then, according to that very trite axiom, 'only the good are happy,' this beautiful young lady must be in an exceedingly blissful statemost of the time. But notwithstanding that, according to your opinion, she is so diametrically opposed to me, your description of her character attracts rather than repels me. The positive and negative are always attracted by each other, you know, and I think I must know more of this young beauty."

him keenly.

"Thank you for the suggestion, Miss Therwin; and undoubtedly Miss Prescott would grace almost any coronet. Is young Prescott interested in her, and have you other views for him?"

She started as if something had stung her.

"You see, I have not forgotten, Miss Therwin, some of the campaigns in which you used to figure two years ago," the duke continued, quietly, as he noticed her emotion, and showing his teeth again.

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But Miss Therwin recovered her composure immediately, and once more her clear, metallic laugh rang out.

"From this time I shall be a firm believer in that old saying that 'it takes a rogue to catch a rogue. My lord, I think you and I must have been born under the same planet, since we both display a natural ability for the accomplishment of certain purposes. Suppose we unite our forces henceforth, and work together. I know I can help you, and I think you can assist me."

"Miss Therwin, I acknowledge the wisdom of your remarks, and here is my hand to seal the compact. Now take my arm, and allow me to conduct you to some quiet place, where we can perfect our arrangements without the fear of being interrupted; for I have made up my mind to try my powers of fascination upon Miss Prescott."

graceful yet dignified reserve, she answered for herself:

"Excuse me, my lord, but I am engaged for the next half hour, after which we retire."

He could take no exception to her manner, for it was perfectly courteous, yet something told him that her pure soul shrank instinctively from him.

With another graceful bow, he turned away, with a smile on his hips, but a curse in his heart.

"Ada was right. "The dove will not mate with the hawk," he muttered, gnawing his mustache, then added, in concentrated tones, "My dark-eyed beauty, you and I will cross lances again, and you shall yield to me, willing or not."

ou us, you know."

"It will not avail; and, to return to axioms, of which you appear so fond, stars never move out of their orbit, you know."

"Are you daring me to do this thing, Miss Therwin? Are you goading me on for some purpose of your own?"

Ada's eyes snapped fire at his words.

"You do not appear to be one of Miss Presective admirers," he added, noticing it; "and I know you of old."

"On the contrary, I am quite an intimate friend of the young lady."

"Then deliver me from intimate friends A And how happy Miss Prescott must be to possess such a friend!" the duke remarked, exposing his white teeth again in his very peculiar smile.

"You appear to be strangely interested in her; what should cause it, my lord?" demanded Miss Therwin, suspiciously.

The thought came to her that perhaps he might know something relating to her secret.

"I confess that I am interested in her; her face, her manner, her voice, all have a strange attraction for me," he answered, seriously, and Ada Therwin regarded him in astonishment.

"If you are in earnest, I wish you might succeed in your designs above all things!" she cried. With excited earnestness.

"How so?" he demanded, in turn surprised.

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HILDREN, your letters this month move me alternately from smiles to tears, much like the proverbial weather. But as space is limited, I will cut short my greeting and get down to work.

The first letter is from Ruth of Ash, Oregon, who is only thirteen years old, and already the men, both married and single, fall in love with her, and she wants to know how to prevent being so attractive. Well, Miss Helen-Cleopatra, you might have your beautiful hair clipped off (for, of course, it is beautiful), your pearly teeth extracted and your face tattooed in fantastic designs. That ought to destroy your fatal beauty to such an extent that you could have a 'few minutes' peace.'' Don't be so silly, and let me tell you something—it is my candid opinion they are laughing at you because you are such a silly child. TESSIE, Ash, Oregon.—Don't give up hope so easily.

TESSIE, Ash, Oregon.—Don't give up hope so easily. We hope the war will soon be over and that there will be enough young men left to go around and a few to spare, and with your accomplishments you should have no difficulty in getting a husband. I really mean that, for not every girl of seventeen years is a good cook and housekeeper. Walt a few years before you get married.

TROUBLED GIRL, Vida, Ala.—If you love him and he loves you, and he can give you a good home, why don't you marry him, if you want to, instead of asking me about it. Don't, though, unless you can love his little girl and be a true mother to her.

Heart of Hearts, Holdrege, Neb.—I can't tell you exactly what love is, but you will know when you meet the right man, and don't you think, my dear, you had better wait for him? Really, I don't think you love this man well enough to marry him, but perhaps you will later. Won't he wait a year or two until you are sure, when you convince him that it means his happiness as well?

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BETTY JANE, Lafayette, Ohio.—Since your home life is so very unhappy, you would be justified in seeking work elsewhere that would give you more time and energy for evening study, but you-must decide that for yourself. Don't blame your mother too much if she is querulous and apparently unsympathetic, for, after all, her life hasn't been happy, has it? Show her that you love her and that she means more to you than anything else, and help her all you can, but you are the one to decide how you can best do that.

HEARTROOKEN Washington—Here's mother cirl.

are the one to decide how you can best do that.

Heartbroken, Washington.—Here's another girl, only twelve years old, whose home life is unhappy. All the advice I can give you is "grin and bear it" until you are capable of taking care of yourself, for you are too young to leave home unless you can find a home with good people who will give you an education. Don't let anything take you away from school. Do your share toward keeping the house clean and neat and perhaps your stepmother will do hers.

BLEEDING HEART, Coushatta, La.—And to think that I wasted a lot of perfectly good sympathy on you while I was reading the first part of your sad letter—how the aristocratic and wealthy parents threaten to disinherit their son if he marries you, and you love him and don't want to give him up, and he loves you and then in the same breath, almost, you ask me, how to attract the attention of other young men if you part from him. Same way you always have.

BROWN EYES, Watkins, Ore.—I don't think it would be so very wrong for the hired man to come into the kitchen-hin the evening and talk to the hired girl while she is dong the work, provided it is agreeable to both of them and the mistress of the house doesn't object.

DIAMOND TOES, Custer City, Okla.—No one can call

DIAMOND TOES, Custer City, Okla.—No one can call you a piker when it comes to a nom de plume, can they, Diamond Toes? That's about the best one yet. If you had sense enough to quit a man because he drank, why don't you stay quit and not say you "can't get him off, your mind." Marry him and you won't be able to either, only it will be much worse then.

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JOLLY JINGLES, Hull, Iowa.—It isn't wrong for you
to let a fellow wear your ring to "keep him from
going with other girls," but it is decidedly foolish.

A ball and chain would be more secure, or, better
still, you might tether him in your front yard where
you could watch him all the time. If he isn't true
to you because he wants to be, don't fool yourself
into thinking that wearing your ring will make any
difference.

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Frances and Evelyn, Moro, Texas.—War is all that Sherman said it was, isn't it, Frances, for it is the cause of a "wealthy French girl" stealing your sweetheart, and you think your heart is broken and want to know how to win him back. Silly, you don't want to know how to win him back. Silly, you don't want him if he is that sort; but you might write and tell him how glad you were to hear that, for it leaves you free to return the love of a good man who wants to marry you. It was all right, Eveline, to kips your sweetheart good by when he went away, but why did you enter into it in such a wholesale manner and kips all the boys who went with him. I don't blame him for being cross. I'm glad I wasn't the last one to be kipsed, for just think of all the different germs you must have collected en route.

Broken Hearten, Eureka, Kans.—Why didn't you offer him regular jitney rates when he demanded payment for the automobile rides he had given you. That would have shamed him. You've heard the song, "Keep Away From the Fellow Who Owns An Automobile," and that's my advice to you in this particular case until he humbly apologizes and promises to behave himself in the future.

Blue-Eyed B., Troy, N. Y.—Even if willing to endersteen even the stage of the stage o

BLUE-EYED B., Troy, N. Y.—Even if willing to endanger your own life by marrying a consumptive man, you have no right to bring innocent little children into the world with such a dread taint in their blood, and if you have a real mother heart you won't do it. Why doesn't he try a different climate and perhaps he can be cured if the disease isn't too far advanced. (2) If it isn't too late, the young man might properly take you for a short ride before taking you home from an evening entertainment, but don't go if it is late.

Everybody happy now? Yes! That's good, and I've tried not to scold, even at the foolish letters, because it is April first and you know what that means.

My best to you,

COUSIN MARION.

City of Dreams

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14.)

broke. Their little world went wild with electricity and wind and hail. Terrified, and craving the touch of human hands, Cecily crept close to her husband, and he, unrepulsed, took her into his arms. They stood so, speechless, his cheek against her hair, till the storm passed. Then he went out to join his men.

In a few moments he was back. "It's all gone, Mignonette—wheat, corn, oats. What isn't cut by hail is laid flat by the wind. But there isn't much room in my heart for regret so long as I've got you, sweet." His eyes devoured her face hungrily as she lifted her lips for his first kiss. Early the next morning a limousine crept up the washed-out roads to The Elms and an erect old man emerged. Noble, coming from the stable, tanned, broad of shoulder, steady of eye, met him at the gate.

"You've staged your entrance perfectly, sir," he said. "Everything is ruined." "Are you God

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Here I am—I am wondering what nice little boy or girl will be my master at the close of this club. My name is "Don"; I am 4-years old and about 40 inches high; I am real black with four white feet and some white in my mane and tail. We do not show a very good picture of "Don" but he is a mighty pretty little pony and loves nice Boys and Girls and wants a good home. We gave "Don's" little brother away last month to a nice little girl just 8 years old, and I just wish you could know how easily she won him. Don't fail to join my club—solve the puzzle below and write TODAY.

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This puzzle is a sure prize winner—absolutely everyone in this club wins. It is not hard either—just a little ingenuity and skill. The puzzle is to get as many words as possible out of the letters herewith given. Use only the list given, and only as many times as they appear in this ad. For instance, the letter Y appears three times, so in all your words you must not use Y more than three times. If you use Y twice in one word, and once in another, you cannot use Y in any other word as you have already used it as many times as it appears in this advertisement. It is not necessary that you use all the letters. The puzzle looks easy and simple, but if you can make as many as 12 or 15 words, send in your list at once, as the person winning first prize may not have more than that many.

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Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron was shown to several physicians who were requested to give their opinions thereon.

Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.) New York, and the Westchester County Hospital, said: "Senator Mason is to be commended on handing out this statement on Nuxated Iron for public print. There are thousands of men and women who need a strength and blood builder but do not know what to take. In my own opinion there is nothing better than organic iron—Nuxated Ironfor enriching the blood and helping to increase the strength and endurance of men and women who burn up too rapidly their nervous energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day."

Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York Physician and Medical Author, said: "I heartily endorse Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron. There

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tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated corn-meal, no longer is iron to be found. Re-fining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss.

loss. "Therefore, you should supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron—Nuxated Iron—just as you would use saft when your loss not enough salt."

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Dr. E. Sauer, a Bostom physician who has studied abroad im great European medical institutions, said: "Senator Ma-

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it a most remark effective remedy."

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Directory, published by the "William E. Mason, Senator for Congress in 1887, to the 51st Congress, 1892—elected Senator to the 55th Congress, 1897 to 1903." Senator Mason is now Congressman from the State of Illinois.

Senator Mason's championship of Pure Food and Drugs legislation, his fight for the rural free delivery system, and his strong advocacy of all bills favoring labor and the rights of the masses as against trusts and combines, made him a flational figure at Washington and endeared him to the hearts of the working man and the great masses of people throughout the United States. Senator Mason has the distinction of being one of the really big men of the nation. His strong endorsement of Nuxated Iron must convince any intelligent thinking reader that it must be a preparation of great merit and one which the Senator feels is bound to be of great value to the masses of people everywhere, otherwise he could not afford to lend his name to it, especially after his strong advocacy of pure food and drugs legislation.

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"Notwithstanding all that has been said and written on this subject by well-known physicians, thousands of people still insist in dosing themselves with metallic iron simply, I suppose, because it costs a few cents less. I strongly advise readers in all cases to get a physician's prescription for organic iron—Nuxated Iron—or if you don't want to go to this trouble then purchase only Nuxated Iron in its original packages and see that this particular name (Nuxated Iron) appears on the package. If you have taken preparations such as Nux and Iron and other similar iron products and failed to get results, remember that such products are anentirely different thing from Nuxated Iron.



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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

Anxious Enquirer, Union Chapel, Ind.—It would be impossible for us to tell you what wages a woman could earn working in a munition plant. It would depend entirely upon what sort of labor she performed, and how many hours per day she worked. We believe that a great many of the reports regarding the extravagant salaries paid in munition factories are exaggerated and untrue. Write to the Employment Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Chicago, and also send a letter to the Indianapolis Y. W. C. A. You will hear from the bureaus of these organizations what possibility there is of your securing such a position as you have in mind.

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J. M. G., Highland Springs, Va.—There would be no value to your gold piece other than its face value. We cannot tell about your other coins, as you gave no-description of them except the date—1832. Write to the American Numismatic Society, 156 Street and Broadway, New York City, and send them a complete description of the coins, accompanied by a rubbing of them made with paper and pencil. Write coin advertisers in Comfort for prices of your coins.

A. F. P., Berlin, Wis.—The words "Tendrement nos cocurs sont unis," would be translated: "Tenderly our hearts are united." The phrase is from the

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Sallie, Wagner, S. D.—There is a law prohibiting the marriage of first cousins in South Dakota. This would not apply to second cousins.

P. K. M., Clay City, Ky.—A good remedy for an ingrown toe-nail is to cut a large and deep V-shaped piece out of the top of the nail,—the principle being that as the nail grows together it will have a tendency to pull away from the sides. Try this, and keep cotton under and around the nail, and wear shoes that do not aggravate your trouble.

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Miss X. Y. Z., Hershey, Pa.—In your state, a girl may not marry until she is twenty-one unless she have her parents' consent, and your father will certainly have legal "control" over you after you are eighteen.

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me? I was brutal, but it cut, you know," simply. Of her own accord Lady Levallion leaned forward and kissed his cheek; afterward she was glad.

"What does this thing mean?" he asked, with a look at one of the letters. "She says she isn't dying, but that she thought to say so might hurry you. What is it that you must know tonight, or it will be too late?"

"It can't be anything! All she can tell me is dead and gone." said Ravenel, with shame. "Oh, Levallion! I hate your knowing how wicked I was, to worry you—and all that."

"Hush, hush!" almost roughly. "Don't talk like that. Look here, I'll tell you what we'll do! We'll go over to the farm when the others have gone to bed. The hour won't matter if they're sitting up with her. I'll tell the boy, go, go now."

There was a kind of awkward hush when Lord and Lady Levallion entered the drawing-room. The duchess had gone away that day, and her absence had loosened Lady Gwendolen's tongue. Lord Chayter rushed into the breach.

"Where's that stuff you were talking of the other day?" he asked Levallion. "You said it cured headaches, and I've a most infernal one."

"I said it enlivened the soul, if you had one," dryly. "It isn't a medicine. It's as liqueur, Eau de Vie Magique. But I think I drank it all. I don't know where it is."

"In your dressing-room," said Ravenel promptly. "I'll get it." There was something in the

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"In your dressing-room," said Ravenel promptly. "I'll get it." There was something in the women's faces that troubled her, something covert in their eyes that she was glad to escape from.

Mr. Jacobs arose hastily from a secluded corner and followed her out; and as he lumbered affably beside her she never dreamed that her life hung on whether he came with her or not.

Five minutes later she was back; panting, white, with startled eyes, a squat bottle in her hand.

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"Have you seen a ghost?" said Levallion, from where he stood by the liqueur-stand.

"No!" she gasped—and she looked as if she had seen murder!

"Jacobs frightened me—dreadfully! He—It think there must have been a cat." As she held the bottle out to him it shook in her hand.

"It's a dead cat, then," said Tommy. He rose and went to see where Jacobs had gone to, but no one took any notice of his movements.

"I shall have to dose you!" said Levallion, lightly. "Your nerves are all off. There's very little here, Chayter, I'd thought there was more. And it looks muddy!" He poured it out and glanced at it. Instead of being clearly green, it was a little clouded.

"Seems so, somehow!" Levallion sniffed it suspiciously.

"Smells of almonds." He raised the glass so his lips and tasted it, giving the bottle to Ravenel.

"Levallion!" Her shriek terrified them, born of unreasoning terror as it was. "Put it down, don't touch it!" Wildly, frantically, she tried to snatch the glass, but she was too late.

Levallion had mechanically swallowed the strangely flavored mouthful. He turned to her, smiling. "It's quite spoiled. You've—."

The empty bottle fell from her hand, crashed to atoms on the floor.

"Levallion!" she screamed, "speak to me!"

He swayed toward her, his handsome face convulsed; crashed, like a log, to the floor. As she sprang to him he struggled, his teeth clenched.

"We ought to have gone!" he gasped. "Ravenel—she's been too much for me!"

But when she would have lifted his head it dropped lifeless on her breast.

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The Modern Farmer

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15.)

Also please tell me how to feed the hog to get best results. We are no farmers and know very little about farm work.

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Mrs. K. M. Q., Horton, Kans.—We think that if your agreement with the man for whom you stored the organ you mention, provided that you were to be paid for storage of the same, and he neglects or refuses to pay same, you should proceed through the proper proceeding to have this organ sold for the payment of the storage charges. We do not think you can acquire a good title to this organ without any further agreement than just the understanding to store same for the owner thereof.

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Mrs. L. B., North Carolina.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow, but no children or descendants, his personal estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go one half to the surviving widow and the residue in equal shares to his next of kin who are in equal degree of relationship to the decedent, and to those who represent the ones who are dead, but that in case there are no next of kin, we think the widow would receive all the personal estate absolutely; money in bank would be personal property, and would be included in the personal estate.

Mrs. M. K., Illinois.—Under the laws of Objo we

money in beans would be personal property, and would be included in the personal estate.

Mrs. M. K., Illinois.—Under the laws of Ohio, we are of the opinion that when a husband or wife shall die intestate, or without issue, possessed of any real or personal property which came to said intestate from any former deceased husband or wife, otherwise than by descent, by devise, or bequest, or which came to said former deceased husband or wife, otherwise than by descent, devise or deed of gift, then such estate, real and personal, shall be distributed to the children of such former deceased husband or wife (not the intestate) or the legal representatives of such children, but if there are no children or their legal representatives, living then such estate, real and personal, shall be distributed one half to the brother and sister of such intestate or their legal representatives, and one half to the brother and sister of such former deceased husband or wife from which such personal or real property came or their representatives. Of course, if the property you mention did not stand in your sister's name at the time she pre-deceased her husband, her relatives would at no time under any circumstances have any interest in the property. Your letter does not contain enough details for us to form an opinion as to just what your rights may be.

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Worried Wife, Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that actions based upon an implied promise for the payment of money are barred by the statute of limitations after five years and that actions upon open accounts are barred within five years from the time of the last item of debit or credit. We think that in your state, children may be legally disinherited by will or that one child may receive a larger share than another. We think that in order to be valid a will must be legally drawn and executed, and must express the testator's true intent, that the testator must possess testamentary capacity and not be under undue influence of any other person.

Miss H. E. Calfornia.—We think it proper and

Miss H. E., Calfornia.—We think it proper and meritorious for every young woman to take up and fit herself for some useful occupation. We think she should select the occupation most congenial to her for which she is capable of being fitted.

Mrs. E. S., Montana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will, her husband would be entitled to an interest in her estate; the amount of this interest would depend upon whether she leaves children or their descendants, and, if not, the degrees of relationship of her heirs-at-law and next of kin.

candren or their descendants, and, if not, the degrees of relationship of her heirs-at-law and next of kin.

Mrs. M. L. P., Illinois.—We think there are workmen's compensation laws in your state covering compensation to workmen engaged in the building trades, constructive excavating and electrical work; transportation; mining and quarrying; work with or about explosives, molten metal, injurious gases or vapors, or corrosive acids, and all enterprises in which the law requires protective devices, and that other employees may elect to be governed by the compensation laws; that the compensation covers accidental injuries arising out of and in the course of employment causing permanent disfigurement, disability of over six working days, or death: that the persons compensated include those engaged in private employment in the above industries and all employees in such industries, except those not engaged in the usual trade or business of the employer; and that the laws also cover public employees in some cases; that the rate of compensation, in case of death to a person wholly dependent, shall be a sum equal to four years' earnings, but not less than \$1650, with a graduated scale up to \$4000, and with a graduated scale in case of disability.

Mrs. W. W., Kansas.—We think a will containing a

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Mrs. W. W., Kansas.—We think a will containing a proper power of sale of real estate by an executor therein named, would make the sale of real estate devised to a minor heir possible without the necessity of a court proceeding for such purpose.

F. A. M., North Dakota.—We think that your code provides for the method and procedure for the enforcement of your laws outside the court room, but that the conduct of the court room is regulated by the court rules; we think the space behind the bench and upon the platform is reserved to the judges and their officers and attendants, but that a judge has a legal right to allow others to sit beside him if he so desires; we think that in many court rooms there is space reserved for the attorneys.

Mrs. J. S., Michigan.—Under the laws of your

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Mrs. J. S., Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if you have no means of support, and your husband beats you so that it is impossible to live with him, you are entitled to support from him, even though you leave him; we think that it will be necessary for you to bring a support action or proceeding in order to get a court support action or proceeding in order to get a court judgment or order providing for this support; we think you will need the services of some lawyer in your locality to attend to the matter for you.

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Mrs. J. L. D., Louisiana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that, unless otherwise stipulated, community of gains exist between husband and wife; that the husband is the head of the community and administers the property and can sell or mortgage without wife's consent; that if community is dissolved by death or otherwise, wife or her heirs are entitled to one undivided one half of the community property; that all earnings of both husband and wife go into the community; that the widow, would have no interest in the separate real property of the husband, except dotal rights, in case he died before her leaving legitimate children, unless some provision was made for her by will.

C. F. Maine—Under the laws of your state we

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C. F., Maine.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the property of a decedent, who leaves no will, and no widow or husband, no child or descendant, no parent, brother or sister, would descend to the next of kin claiming through the nearest ancestor; we think it impossible to trace just who would share and who would be excluded without tracing the relationship by a family tree; we think in some cases collateral adopted kindred would share in the property. property.

METHOD IN HIS MADNESS.—A western legislator once introduced a measure to prohibit window cleaners from stepping out on window sills above a certain height. When another prominent member of the legislature championed the odd bill, a friend asked him:
"Why the deuce did you support that measure?"
"Well," said the diplomatic member, "it wasn't that I care a cuss for the window cleaners in the state, but those fellows are apt to fall on pedestrians, and there are some good ones among us,"—Boston Post.



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FRINARY INFORMATION

Subscribers are invited to write to this department asking for any information desired relative to the treatment of animal troubles. Questions will be answered in these columns free by an eminent reterinarian. Describe the trouble fully, sign full name and give your address; direct all correspondence to the Veterinary Department, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

MUD FEVER.—My horse has something on his hind legs like a scab which is cracked. I can't heal it up. I have been told that it is mud-fever or seratches. H. D.

A.—Poultice the parts with warm flaxseed meal and bran for two or three days, then wash and dry perfectly. Afterwards do not wash legs again, but twice daily apply a lotion composed of four ounces of Goulard's extract, two ounces of glycerine and soft water to make one pint. Keep the horse out of wet and cold drafts in the stable. one pint. K

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FEEDING a BROOD SOW.—I would like to know a good ration for a brood sow, before and after farrowing time, when milk cannot be had.

A.—During pregnancy, make the sow take exercise every day and feed her alfalfa hay, a little corn silage or roots and a light slop of wheat middlings, ground barley or rye and a little oil meal. To enforce exercise and keep the bowels active is imperative. For 24 hours after farrowing allow tepid water only, then a sloppy mash of same feeds as those given before farrowing, but very little of it for a week. If possible, make the slop of milk and provide green feed on pasture, such as alfalfa, clover, rape or rye, etc. Avoid stuffing on corn. If you wish to add a little tankage, which is excellent, give it from a self-feeder.

Theretiess Cow.—I have a cow four years old that laps water like a dog. She eats anything given her, but is thin in flesh. I have seen her stand at the pond and lap for an hour. What is the trouble and is there a cury?

A.—An examination would be necessary in this case to determine why the cow cannot detrain and and is the cause, but we cannot determine that, and so you should have an examination made by a local veterinarian. Tuberculosis or actinomycosis of the glands of the throat is a possibility.

WARBLES.—I have a cow and she has what some call wolves in her back. Will you tell me how to get

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WARBLES.—I have a cow and she has what some call wolves in her back. Will you tell me how to get rid of them?

A.—The "wolves" are "warbles"—larve or grubs—of the ox warble fly and cause misery, as well as greatly damaging the hide for leather. Squeeze out each mature grub by pressing down upon it with the open mouth of a large bottle, then destroy the grub. Wash the back with a two per cent. solution of coal tar dip, or carbolic acid.

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Cerebro Spinal-Meningitis.—Please tell me what was the matter, and cause of death, with my horse I have lost. He was about thirteen years old, in good working order. He seemed to be very chilly during cold days. I found him down one morning in stall. Got him up and he ate about half his feed by bracing himself against the wall. Then he began throwing himself against the wall. Then he began throwing his head first at one side, then the other, striking the wall or anything that might be in his way. Then fell to the ground and was quiet for an hour, then began to jerk and shiver, having a hard chill till he died. He appeared as though he had blind staggers. I fed corn, corn tops and fodder and some pea vine hay.

A.—The disease mentioned in title of this answer is caused by micro-organisms in feed and perhaps most commonly in damaged corn or corn fodder. There is no specific remedy. Taken in time, a physic, followed by sedatives, may help, the horse to be supported in slings, but a qualified veterinarian is needed to give intelligent treatment. Prevention is all-mportant. No damaged feed ever should be fed to a horse, but cattle and hogs often take the feed that would kill a horse.

Foreing.—I have a four-year-old colt and every time lew shoes are put on he bits his front shoes.

damaged received such as the feed that would kill a horse. And hogs often take the feed that would kill a horse. Forging.—I have a four-year-old colt and every time new shoes are put on he hits his front shoes. (2) I have a horse and when he stands in the stable a few days his hind legs swell. I would like to know what to do.

A. F. Z.

A.—Set the hind shoes back an inch or so and then rasp off the toe. Bevel the toes of the fore shoes to cause quick rolling motion. Keep the horse "up on the bit" when driving and don't drive him until he is leg weary. (2) Never let any horse stand for a single day without work or exercise. Allow the horse a box-stall when in the stable and each time he comes in rub the leg dry and bandage with flannel from feet to hock joints.

Thrush.—I have a mare twelve years old, whose



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SPENCER, IND.

can I do for her? I have been a subscriber to ComFORT for fifteen years.

A.—Cleanse the hoof and frog and cut away all
loose, rotten or separated horn, then pack into the
cracks, after cleansing thoroughly, a fifter of equal
parts of calomel, tannic acid and slaked lime apply
pine tar freely and oakum on top. Repeat the treatment every three days. Keep the stall door clean and
dry and bed with shavings or sawdust.

Bog Spavin.—I have a mare that has a beg spavia
on her leg. She is lame when she trots. What can
I get to take it off? (2) I have a cow that can
fresh with her first calf. The calf did not have any
hair on its legs below the knees, nor on its nose.

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A.—As lameness is present, you should, if possible, have the hock joint line-fired and blistered by a qualified veterinarian and then tie the mare up short in a narrow stall for six weeks. If you cannot have that done, clip off the hair and blister the hock two or three times at intervals of three weeks while the mare is kept tied up. (2) The cow is diseased, probably, with tuberculosis, and so is dangrous. As she is unprofitable, and treatment would not be likely to pay, we should advise her destruction. It would, of course, be better to have a local graduate veterinarian make an examination and advise what should be done.





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Four Wheel Chairs in March 455 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

I am pleased to note the increase in wheel-chair subscriptions the past month which enables me to award four wheel chairs for March.

The four March wheel chairs go to the following shut-ins, and the figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Lyle Bradley Gibson, West Lyon St., Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 200; Mrs. Caroline Naomi Alford, Waelder, Texas, 132; Mrs. Nathe Johnes, Blue Springs, Miss.,

124; Oscar Eneas Lee, Sparta, Mo., 116. Lyle Gibson, nine years old next May, is almost entirely helpless, caused by infantile paralysis which attacked him when a six months old babe. When moved he has to be carried. He is bright mentally, and the wheel chair will be a source of pleasure to him and a help to his mother in caring for him,



HOWARD CANNOY ENJOYING HIS COMFORT WHEEL

Mrs. Alford, age 32, has been an invalid for three years and is helpless from her hips down, She is the mother of five children. As she can use her arms she expects her wheel chair to be a great help and bene-

Mrs. Johnes, age 56, is so crippled by rheumatism in her feet and legs that she is unable to stand. Her husband is sick and can not work, so they are de-pendent on their four sons, three of whom are going to war, as her friend Mrs. Price writes, leaving only the youngest, aged 18, at home.

Oscar Lee, age 9 years, has been a cripple from birth and his legs have never developed. He is a bright little fellow and will greatly enjoy his wheel

I hope that in the next few months we shall be able to make up for the set-back which the severe winter has given our wheel-chair activities.

Is it not a real joy to feel that you have helped to bring happiness and cheer into the lives of such patient little sufferers as Howard Cannoy whose picture is reproduced above?

The letter of thanks from his mother is printed below, also our Roll of Honor for the month.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 25 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad-te do my part a little faster each mouth than you do yours. Any shut-le who has friends to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

Very Much Pleased with His Wheel Chair

KINGSPORT, TENN.

DEAR MR. GANNETT:

Howard received his chair in good condition, and is yery much pleased with it. It will be a great help to me in taking care of him. I enclose a picture of him enjoying his wheel chair. I want to thank you and all those who helped me get it.

Truly yours,

MRS. R. A. CANNOY.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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Miss Beulah Bloomer, for Oscar Eneas Lee, 116; Mrs. Lillie Price, Miss., for Mrs. Nathe Johnes, 74; Miss Myrtle E. Smith, Wash., for Leone Waldron, 64; Louise Carpenter, Miss., for own wheel chair, 53; Mrs. Fletcher Williams, Va., for George Leonard Williams, 50; J. D. Siddens, Texas, for Mrs. Caroline Naomi Alford, 42; Unie Adams, Ga., for Alma Adams, 23; Lucye Basset, Ala., for Mrs. Mary Green, 22; Mrs. Edgar Mattheny, Ky., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 22; Willie Price, N. C., for own wheel chair, 21; Mrs. S. E. Whittington, La., for own wheel chair, 21; Lucye Somerset, Ala., for Mrs. Mary Green, 20; Mrs. J. S. Morefield, N. C., for Laura Hauser, 20; Mrs. Ruth S. Caldwell, Ark., for own wheel chair, 14; Mrs. S. M. Hunnicutt, N. C., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 14; James Chappell, Wash., for Leone Waldron, 14; G. A. Slough, N. C., for Hazel Hunnicutt, 9; Mrs. Tena Rubish, N. Dak., for Mrs. H. B. Newell, 9; Thomas Jefferson Mathis, La., for Mrs. S. E. Whittington, 9; Sergeant George Brown, Kans., for General, 8; Irene Hicks, Ark., for Elma Williams, 6; Mrs. M. Humes, Kans., for General, 6; Mrs. A. F. Parker, Okla., for Fred Parker, 5; Anna Gunther, Okla., for Lyle Gibson, 5; Mrs. Mary Cline, Texas, for Harlon Lane, 5.

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The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be taken to your local doctor.
Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

M. E. D., Eagle, Colo.—A pastry-free diet, drinking freely of good water, and an occasional compound cathartic pill, should help you. If the aural vertigo continues, you should consult an ear specialist at once. Never put anything in the external ear smaller than the elbow, and never snuff anything up the nose for eatarrh. Permanent injury can be done by either the use of hairpins in the external ear canal, or the snuffing up of borax in solution or any other remedy. Use only a good spray apparatus for administering remedies to the throat or nose, especially the latter.

W. J. C., Omaha, Nebr.—Lassar's Paste can be obtained at any druggist's. It should not be used in full strength, but diluted with vaseline at least one to four parts or more.

G. M. P., Rocklake, N. Dak.—The best remedy for

G. M. P., Rocklake, N. Dak.—The best remedy for smallpox is the use of a good vaccine, now obtainable by the local physician. We do not recall the remedy referred to in COMFORT.

W. F. L., Romance, W. Va.—The eruption referred to may be a mild form of psoriasis, so-called. The Lassar's Paste, referred to many times in COMFORT, might be tried.

'WORRED.''—The pains in shoulder blade and breasts no doubt due in a measure to your age. If they not too severe, wait a while and they will improve you develop.

MISS E. G., Piedmont, Kans.—If you mean by paralysis, facial paralysis or Bell's palsy, of rheumatic origin, electricity and diet will cure it. Use the galvanic current only. Granulated lids may be due to the need of eye glasses. A weak ointment of yellow oxide of mercury applied at night will help the condition. Use only a one per cent. ointment, and apply only once a day.

a day.

Mrs. M. G., Buchanan, Va.—A very good remedy for ringwerm of the face or arms is the so-called Coster's paste. Iodine 120 grains and oil of tar one ounce. This is applied once a week only. (2) Whooping cough is a self-limited disease; there is no specific remedy for it. Complications only are to be considered and watched. Inhalations of creosote or eucalyptol are useful, a few drops of either being inhaled from boiled water. Where the paroxysms are severe, small doses of bromide of soda may be given—one grain to a dose,—dissolved in warm water. A well-ventilated room, plenty of sunlight and good hygienic surroundings generally are good treatment.

Mrs. S. J. B., Salt Lake, Utah.—Your teeth should

Mrs. S. J. B., Salt Lake, Utah.—Your teeth should be attended to at once, as no doubt much of your intestinal trouble is caused by improper mastication of your food. You must also see that your bowels are regulated. The intestinal gas can be controlled by taking American Oil—a half-tablespoonful with your meals.

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L. M. C., Parrottsville, Tenn.—Nervousness is only
a symptom of deeper trouble. You should try some
good out-of-door work or exercise. Possibly a change
of climate and association would be of benefit. If you
have eye strain, have this remedied by some competent
oculist. If possible, try to forget or overcome the
cause of your trouble.

MRs. A. H., Schoolfield, Va.—Your trouble is an
enlarged lymphatic gland. The application of tincture
of iodine two or three times a week might help-you.
If local remedies do no good, have it removed by an
operation.

MRs. J. B. Sugar Run, Pa.—A powder composed

operation.

Mrs. J. B. Sugar Run, Pa.—A powder composed of lycopodiom, an ounce, and salicylic acid, four grains, might help you. Dust the powder in your stockings once a day. The pain in your shoulder blade does not indicate kidney trouble, but may suggest liver trouble. Maybe you eat too much pastry and do not drink enough water.

Mrs. O. S., Carthage, Miss.—You can get cubeb berries at any drug store. If you have catarrh of the nose, Bobell's solution sprayed in the nostrils daily will help you and do much more good than the cubeb berries referred to.

Mrs. G. H. Minnesots Lake, Minn.—Acne, respects

berries referred to.

Miss G. H., Minnesota Lake, Minn.—Acne rosacea as to cause is obscure, but in general it is due to gastro-intestinal disorder, uterine disease, use of too much tea and coffee or alcohol. Extract of the thyroid gland in grain doses is sometimes beneficial. The local application of the so-called compound lotio alba is also indicated. This lotion can be obtained at the local druggist's. This disease is no impediment to marriage, in fact marriage might be beneficial.

Mrs. W. S. M., Midland, Pa.—Wash the scalp with some good tar soap after having applied some raw linseed oil to the scalp for twenty-four hours. After drying the hair, use a lotion composed of grain alcohol, one ounce, rose water, one ounce, and five grains of resoren. Apply this lotion sparingly twice a week

MRS. J. S., Fremont, Ohio.—There is only one way to get rid of superfluous hair, and that is by the employment of the electric needle, each hair being treated separately. This must be done only by a competent specialist.

E. F. M., Johnstown, Pa.—You can only reduce your weight by dieting, exercise in the open and salt water bathing. Every other day eat only a limited amount of food, and two or three times a week live only on skimmed milk, using only one quart per day in divided quantities—say one tumblerful four times a day. One pound of Rochelle salts in your bath will also help. Use a prolonged hot bath with the addition of the salts.

MRS. J. W., St. Paul, Minn.—The faucets may be connected with some electric current in the house, and you get a slight discharge from the faucet in this way. The tickling of the thigh may be simply a hyperesthesia of the region.

ds.
Best wishes to all the sisters,
Mes. M. F. Painter.

Mrs. Painter.-When that irresponsible husband of yours grows up perhaps he will know better than to annoy that poor, little helpless baby— provided it lives until that time and escapes being a nervous wreck. Some time when he is tired and sleepy, try pinching his cheeks and pulling his nose and see how he likes it.—Ed.

N. Dak., for Mrs. H. B. Newell, 9; Thomas Jefferson Mathis, La., for Mrs. S. E. Whittington, 9; Sergeant George Brown, Kans., for General, 8; Irene Hicks, Ark., for Elma Williams, 6; Mrs. M. Humes, Kans., for Feme Hicks, Ark., for Elma Williams, 6; Mrs. M. Humes, Kans., for Feme Parker, 5; Anna Gunther, Okla., for Lyle Gibson, 5; Mrs. Mary Cline, Texas, for Harlon Lane, 5.

BETTING ON A SURE THING.—The town boaster had just finished telling how good a shot he was with a rifle. The Oldest Citizen declared that he would bet a ten-spot that he couldn't hit a barn door at one hundred yards. Soon afterward the boastful young man returned from the vicinity of the barnyard with a disgrunted look.

"What's the matter, Tom?" asked a friend. "Didn't you hit it?"

"Naw!" exclaimed the shooter. "He turned the door edgewise."—Boston Post. -

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

To take the shine from black garments, try rubbing the spots with a piece of raw Irish potato.

To prevent starch from sticking, add a little coal oil. Mrs. C. C. Smith, Guntersville, Ala. Wax for sealing bottles and jars may be made at home by melting together equal parts of resin and beef suct or tallow.

TO SOUR MILK QUICKLY.—Add a teaspoonful of vine gar to a quart of milk and it will sour in half th time it usually takes. Mrs. F. W. MERRITT.

Remedies

A little sugar moistened with vinegar and placed in the mouth will stop hiccoughs.

For soft corns, bind on a piece of light bread, soaked vinegar.

MRS. E. H. STEED, Berthond, Colo. A tablespoonful of ground sage and sugar given to children on an empty stomach is said to cure hook

Requests

Descriptive letters from New Mexico.

Directions for making a two-section fireless cooker. How to raise walnut and hickory trees from plant-

Mrs. Harry Bailey, Rendville, Ohio, would like poem, The Famished Heart.''

Will anyone having experience with pellegra please rite me. Mrs. J. A. HUGHES, Men, R. R. I, Ark.

Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall only require you to get a small glub of subscribers to COMFORT for each request printed; so in sending your notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives' column, include a club of three one-year 25-cent subscriptions, or if you are already a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two one-year 25-cent subscriptions. This amount limits the notice to twenty-two words, making three lines; If longer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent one-year subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

News of Winfield Scott Allen, formerly of Jersey City, and of Mary Van Horn (maiden name). Write to Mrs. Margaret Allen Earle, Paterson, 28 Sheridan Ave., N. J.

News of William, John or Maggie McLavey, who lived near Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, about 1867. Reward. Mrs. Barbara McLavey Workman, Lavalette, W. Va.

Information of Mrs. Winnie L. Clark, who was in McCook, Nebraska, October, 1913. Send to Truman King, Fresno, Route A. California.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7.)

my husband will pinch her little cheeks and pull her little nose and keeps her fretting all the time. I wish the sisters would advise me how to break him of his mischlevous doings. His business takes him away from me a lot of the time but I think we have got along very well considering the high prices and hard times. I think we all ought to thank God that we get along as well as we do and pray that the war ends.

Best wishes to all the sisters,

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Etoile De Lyon

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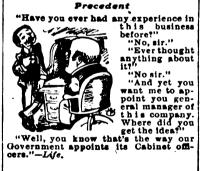
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time, Jedge, you rec'lect, you was mi lawyuh."
"Where is your lawyer this time?"
"I ain't got no lawyer dis time," sa Henry. "Ah's gwine to teil de troof."
Oregon Journal. " said

Bryan's Lost Chances

When William J. Bryan made one of his earliest speeches his mother was present and he girded up his eloquence particularly for the occasion. When he finished he asked:

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"Well, mother, what did you think of it?"

"Why, William," quietly answered the mother, "it seemed to me vou didn't improve all your opportunities."

"How do you mean, mother?" asked Bryan.

"Why it seemed to me," asked the intruder what he was worries, and I came down here to see if fresh air would help me."

Thinking that perhaps the poor chap was mentally afflicted, the keeper went away without denouncing him.

That evening he keeper was in the local tavern, telling his friends about the potato-baited line, when in walked the intruder.

"Any luck?" saidthe innkeeper kindly.

"Oh, fair!" was the reply. "You see.

my health has been upset by financial worries, and I came down here to see if fresh air would help me."

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Staff Colonel-"Your reports should be written in such manner that even most ignorant may understand them."
Sergeant—"Well, sir, what part is it that you don't understand?"—Christian

All Doubt Removed

The enterprising company in the Sedan had decided to lay a railway into the wilds, and, of course, many blacks were employed in its construction.

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Will send shows and the relegram row."

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"Buried boss. Made sure he was quite dead. Hit him on the head with a large shovel."—Irish World.

Not So "Loony" After All Although the notice plainly stated that fishing was prohibited there, the angler sat placidly dangling his line over the stream.

The irate keeper, who approached him, was surprised to see that the line was



"Oh, fair!" was the reply, as the fisher-man opened his basket and displayed a fine catch. "Look here," stormed the infuriated

keeper, "you didn't catch that lot with a potato." "On, no!" said the angler coolly.
"That was what I caught you with."—
Chicago Journal.

Classified News

The politician rushed past the official Cerberus into the editorial sanctum.
"What do you mean?" he roared.
"What do you mean by insulting me as you did in last night's Clamor?"
"Just a moment," replied the editor.
"Didn't the story appear as you gave it to us, namely, that you had resigned as City Treasurer?"
"It did. But you put it under the head 'Pu blic Improvements."—Sacrasset

"It did. But you put it under the head "Public Improvements."—Sacramento Bec.

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The weaker sex Is that portion Of the human race Who goes down-town who goes down-town
In zero weather
In a half-masted lace waist
And pumps
To buy a muffler
And woolen socks
For her husband

So he can go to work. -Arkansas Gasette.

Let's All Get Married

"Well, what sort of wedding presents did you get, girlie—the usual assortment of barry-spoons and pickle-forks?"
"Not on your esteemed life. I got a sack of potatoes, four dozen fresh eggs, a pound of sugar, a ton of coal and a Liberty bond."—Boston Post.

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"Congratulations, young man. From whom did you get the money?"
"From the express company. They lost it."—Santa Fc Magazine.

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the road she met a native Yankee and inquired of him:
"Is this the way to Wareham?"
"Well," said the Yankee, rubbing his eyes, "I'm darned if I know. It's the first time I ever seen any on a lady." first time I ever seen any on a lady."—
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If you have tried most everything else, come to me. Where others fail is where I have my greatest success. Send attached coupon today and I will send you free my illustrated book on Rupture and its cure, showing my Appliance and giving you prices and names of many people who have tried it and were cured. It is instant relief when all others fail. Remember, I use no salves, no harness, no lies.

I send on trial to prove what I say is true. You are the judge and once having seen my illustrated book and read it you will be as enthusiastic as my hundreds of patients whose letters you can also read Fill out free coupon below and mail today. It's well worth your time whether you true my Appliance or not time whether you try my Appliance or not.

Soundly Cured At the Age of 81

Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich. Dear Sir:-

Less than a year ago Less than a year ago I sent to you for an appliance which came promptly. I at once put it on and it fitted perfectly. I have worn the appliance not quite 10½ months.

It has cured my rupture.
I tried the other day while the appliance was off, to see if I could force affything out of the opening to make a break there but I could not though I tried hard.

there but I could not though I tried hard.
Now I think this quite remarkable as I am in my eighty-first year. I am an old veteran of the Civil War, born and raised in the town of New Boston, State of New Hampshire, from which place I enlisted in the 10th N. H. Vol. Inft. in Co. C, commanded by Col. M. T. Donahue.
I cannot feel but that I owe you this testimony for I had never expected to be cured. However.

for I had never expected to be cured. However, thanks be to God I found a cure through the valuable appliance you made for me. Your friend

Holly Hill, Fla.

E. A. Richards

Cured Without Operation

"Was Sure He Would Be a Cripple"

Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.

Dear Sir :-

Dear Sir:—
Enclosed is a picture of my children, and the little man you see seated on the chair is the one who was cured by your Appliance.
He had been ruptured quite a while before we wrote you, and I was sure that he would be a cripple the rest of his life. However, some helping hand showed me an adin a newspaper, with the result that he was in perfect health through the seatern of the seate

The dector advised an operation, which I would not consent to. Your advice was to put an Air Cushion Appliance on him, and I must say that it is worth ten times what it cost.

I wish you could have seen him before we used the Appliance and now, when he is fully as sound as anyone could be.

I cannot thank you too much for what you have done for my boy.

Yours respectfully,

OLIVER HANSON.



The above is C. E. Brooks, inventor of the Appliance, who cured himself and who is now giving others the benefit of his experience. If ruptured, write him today, at Marshall, Mich.

Cured In Three Months

Salem, Ohio. 430 Cleveland Ave. Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich. Dear Mr. Brooks:

I am sending you a small picture of my son, who is now five years old. We ordered your Appliance for him when he

was only two months old, and yet want to say in about three months all signs of rupture were gone, and he is some boy

I shall be very glad to say a good word for you whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Yours very truly, T. A. McLAIN.



Yours very truly, MRS. H. TOLLMAN.

I say is true. You are to be the judge. Fill out free coupon below and mail today.

Doctor Pronounces Pennsylvania Man Thankful

Him Cured

119 Towle Avenue. Mishawaka, Ind. Mr. C. E. Brooks,

Marshall, Mich. Dear Mr. Brooks:

Answering your letter, will say we need no more Appliances, as our son has been completely cured by wearing your

Appliance.

We recently had him examined, and the doctor said the opening was entirely closed and that it wasn't necessary to wear

it longer. Thanking you for your kindness. I am,







Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Perhaps it will interest you to know that I have been ruptured six years and have always had trouble with it till I got your Appliance. It is very easy to wear, fits neat and snug, and is not in the way at any time, day or night. In fact, at times I did not know I had it on; it just adapted itself to the shape of the body and seemed to be a part of the body, as it clung to the spot, no matter what position I was in.

It would be a veritable God-send to the unfortunate who suffer from rupnate who suffer from rup-ture if all could procure the Brooks Rupture Ap-pliance and wear it. They would certainly never regret it.

Remember

I send my Appliance on trial to prove what say is true. You are to be the judge. Fill the second of the

Ten Reasons Why

You Should Send for Brooks

Rupture Appliance

1. It is absolutely the only Appliance of the kind on the market today, and in it are embodied the principles that inventors have sought after for years.

2. The Appliance for retaining the rupture cannot be thrown out of position. 3. Being an air cushion of soft rubber it clings closely to the body, yet never blisters or

4. Unlike the ordinary so-called pads, used in other trusses, it is not cumbersome or

It is small, soft and pliable, and positively cannot be detected through the clothing.

The soft, pliable bands holding the Appliance do not give one the unpleasant sensation of wearing a harness.

7. There is nothing about it to get foul, and when it becomes soiled it can be washed without injuring it in the least.

8. There are no metal springs in the Appliance to torture one by cutting and bruising the flesh.

All of the material of which the Appliances are made is of the very best that money can buy, making it a durable and safe Appli-

10. My reputation for honesty and fair dealing is so thoroughly established by an experience of over thirty years of dealing with the public, and my prices are so reasonable, my terms so fair, that there certainly should be no hesitancy in sending free coupon today.

Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich.

causes irritation.

ance to wear.

80 Spring St., Bethlehem, Pa.

Veteran Cured

Mr. Wm. McAdams, of Kansas, Ill. is a vete-ran of Co. "H" 59, Regt. Ill. Vol. of which he was Second Lieutenant.

He has fought against the suffering and torment of Rupture for years and has finally won the victory as the following brief letter tells tells

Mr. C. E. Brooks, Marshall, Mich. Dear Sir:—I laid your appliance aside March

and and have not worn it for twenty-five days, for I think that I am cured. I hope that I may never have to wear it again.

Yours truly, Wm. McAdams, Sr., Kansas, Ill.



Free Information Coupon

Mr. C. E. BROOKS.

157 B State St., Marshall, Michigan

Please send me by mail in plain wrapper your illustrated book and full information about your Appliance for the cure of rupture.

R. F. D. State

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Help the Red Cross—the Great Battle Raging in France Is Overtaxing its Resources

HE greatest battle in all history, the decisive battle of this war, began March 21 in France and is still raging with increasing fury at the time this issue goes to press. Millions of men are engaged, including a large contingent of American troops sent into action within the last few days. The slaughter has been frightful. The killed and wounded are numbered by the hundred thousand. Though the larger losses were on the side of the attacking Germans, our allies have suffered severely and the relief of their wounded, including our own, is already overtaxing the combined resources of the Red Cross and the army hospital service. To meet the needs of this emergency the Red Cross has sent out a distress call for surgical dressings. The men, women and children of England, France and Italy are overworked and can do no more than they are now doing. Therefore it is the pressing duty of the women of America to respond to this appeal by speeding up to the utmost their Red Cross work.

The Kaiser has determined to make this the decisive battle of the war, and, viewed from the German standpoint, he has excellent reasons for staking all on his present desperate effort to win a crushing victory that would prostrate the free nations of the world at his feet. The war has imposed more severe privations on the people of Germany than on the people of the Allies, excepting those in the sections devastated by the German armies. The shortage of the necessaries of life in Germany has reached the point of impairing the health and strength of the people and they cannot much longer stand the strain. The entire nation, except the army, is on a starvation diet; cloth is so scarce that most of it has been commandeered for the army, and the citizens are compelled to resort to a considerable use of paper clothing; there is no tea, coffee, chocolate or rubber in the country; the supply of leather is hardly enough to shoe the soldiers, while the people are reduced to the extremity of wearing wooden shoes and many even have to go without socks. Because of the near exhaustion of resources Germany cannot prolong the struggle; but the Kaiser has another cogent reason for driving the war to a speedy conclusion. The treacherous desertion and infamous peace by Bolsheviki Russia has enabled Germany to withdraw two million soldiers from the eastern front and transfer them to the western front. With this enormous reinforcement the German army in France largely outnumbers the forces of the Allies, and the imperial butcher of Berlin is making quick use of this present advantage in a supreme effort to conquer before the full strength of the armies the United States is training can be brought into the conflict. Despite the heavy odds he is being held in check, and we are sending our help as fast as possible. This battle will go on for weeks, perhaps months, but we shall win. We must all help and especially by contributing liberally to the Red Cross fund which is to be raised this present May.

Some Questions Concerning Zone Rates Answered by Request

N Ohio doctor writes that, after reading our February and March editorials on zone rates of newspaper and magazine postage, there occur to him the following questions which he requests us to print and comment on. We are glad of the opportunity, offered by his challenge, to correct certain misstatements that have been persistently circulated by the enemies of the magazines, and to point out the fallacy of the misconception entertained by the Doctor and some others as to the proper functions and legitimate purposes of government. The Doctor asks:

Question.—"Why is it unfair for the Government to charge more to haul a ton of newspapers a thousand miles than to haul them fifty if it is fair for a company hauling coal to make such distinction?"

We believe our readers understand that there is a very important difference, which the Doctor fails to comprehend, between the hauling of freight by transportation companies and the dissemination of useful knowledge through the distribution of the newspapers and magazines by the Government instrumentality of the mails. It seems needless to explain why it is fair and indeed necessary for transportation companies to grade their rates according to distance. To say nothing of a living profit, they must at least earn their expenses which vary according to distance as also does the value of the service to their patrons. Therefore a fixed charge for all distances from fifty to one thousand miles would be too high for short hauls and too low for long hauls and unfair to all concerned. Their business is merely commercial and the law does not permit them to tax one patron for the benefit of another. Though the mails are an immense help to commerce they are designed to serve and do serve the higher and more important purpose of promoting the education and enlightenment of the people, chiefly through the distribution of newspapers and magazines. And this is an object of vital consequence to the well-being of the people and the very existence of the nation. Therefore a different principle applies to the conduct of the Post-Office establishment. It should not be operated as a money-making business, but as a function of Government for the utmost benefit of the people as a whole and for the general welfare of the nation. It was the illiteracy and dense ignorance of the great majority of the Russian people that caused the ruin of that once mighty nation. It is fair and right and necessary that, in our country in which the people have the power of self-government, the postage rates should be uniform throughout the land regardless of distance, so that the citizens in the most remote corners of the Union may have the educational benefit of newspapers and magazines at the same price as do those who dwell in or near the great cities, and if the cost of transportation on the long hauls exceeds the postage it is just and proper that the deficit should be made good from the tax revenues of the National treasury.

Question.—"If the papers are carried at less than cost do not those people who care nothing for them have to make up the deficit by some kind of tax, and is this fair?"

We believe that the Government does not sustain any loss on carrying the papers and magazines at the present level rate of one cent a pound but, if it does, of course the deficit has to be made up from some other source of revenue, and unquestionably it is fair for this purpose to tax those (if any there be) "who care nothing for" such reading matter. Those who care nothing for schools are taxed for their support regardless of whether they have children or not,—if they have we compel their children to go to school - and it is all fair and right because universal education is for the best interest of our country. But education does not properly end with school days. School is but the beginning of lifelong education, kept up through the newspapers and magazines. Our National and State Governments are expending millions on scientific research to discover better methods of agriculture and forestry, of combating the enemies of human, animal and plant life, and of improving our living conditions. the results of which, together with a vast amount of other useful information, reach the people through the columns of the newspapers and magazines. The person who cares nothing for newspapers and magazines is not likely to be a progressive, public-spirited or desirable citizen in any community, and this class of obstructionists should not be encouraged by making the magazines more costly through zone rate postage.

Question.—"Do not sealed letters carry intelligence, and would it not be possible to carry letters for one cent per ounce if the seventy million dollars lost annually to the P. O. Department by carrying second-class matter at a loss were saved?"

So that old falsehood long since disproved and discredited is still doing service in the interest of those who are trying to strangle the magazines! A Government commission, after a careful investigation, reported that the accounting system of the P. O. Department was such that it was impossible to determine the cost of transporting second-class mail matter, and Congressman Steenerson of Minnesota proved conclusively that these guesswork figures of supposed loss were not only absurdly wrong but impossible. One thing is certain—that the P. O. Department on its entire operations during the twelve months ending with June, 1917, made a net profit of nearly ten million (to be exact \$9,836,211.90) dollars and turned this sum into the U.S. treasury. Rightly understood there is no loss to be saved on second-class matter at the present one-cent level rate; but we believe that the high zone rates, if permitted to go into effect, will cause a loss of postal revenue by cutting down the circulation of the magazines. Besides the second-class postage they pay, the magazines create an immense volume of first, third and fourth-class mail business. For instance, we receive a million letters a year from our subscribers, and we mail a large number of letters and circulars to them. The postage on this correspondence is a large sum, equal to the amount we pay for mailing Comport, but it is vastly exceeded by the correspondence that passes between our readers and advertisers resulting from advertisements in Comfort. A considerable cut in magazine circulation would necessarily result in a large reduction of postal revenue but would not much reduce the operating expenses of the P. O. Department. The wiping out of half the newspaper and magazine circulation would not do away with a single post office or mail routeand the cost of maintaining the rural mail routes is the same regardless of whether the driver carries one or a hundred pieces of mail on a trip. How is the Government to make a net saving or gain by prohibitive zone rates?

Zone Rate Scheme Is Not a War Tax

CONSCIENTIOUS and patriotic subscriber in Colorado writes that some of her friends, who would like to sign the petition for the repeal of the zone rates, hesitate to do so for tear the zone rate proposition might have been designed, like the raising of the letter postage rate, as a war revenue measure. The increase in the letter postage rate is a war tax and will be repealed after the close of the war, but the zone rate scheme was not intended for a war tax, as we explained in a previous editorial. Postmaster-General Burleson so stated in his annual report where he said that the zone rate law was intended as permanent postal legislation. It will remain a permanent fixture unless the people by their letters and petitions prevail on Congress to repeal it. You need have no fear of hindering war activities or embarrassing the finances of the Government by signing the petition. The magazine publishers are subject to the same war taxes that apply to other lines of business. Furthermore, they have declared their willingness to bear any increase of tax, even to the extent of giving over their entire profits during the war, if needed by the Government. It is the cruel injustice of the zone rates that they so strenuously object to, and at which the petitions are aimed. If an increase of second-class postage is needed during the war, let it be a level raise uniform throughout the country regardless of distance, so to bear equally on all and not oppressively on any, so not to punish those who live at a distance while exempting those who live near the place of publication. If these views meet with your approval sign and circulate the petition on page 16.

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Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson

with fine steel knitting needles.

Summer Carriage Afghan

A light weight fine silky appearing baby afghan can be made of a soft mercerized cotton

IN @ AROUND The HOME

Terms Used in Knitting

K. knit plain; o. over; o. 2, over twice; n. narrow 2 stitches together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; s.l. slip a stitch; tog. together; sl. and b., slip and bind; k. p. knit plain; stars and parenthesis indicate repetition.

Terms Used in Crochet

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Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread ever draw through two loops; thread over, draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there hook if the coups; d. tr., double treble crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl. st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a pleot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw the thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw nul loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of sgiven number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., padding cord; stars mean that t

Knitted Slip on Sweater

HE attractive model, which is illustrated is made of blossom pink, trimmed with platinum gray and black yarn. It shows a striped border and waist girdle of wide ribbing. It may be knit of vicuna or any medium weight wool, using the following directions. No. 5 ivory needle. The following directions will fit a 36 to 38 figure.
 The work is begun in the back and sleeve all

The work is begun in the back and sleeve all made in one, then seamed on sides from wrist to bottom of garment. Using the pink wool east on 90 stitches. Knit 5 ribs, join in the black and knit 1 rib, then 1 rib grey, 1 rib black 28 or less ribs of pink according to how long one wishes sweater below waist line.

Then 1 rib black, 1 rib grey, 1 rib black. Change to needle two sizes smaller and knit 3 and purl 3 for space of 5 inches. Change needles and 1 rib each of black, grey and black, then 12 ribs pink or more according to length from high waistline to arm pit.

conding to length of one's arm. Work 20 ribs

KNITTED SLIP-ON SWEATER.

to bind off for next. Count stitches, from total

back.

The collar as shown is of black, pick up demand.

Stitches from one end of rever, across back of For pa

with 1 rib black, 1 rib grey, 1 rib black, change to smaller needles and purl and plain as before, knit to bottom making the front match the back.

Stitutes as are equally wearable and warm. This is important because the garments have very hard usage. Fine dainty things are not wanted but strong durable articles are in great

For patterns or further directions consult local or nearest Red Cross Chapters.

Dresses, two, use good quality outing flannel. Cut with kimono sleeve.

Make and finish well.

Jacket, one, may be of flannel, outing, or cro-cheted of knitting wool. Cape with hood. Use pink or blue flannel, or good quality outing flannel.

flannel.

A wrapping blanket, either knitted or crocheted one yard square, may be substituted for the cape.

Bootees, two pairs, of pink, or blue and white wool, either knitted or crocheted.

crocheted.

crocheted.

Blankets, two, allwool white blanketing,
twenty-eight inches
wide by thirty-two
inches long, and bound
with white bias muslin
from one to one and one
half inches wide, stitchhalf inches wide, stitched several times to be quite flat. The binding should be twice the width and put on carefully so it will be even on both sides.

Flannel binders, three, made of white flannel, twenty-eight inches long and six inches wide. Merely a strip of flannel.

Diapers, twelve, white diaper cloth, twenty to twenty-two inches wide and thirty-six inches long, hemmed on each end.

end.
Undershirts, three, woven wool and cotton, long sleeves. These may be purchased or they may be made from good quality cast-off underwear, if the material used is strong enough to wear. wear.

Bonnet one, knitted or crocheted of pale pink or blue worsted not too fine. Begin with color and cast on stitches enough to knit a strip measuring fourteen

bottom and leave ends for tying.

The bonnet may be crocheted in single stitch back and forth, in the similar fashion.

Bag of Sundries

Make bag of either pink or blue figured or striped cotton material, with tape drawing

Contents. Six large safety pins, six medium safety pins, six small safety pins, one cake of soap, one box good talcum powder, small roll soap, one old linen.

Piece of flannel or small case containing six needles. Spool of white sewing cotton and thimble. Cotton wash cloth either knitted or

of bath toweling.

Each layette should be made complete before it is delivered to a Red Cross Chapter. Fold each article and pack compactly then wrap up tightly in one of the diapers and pin securely with several safety pins.



SUMMER CARRIAGE AFGHAN.

Cast on 40 stitches and knit across plain, back

Cast on 40 stitches and knit across plain, back and forth, for 10 rows.

11th row.—K. 10, o. n. 15 times.

12th row.—O. n. 15, k. 10, o. n. 15 times, k. 10, repeat, continue thus for 4 rows.

17th row.—K. 10, o. n. 3 times, k. 2, p. 2, alternating across row.

18th row.—P. 2, k. 2 across row to o. n. 3 times, repeat, k. 10 for border sts. Continue thus every 2 rows reversing. This makes the little honeycomb squares. Make strips desired length. Knit all but 2 outside strips in squares, then sew strips together.

Edging for Afghan This can be used as a finish, or not, as one

Cast on 10 stitches and k. plain.

1st row.—K. 1, o. n. 4 times, o., k. 1.
2nd row.—K. 2, o. n. 4 times, k. 1.
3rd row.—K. 2, o. n. 4 times, k. 1, o., k. 2.
4th row.—Bind off 2 sts. to make the little scallop. In trimming afghan full lace on at corners.

MRS. DRENNAN.

To Save Curtains

when running rods through curtains, especially those more or less worn, cut a finger from an old glove and place it over the end of the rod. It will go through like magic and the possibilities of being torn greatly lessened.

Tatting and Corona. tion Braid

By Request

This pattern which is most

This pattern which is most effective for scarfs, guest towels or sash curtains of scrim, can be very quickly made.

In doing this work if a crochet hook is used to join the tatting instead of the old-fashioned method of using a pain the work work. pin, the work grows more rapidly and no sore, pin-pinched

fingers result. If the worker is using a shut-tle which has a pick, a crochet hook will not be necessary.

The tatted edges are made of clover leaves alternated with a single ring. This ring and the center ring of each clover leaf being attached to the coro-

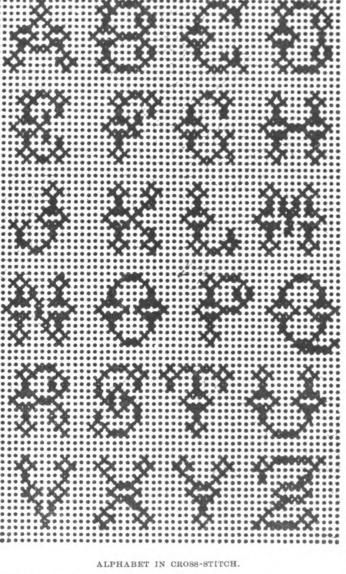
leaf being attached to the coronation braid as shown.

The rings which are made
with the shuttle only, each
have 9 picots with 2 double
stitches between, the scallops
or chains between, made with
thread and shuttle also have 9
picots with 2 d. s. between.

Mrs. F. L. SMITH.

Stronger Soldier's Socks

The hand-knit woolen socks will last longer if a thread of soft finished mercerized cotton is worked into the toes and heels when knitting. Simply hold the thread with the wool and knit both together.



Pick up stitches and knit 2 inches of pink more or less as may be needed, 2 ribs black, 1 rib grey, 1 rib black, 1 pink, 5 grey, 1 pink, 1 black, 1 grey, 3 black and bind off loosely. Sew up neatly and press garment over which two thicknesses of cloth is placed to avoid scorching. Do not have iron too hot.

Cross and Diamond Lace

Chain 108 stitches, turn.

Chain 108 stitches, turn.

1st row.—Skip 3 sts. for first d. c., 3 d. c. in next 3 sts., ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 4 d. c. in next 4 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next 5 times, 3 d. c. in next 3 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next) repeat 6 times, 21 d. c. in next 21 sts., making 22 d. c. in all (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next 3 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next 3 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next 3 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next 6 sts., turn.

2nd row.—The point now begins to increase. Ch. 10, skip 7, d. c. in each of last 3 sts. of ch. 10, 4 d. c. in next 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 2 times, 9 d. c. in next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. in next 10 sts., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.,) repeat 4 times, 15 d. c. on d. c.,) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 2 d. c. on d. c., vereet

times, 15 d. c. on d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 10 sts., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 1 stimes, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c., turn.

3rd row.—Ch. 3, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 3 times, 6 d. c. on d. c., ch. 2, 7 d. c. on 7 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 8 d. c., ch. 2, 10 d. c., ch. 2, 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., ch. 2, 7 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., ch. 2, 7 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c. (last 3 d. c. on ch. loop,) turn.

4th row.—Ch. 10, skip 7, 7 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 6 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c.

The pattern may be copied more easily from illustration, so no further directions in detail will be given. Work backward and forward until 11 rows have been made, then decrease point each row for 10 rows. The point is decreased as follows: Ch. 4, skip 3 d. c. of preceding row, 7 d. c.

The edge is finished, after the desired length

ceding row, 7 d. c.

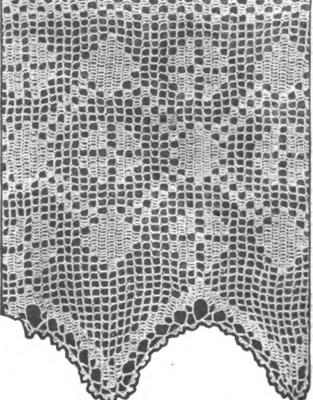
The edge is finished, after the desired length

of lace is made, by making 1 tr. c., (ch. 5, fasten in first st. of ch.) repeat twice, 1 tr. c. in same ch. loop, and repeat in each ch. loop except the ch. 2 loops in depth of scallops in which make 1 tr. c., 1 picot, 1 tr. c. and in each of the ch. 2 loops at each side of point, 1 tr. c., 2 picots, 1 tr. c., 2 picots, 1 tr. c.

Garments Needed by Red Cross for French Orphan Babies

These layettes can be made by individuals at home. Each outfit contains two dresses, one jacket, cape with hood, two pairs bootees, two woolen blankets, three fiannel binders, three undershirts, one hood, twelve diapers and bag undershirts, one hood, twelve diapers and bag of sundries.

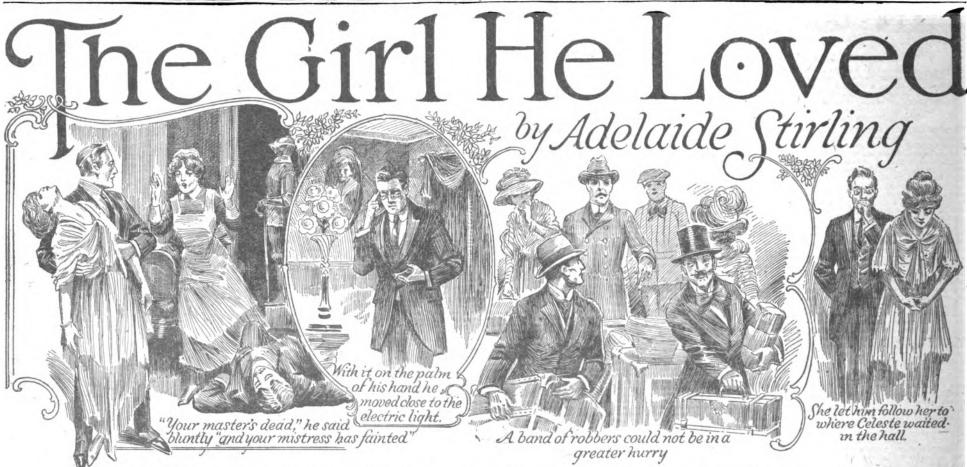
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to bind off for next. Count stitches, from total number subtract 20, divide remaining number by two. For example having cast on 90 for back and 70 for each sleeve one has total of 230 stitches less 20, gives 110, half of which is 55.

From the wrist knit these 55 or whatever the number of stitches may be, slip off needle onto a pin or holder. Bind off 20 stitches for the seck, knit 55 or the remaining stitches, turn and knit 3 ribs on this sleeve from wrist to neck, then at neck end of work cast on 15 stitches, knit 20 ribs. Cast off loosely 20 or more stitches to correspond in number with the last lot of stitches cast on for sleeves.

Then knit 1 rib and cast off 15 stitches, repeat twice more or cast off 15 stitches 3 times. Knit rice which it is and cast of 16 stitches, repeat twice more or cast off 15 stitches 3 times. Knit 6 ribs on remaining stitches and slip on pin. Pick up stitches on opposite side and work to match side which is finished. Join fronts and work 6 ribs across from side to side. Follow



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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Annesley, stepmother to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, held near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravend's received a conversation of their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for flavened to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is unsuspicious of intrigue, but Sir Thomas, only sixteen, suspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenel prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, where she meets Lord Levallion, of the later there is a drs. Gordon. Believing Adrian The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion's delight, takes Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home. Ravenal is invited to Hester Murray's to lunch and at the instigation of Ledy Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Believing Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion coming from the sitar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported misning. Lord Levallion goes to the War Office to learn the truth. Silning alone on the high and the confirmed where he goes is to the war office to learn the truth. Silning alone, a new bungalow attracts his a SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS are not. Ravenel insists that he hear her, and shows the letter. Levallion admits his wrong and his endeavor to make her happy and begs forgiveness. Lord Chayter asks for a headache cure used by Levallion. Ravenel goes to the room for it, and, returning, passes the bottle to Levallion, who, sniffing it suspiciously, declares it smells of almonds, and tasting it falls lifeless

CHAPTER XXIV.

ALONE WITH THE DEAD.

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"Hush!" cried Chayter, roughly. "For God's sake, Scarsdale, send some one for a doctor!"—but some one had gone already.

In the horrid silence that had fallen on the room, each rattling breath Levallion drew sounded harder than the last. All the men were round him, there was a bustle of servants, a calling for useless remedies; but toward their hostess not one woman stirred. It was sinister, cominous, to see them crowded together in their smart gowns; a wide space between them and the overthrown liqueur-stand, and Ravenel huddled on the floor with a dying man in her arms. So it was that Doctor Houghton saw them, when at last he came. The bare floor, the rucked-up rugs, the litter of broken glass and silver round Lady Levallion—white as her gown, "against which Levallion's black clothes stood out in horrible limpness; and behind them and the kneeling men about them, that wall of silks and satins, of inimical women's faces. Even as he stooped

and touched Levallion's hand, that picture stamped itself on Houghton's brain. "They think she did it," he thought, like lightning, as he wiped the froth from the stift lightning.

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"Clear the room!" he said. "Send the ladies away. No, not you!" as Ravenel only clutched Levallion more fiercely. But when they were gone he tried none of the remedies he had brought with him. Adrian Gordon, Lord Levallion, had been dead this half-hour past. Very gently Houghton laid the handsome, dark head back on Lady Levallion's knees; and no one, she least of all, saw it was the living face, and not the dead, that he looked at so long and steadily.

"They hate her, and, if I'm not careful, she'll be hanged because a handful of women don't like her," he thought, after that long look at the girl Levallion had married. It was part of his trade to read faces. This one, if he knew anything, was innocent. For no guilty woman would ever have been utterly unconscious of self as this girl was; or could have sat clinging to the dead man as she did.

"If she'd done it, she'd be crying on a sofa," he was thinking, even while he listened to Lord Chayter's story of what had happened. "Or if she had nerve enough to touch him, her face would show the strain. She'd bare her lower teeth like they all do when they're guilty."

"Don't whisper, Lord Chayter." she said sharply. "You can't wake him! Doctor Houghton, it was I brought him the bottle—and owed him everything! He was kind—to me."

Every man in the room but Houghton knew that she and Levallion had quarreled that very night; not one of them knew how they had made it up again. But at the dreary, tearless voice, perhaps, only Jimmy Scarsdale did not feel a lump in his throat.

"Don't talk," said Houghton, gently. "Never mind us. You could not help what was in the bottle."

"I—Jacobs frightened me," she said vaguely.

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"But, oh! why don't you do something?"
She looked up, caught Houghton's eyes, and felt frantically at Levallion's heart, that was

felt frantically at Levallion's heart, that was stone cold.

"It doesn't beat!" she cried, like a frightened child. "I can't feel it. Levallion!" the cry rang out as it has done since the ages of ages; the useless, desperate call of the living to the dead. "Dear Lady Levallion," said Houghton softly, "he can't hear you! I got here too late."

She looked at him as if she were dazed. "Too late," she said; "it's all too late." She swayed forward till her face lay on the Levallion's breast that could shelter her no longer. "Let her lie!" said Houghton savagely. "It's the only kindness we can do her. Good God, are there no women in this house to come to her, that she is left to men? To me, who barely knows her?

"You sent the women away," said Scarsdale slowly.

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"And-if one of them had cared for her I might have ordered her out till I was black in the face." But he dared not say it aloud. He was tall, young, and strong; and he lifted Lady Levallion in his arms as if she had been a child. But, though he rang and rang her bedroom-bell, it was minutes before any one answered it. But the strong face of the French woman who came at last pleased him, also the little cry with which she ran to her mistress.

"Your master's dead," he said bluntly, "and your mistress has fainted. Help me to get her to bed. Where's Sir Thomas?" for it had suddenly come over him that Lady Levallion's brother was nowhere to be seen.

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"He ran out after his dog that came raging through the servants' hall a long time ago. He knew nothing."

With quick fingers she was loosening Lady Levallion's gown. "Oh, Monsieur Houghton, I did go to the drawing-room door to help my lady, but Lady Chayter say to me you would not let me in. So I run out of doors to see if Sir Thomas is anywhere, and he is not."

"Don't try to rouse her too much," Houghton returned, as if he were thinking of something else. "I'll give her something to make her sleep, by and by."

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"Nothing," said Tommy, drearily. "He went up with her, and I suppose he saw a cat or something. I found him raising Cain in the kitchen, and some one opened the door and let him out. I ran after him, but I lost him. When I came back they said you were with 'Ravenel, and I thought I'd get the coroner. How on earth, Doctor Houghton, did that bottle get poisoned? Levallion gave me some of it only a little before dinner."

dinner."
Houghton could only shake his head.
Half a mile off, the only soul who would have
told him sat up on the death-bed that till now
she had only half-believed in.
"Get Miss Ravenel." she cried clearly, loudly.
"Get her, or they'll hang her."
"Hush, my poor soul!" said the farmer's wife
ritifully.

"Lady Levallion, then!" the Umbrella clutched at the air as if to grasp the life that was leav-

ing her.
"I want to tell—I—" She turned suddenly rigid, a dreadful stiff figure, only its eyes alive.
"Tell her they'll murder him! they—" She fell forward on the bed. -" She turned suddenly

CHAPTER XXV.

A DEAD MAN'S SWEETHEART.

"Levallion's drawing-room!" said Houghton to himself, bitterly. "Inside his own house, that fools say is a man's safest place."

Houghton if he thought there might be some one among the house-party who could not get away fast enough.

"A band of robbers could not be in a greater hurry!" he thought, bitterly. And then his face lit up.
Some one inside the drawing-room door threw it open. A voice Houghton knew said authoritatively:
"What's this, gentlemen? Surely you understand no one and no luggage," emphatically, "is to leave this house till I hold my inquest."
It was Doctor Aston, the coroner. But before Houghton could move toward him a hand caught his arm.
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Houghton nodded. But it came over him suddenly that if there were things he did not know, the coming of the coroner would be the beginning of the end for Lady Levallion.

"Go to your sister." he said, gently. "But, stop! What's this about your dog frightening her. and——"
"Nothing," said Tommy, drearily. "He went up with her, and I suppose he saw a cat or something. I found him raising Cain in the kitchen, and some one opened the door and let him out. I ran after him, but I lost him. When I came back they said you were with "Ravenel, and I suppose he kissed his lips, his back they said you were with "Ravenel, and I suppose he saw a cat or something." I found him raising Cain in the kitchen, and some one opened the Ravenel, and I will have a strange passion she kissed his lips, his back they said you were with "Ravenel, and I suppose he saw a cat or something." I suppose he saw a cat or something. I found him raising Cain in the kitchen. What am I to do?" she was muttering. "Levallion, what am I to do?" where the living and the dead. The awful incongruity of the whole thing came over him. The man's own drawing-room, all flowers and silk hangings and carved ivory, where, instead of rose-colored lamps, four unshaded candles of rose

vallion, what am I to do?"

With a strange passion she kissed his lips, his shut eyes.

"You believed in me, you trusted me," she said, very low, but in the silent room the whisper carried. "Oh, wherever you are, trust me still! Even if I—hold my tongue."

Doctor Houghton felt suddenly and physically sick. Then he remembered he had no right to have listened. No right to judge any woman who was mad with grief, as this one was. He went to her, to try and get her away, and something in her attitude made the suspicion in him die down again. Lady Levallion was crouched close to the dead man's breast, pressed to him as a child in trouble to his mother. Whatever she meant to be silent about, it was not any guilt of her own. For, as if it were her only refuge, she was clutching Levallion's body. "Come to your brother," said Houghton softly. "Come away."

"I only want Levallion." she said very pitifully.

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"I only want Levallion," she said very pitifully.
"He was kind to me," in the old parrot cry. "Let
me stay with him."

The man nodded, because he could not speak.
In spite of himself, he was assured that even
if Lady Levallion got up at the inquest and
swore that she herself had killed her husband,
it would not be true.

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Address Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson, Care Comfort, Augusta, Maine.

HAT was your best vacation, and why?

This is hardly vacation season, but it will be by the time the May number is sent out and answers to the above question are received and printed. By "best vacation" I mean something within the limits of ordinary working people who have only two or three weeks' time and a small amount of money to spend. Don't think your vacation was too unimportant and too uninteresting to write about, for it may be the very idea that will help someone else, and that is what our department is for, isn't it?—Ed.

28th Battalion, 15th Platoon, 2nd Division, D. Co. Somewhere in France.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Somewhere in France.

Will you kindly print this letter? I wish to thank all the Comport sisters who have written me such kind and cheerful letters. I wish I could write to each one personally and make her understand what letters are to the boys so far from home; we don't have much spare time over here and this letter will have to do for all. I want to thank each one for the fine parcels, which I have shared with the boys who are not as lucky as I am.

I would like to tell you something about army life, but that isn't allowed. Again I say I thank you for your kindness to my dear mother and me, and to the boy readers of Comport, "Come on, boys, the water's fine."

ane."
Let us all do our bit and may God be with us all.
Yours truly,
PRIVATE GUY ENGLESBY, No. 888251.

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Private Guy Englesby.—You are the first man to gain entree into our circle, as we have made it a rule never to print letters from men, although we frequently receive very interesting ones, but in this instance I think we are justified in breaking that rule and we hope you will find time for another letter to us. May God watch over you and keep you, is the prayer of COMFORT'S staff and its many readers.—Ed.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Tell me please, has Mrs. Wilkinson a goat who holds the same office and performs the same duties as does Uncle Charile's Billy the Goat? I almost believe she has, as I made an attempt some time ago to get into exps and vegenals, as I made an attempt some time ago to get into the cach. Left-to-private the same office and performs the same duties as does the same office and performs the same duties as does over boiled rice and vegenals, as I made an attempt some time ago to get into the cach. Left-to-private the same office and performs the same duties as does the prayer of complete the prayer of complete

Dear Composer Sisters:

Tell me please, has Mrs. Wilkinson a goat who holds the same office and performs the same duties as does Uncle Charlie's Billy the Goat? I almost believe she has, as I made an attempt some time ago to get into your circle by letter but met with failure. It's a waste basket, is it? Well, I believe I prefer a goat, for a waste basket seems the receptacle of only that which is beneath notice. While I'm quite sure my letter was of that type, I don't want the others to think so, too. And here I am telling you about it. But in spite of the reception she gave my letter, Mrs. Wilkinson is a dear, and we can't all get space for our letters, can we?

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Sisters I wish to make a plea for home charity and the supreme charity of the world. Let's have more of it in our hearts and manifested, in our lives. Our Savior teaches us that charity is the greatest and most beautiful virtue of the soul and life. How the world needs the supreme charity at this point of its history, and it is something all can have and give; the most humble but dweller can and may contribute to its treasury. Let me quote from the pen of William George Jordan. His words far more fitly describe and explain this charity than mine. This is from his book entitled, "The Kingship of Self-Control." It is a small book, judged by dimensions and weight, but a great book in theory and lesson. Read it. This is what he says: "Giving food, clothing and money to the poor is gally the beginning of real charity. Charity has higher, purer forms of manifestation. Charity is but an instinctive reaching out for justice in life. Charity seeks to smooth down the rough places of living, to bridge the chasms of human sin and folly, to feed the hearthungry, to give strength to the struggling, to be tender with human weakness, and greatest of all, it means obeying the divine injunction, "Judge not." We never see the target a man aims at in life: we only see the target he hits. We judge from results. We condemn unheard our dear friends around us on mere circumstantial evidence. We know nothing of the trials, sorrows and temptations of those around us, of pillows wet with tears, of the life tragedy that may be hidden behind a smile, of the secret cares, struggles and worries that shorten life. There are times with some of us when life seems a living death from which there is no relief and when we seem isolated and separated from the rest of humanity as if we were living on another planet."

Dear friends, let's keep all these facts in mind when prone t

prone to judge others and instead of judges the helping hand the kind word or even just a cheerful, friendly smile.

About the home charity. Don't you think we, in our zeal to help the suffering ones across the great waters, are likely to forget those at our own doors who sadly need our help? Let's remember them too. I'm not discouraging the giving of aid to the war sufferers, far from it, for I think it a grand and good work, but don't forget those of our homeland.

We should make a greater effort than ever to be cheerful, to give comfort and encouragement to the sad hearts which are around us, the lonly ones who have dear once in our camps or in France. I know we feel less like being cheerful than ever but let's bravely fight and help at home while our young men are bravely fighting for us at the front.

I get very lonely, so would like to receive letters from any between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five. Will answer all I can.

Long live Comfort and all connected with it.

Miss Zella Prichard.

MISS ZELLA.—It's a waste basket, but do not bemoan the fate of your first letter, for somewhere I have read that Kipling's "Recessional" was rescued from the waste basket by his wife, and there are other gems of literature that have been rejected or consigned to waste baskets only to become famous later. Perhaps your letter belonged to that class. We'll think so anyway, so come again.—Ed.

every one. Here is a Troubled Wife, from Kentucky, whose

heart yearns for affection from a husband who has little use for such foolishness. How many there are in this world, suffering from that same tack of love. The best advice I can give is this. Meet him half way, make him want you, he just as independent as he is this will nearly crush you, but you will soon learn by wrik accound him with the same attitude he shows toward you. You wouldn't want what did not come from the heart, therefore if he has no love in his heart for you, you don't want pretension.

Next cones a New Jersey sister who is hearing the great burden of lonellness and him lity because the one she hoped to wed was a slacker. Sister, read and look around you and see what you have escaped in the way of sadness and trouble, then tune up that whistle and loose your trouble and soul disturbling forms.

"Sing away your trouble and soul disturbing fears;
Sintle away your sorrows, your heart-aches and your
tears
Let the sunshine follow you through all the coming

Sing a song of gladness forever.

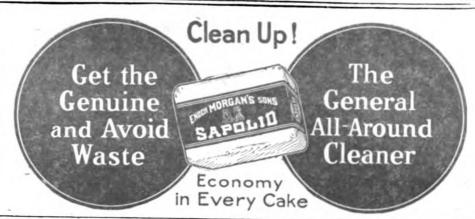
"Look above the trials that abound on every hand; Keep a stock of courage always at command, Sometime in the future you will understand— Sing a song of gladness forever.

"When the day is gloomy, songs will make it bright; When the burden's heavy, smiles will make it ligh Sunshine will follow in the trail of darkest night— Sing a song of gladness forever.

"Just a song of sunshine, let it flood the heart,
And the bars of sorrow it will rend apart;
Whisper words that courage in some soul will start—
Sing a song of gladness forever."

Sing a song of gladness forever."

To those longing for and not receiving attentions, would say—get busy. Raise something—chickens, vegetables, flowers, orphans, and, above all things, read. There is nothing to soothe a crushed heart like work. Then remember the story of King David, who wanted to build a house for his lord. But his lord had something else for him to do, and that something else was better than David had planned. To the husbands of these heart-hungry women, why did you marry? You would have fought your way through fire or snow to be there on your wedding day. That which you thought was everlasting affection seems to



have been only a bonfire. Remember, a woman's nature requires love, and if you do not supply her with that love there are always those who are willing and then God pity both.

Many are living lives of duty without a word of praise or affection, just plodding along. I know one woman who is no more than a slave. Her husband was eager to marry her, but now, living on a farm of five hundred acres, she is left alone for days and sometimes weeks to do all the work, at seasons when he works with machinery on other farms. She gets nothing but snarls. She has no near neighbors and when she falls behind with her sewing or housework, he asks what she was doing that she didn't get it done. Sisters, make the best of your lives and remember there are heavier burdens untold.

Wishing you success, Mas. HATTIE D. MILLER.

we are changed in many ways at twenty-nine from what we used to be and it isn't always sadness or sorrow that makes the change either. Why look forward to such a lonely life? I've often heard that very few marry their first love. I didn't, and I am happier now than when I was a girl.

If you don't think you could adopt a child and do justice by it, why not adopt a mother or an aunt, for there are many elderly women who would be glad to share your home and your love, no matter how humble the home might be, for they are just as lonely as you and need your love, for love counts and an institute is not a home. Don't you think if you ask God that He will show you what your work is? Write me some time.

He will show you what your work is: Wille he some time.

M. B., dear little friend, write me asking any questions you like and I will do my best to help you.

We live in a prairie country about one hundred miles from the Glazier National Park.

How many of the sisters would like COMPORT to publish educational travel stories instead of the con-

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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

ICE lends variety to our wheatless and meatless days and while in itself it lacks the necessary protein, fat and flavoring to make up a well-balanced meal, that can be supplied by the addition of milk, cheese, eggs and meat, with butter and tomatoes for fat and flavoring, though the latter may be governed by your tastes and pocketbook, as bacon fat and onions, or anything else that your food shelves contain, will answer the purpose equally as well. For sweet dishes add syrup or preserved fruits.

Pick over carefully and wash thoroughly one cup of rice and put it in one quart of boiling salted water and let it boil for fifteen minutes, shaking the pan instead of stirring the rice. Try it by pinching a few grains between the fingers. If the grains are plump and soft, drain off the water and set the dish uncovered, on the back of the stove. Two teaspoons of lemon juice added to the water in which rice is boiled makes it whiter.—Ed.

RICE, HAM AND EGGS.—Use the remnants of cold

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CREAM OF RICE SOUP.—One quart of chicken broth, one half cup of rice, one pint of cream, or part milk and cream, one small onion, one stalk of celery and sait and pepper to taste. Wash rice and cook with onion and celery; strain, add the seasoning and the cream which has been heated, then the chicken broth, which has also been heated.

which has also been heated.

RICE AND TOMATOES.—Peel and slice five large tomatoes or take an equal quantity of canned tomato, and chop two sweet peppers. In a buttered baking dish spread a layer of tomatoes, cover with cooked rice and chopped peppers and season with salt and pepper and sugar if desired. Add another layer of tomatoes, and so on till dish is full, having a layer of tomatoes last. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, dot with pieces of butter, and bake covered half an hour and uncovered for fifteen minutes.

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RICE WITH TOMATOES AND CHEESE.—Wash one cup of rice and sift slowly into four cups of boiling water, salted. Boil twenty-five minutes, stirring occasionally. When done, drain and add one half can of tomatoes and pour into vegetable dish and cover with grated cheese. Place in oven till cheese melts.

RICE AND MEAT BALLS.—Scald one half cup of milk and add one cup of cold, cooked rice, one cup of chopped meat, left-overs may be used, two teaspoons of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Stir well, add one egg, well beaten, cook a minute longer and remove from fire. When cold, form in balls, dip in beaten egg and crumbs, let stand an hour and then fry in hot fat until brown.

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ITALIAN RICE.—Blend two teaspoons each of butter and flour, add two cups of grated cheese and three cups of hot water. Stir rapidly until melted and when perfectly smooth pour this sauce over three cups of freshly cooked rice. Serve hot.

RICE AND CHEESE RAREBIT.—Boil one quarter cup of rice in water until tender, drain, add one and one half cups of milk and two tablespoons of flour, mixed with a little cold water. Let this boil, add sait and pepper and remove from fire and add one cup of cheese, chopped fine. Stir until cheese is melted and serve on small crackers.

RICE AND FRUIT MOLD.—Put one cup of well-washed ce in a double boiler with one teaspoon of salt, and teaspoon Steam rice in a double boiler with one teaspoon of si cover with two cups of boiling water. Steam of then remove cover and stir with fork until dry quarter of a box of gelatine in half a cup



RICE AND FRUIT MOLD.

water until soft. Soak the grated rind of one lemon in one cup of boiling water ten minutes: strain and reheat and pour over gelatine. Add quarter of a cup of lemon juice and one cup of sugar. When the sugar I can keep silent no longer. I have listened to the heart secrets and soul longings of so many that my sympathy reaches out to all and I would like to talk to every one.

crumbs, with sage, one chopped onion and salt and pepper to taste. Have ready one pint of any kind of cold chopped meat. Into a buttered baking tin spread a layer of rice and bread, then a layer of meat and so on till dish is nearly full; add a little milk and dot with pieces of butter. Bake in hot oven fifteen or twenty minutes.

RICE CAKES.—To one cup of cooked rice add one cup of chopped nut meats, one boiled egg, chopped fine and season with salt and pepper. Mix well together and form into small cakes; put in greased pan, sift grated cheese over top of cakes and bake a few minutes in hot oven.

RICE AND VEGETABLES.—Line a mold with boiled rice. Fill center with a mixture of vegetables, left from dinner, cover with rice and place over hot water until thoroughly heated. Turn out on hot platter and cover with white sauce, to which some grated cheese has been added.

CASSEROLE OF LAMB.—Chop fine one and one half cups of meat, season with sage, onion, celery, sait and pepper. Moisten with hot milk and pack into a mold which has been lined with rice, one inch deep. Cover with rice and steam one half hour. Turn onto heated platter and serve with tomato sauce.

RICE GRID-

One cup of cold boiled rice, one egg. one pint of one pint of cream and a little salt; add about two cups of flour, or en ough to make batter, into which has been sifted one half teaspoon of soda and one teaspoon cream teaspoon cream of tartar. Serve with butter and sugar.

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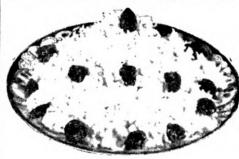
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One cup of milk, one cup of flour and one cup of boiled rice, two eggs, beaten separately, a little salt, and one teaspoon of butter.

Beat well together and cook in quick oven, in gem pans. RICE OMELET.—Warm a cup of cold bolled rice in one cup of milk, add one tablespoon of butter. Stir well and add three eggs, well beaten, and a little salt. Pour omelet in buttered frying pan, when hot, and let cook a minute, then put in oven to set.

STEAMED RICE WITH RAISINS.—In a double boiler put two and one half cups of milk and half a teaspoon of salt. When it reaches boiling heat, gradually stir in one cup of rice and one third cup of seeded



RICE AND RAISINS.

raisins. Stir occasionally until the swell. Cook until soft. Two tablespoons of sugar added is preferrer by some. Serve with butter, crean or syrup.

RICE AND CORN MEAL WAFFLES.—Sift together one half cup of flour, one teaspoon salt and one half teaspoon soda, add one cup boiled rice, three teaspoons melted butter, one half cup corn meal, one cup buttermilk and two eggs, well beaten. Stir briskly and cook in well-greased waffle irons.

RICE WAFFLES.—To one cup of freshly boiled rice add three teaspoons of butter and the well-beaten yolks of three eggs. Put two cups of sour cream, or milk, into another dish and add one teaspoon of soda. Combine the two mixtures, add one teaspoon of salt and flour enough to make a thick batter. Last of all add the whites of three eggs, beaten to a stiff froth. Cook on well-greased and heated waffle irons.

RICE CAKES.—Boil rice until it is soft and while still warm make into balls. Dip these into beaten egg and then into corn meal until thoroughly coated. Fry these in hot fat and serve with maple syrup.

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JELLIED RICE WITH FRUIT.—Soften two tablespoons of gelstine in three tablespoons of milk, then add three cups of scalded milk and stir until gelatine is thoroughly dissolved. Let cool, flavor and just as it begins to set, stir in one cup of cooked rice. Turn into molds and set aside until firm. Serve with fruit, fresh or canned. fresh or canned.

RICE FRITTERS.—Boil one cup of rice in one cup of milk until the rice is cooked soft and the milk is absorbed. Take from fire and let cool slightly, add the yolks of two eggs, one tablespoon of sugar, four teaspoons of butter and a pinch of sait. Let cool and add the whites of eggs, beaten to stiff froth. Drop by spoonfuls in hot fat and fry to golden brown. Serve with sauce.

reheat and pour over gelatine. Add quarter of a cup of lemon juice and one cup of sugar. When the sugar is dissolved, strain into the steamed rice, stir and pour into individual molds. Just before serving, add any kind of jelly or preserve to rice. Serve cold.

RICE AND COEN MEAL GRIDDLE CARES.—Mix together one half cup corn meal, one half cup flour, one teaspoon salt and one half teaspoon sods. Beat two kind of jelly or preserve to rice. Serve cold.

RICE AND MEAT LOAF.—Mix together one and one half cup corn meal, one half cup flour, one cup cold boiled rice, a little sugar if desired, and stir into first dish. Add the featen whites of eggs, stir well and fry on hot griddle.

RICE CAKES.—Mix one cup of cold boiled rice with the beaten yolks of two eggs, two stablespoons of milk and two heaping tablespoons of flour sifted with one half teaspoon baking powder. Have the whites whipped to a stiff froth and add the rice mixture gradually, beating constantly. Dip by tablespoonfuls onto a hot, greased griddle and cook until brown on both sides. Serve with honey or jelly.

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RICE GEMS.—Beat one egg until light, add two teaspoons butter, and one cup of milk; beat one cup of rice with this until smooth, and add one cup of flour, one half teaspoon of salt and two teaspoons baking pow der. Bake fifteen or twenty minutes.

RICE AND CHICKEN CROQUETTES.—One cup of boiled rice, one half cup of milk, two tablespoons of butter, one teaspoon of salt, one cup of chopped chicken and one egg, well beaten. Heat milk, add chicken, rice and seasoning. When this boils, add egg and cook one minute. Spread on platter to cool. Shape into balls, dip in egg and crumbs and fry in hot fat.

ELLA DAFFER, Pleasant Dale, Neb.

FISH CROQUETTES.—Cover one half pound of codfish with boiling water and let it stand for half an hour. Flake and mix with four boiled potatoes, two tablespoons of cream and the yolks of two eggs. Season with salt and pepper and shape into cones. Dip in egg and bread crumbs, brush with melted butter and set in oven for fifteen minutes.

Surrense Carlo.—One egg, one cup sugar, one half

oven for fifteen minutes.

SURPRISE (Akk. -One egg, one cup sugar, one half cup butter, one cup sweet milk, one teaspoon of soda, two teaspoons of cream of tartar, flavor, and flour to make medium thick dough.

MRS. C. P. S., Scranton, Pa.

SPONGE GINGER CAKE. -Two cups of flour, two tablespoons of butter, one teaspoon of ginger, one half teaspoon of salt and one cup of molasses. Mix well and add one cup of boiling water in which is stirred one teaspoon of soda.

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Chocolate Pudding.—One pint of boiling milk, one half cup of sugar, one quarter teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons corn starch, and two scant tablespoons of cocoa. Mix corn-starch and cocoa and dissolve in cold milk before adding to boiling milk. Flavor with vanilla.

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vanilla.

GRACE C., Augusta, Me.

HOME-MADE BUTTER.—Take a three-pound lard pail,
set it in a dish or pan of warm water, put in two
cups of sweet milk, one pound of butter cut into small
pieces and one teaspoon of salt. Take out of the water
and beat up with an egg beater until soft like whipped
cream. It will harden quickly and you will have two
pounds of butter.

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CHICKEN SALAD.—Two cups of left-over chicken, cut
in cubes, one cup of diced celery, one quarter cup diced
pickles or olives, one quarter cup pimento, chopped.
Mix together, moisten with dressing and garnish with
stuffed olives. Ella Daffer, Pleasant Dale, Neb.

stuffed olives. ELLA DAFFEE, FIGARARI DAIR, Neo.
GINGER SNAPS.—One large cup of sugar, one cup
of beef drippings, or lard, one cup molasses, one half
cup hot water, one teaspoon soda, one tablespoon ginger, and any other desired spices, pinch of salt and
flour enough to make a stiff dough.
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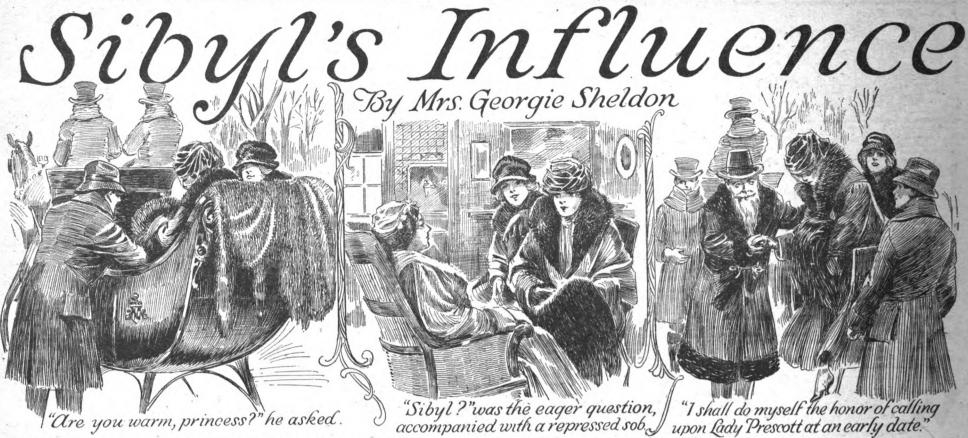
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Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them, they stop at a miserable, inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that he innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, they learn that a woman who had been in a railroad smash up and injured leaves the child, who for weeks cries for Nansie. Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures it. To Lady Prescott she traces three letters "S. H. S.," which she dmily temembers and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott Introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck and with Raymond they seek the drawing-room, where with Lady Prescott Sibyl assists in receiving the guests. Raymond, watching and anxious, admits to his mother how beautiful Sibyl is, and that no one attracts him as she does, and that his mother has the first right to his confidence. She will like nothing better than to keep her children with her. Sibyl is Introduced to Miss Ada Therwin, the adopted daughter of Count Egbert Shirley and the gu

CHAPTER XV. THE BETROTHAL.

AYMOND led Sibyl to the picture gallery—a long, narrow room, exquisitely finished and furnished, and containing an exceedingly rare and costly collection of paintings, statuary and bric-a-brac of every description.

The young couple passed from piece to piece, enjoying to the utmost the beauties surrounding them on every hand.

"What a delightful day this has been!" sighed Sibyl, as they stood before the last picture, bestowing at the same time an unconscious look of gratitude and pleasure upon Raymond, as if, somehow, he had been the author of it all.

"Do pictures give you so much pleasure, then?" he asked, leading her out through a wide arch toward the conservatory.

"Yes, pictures, and—everything," she answered, softly.

"What a happy child you are princess to be

"Yes, pictures, and—everything," she answered, softly.

"What a happy child you are, princess, to be so easily amused," Raymond exclaimed, with a laugh and a fond glance.

"How can one be otherwise than happy when the world is so beautiful and everybody so delightful?"

"I trust that the glasses through which you view the world will never lose their couleur de rose. I fear, however, that when you begin your mission of charity, you will think there are some dark blots upon its fairness," Raymond said, gravely.

"Not for me, Ray, if I can only brighten or beautify it ever so little for others."

Raymond looked into the fair face beside him, while a sort of awe stole over him.

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"Who taught you these things, princess?" he

There were depths here of which he had never dreamed.

"Who taught you these things, princess?" he asked, with a thoughtful, earnest look.

"I do not think any one ever particularly taught me to think of these things; they come to me—they always came to me. Sometimes I think the sea gave them to me to beautify my lonely childhood, for I used to sit hours on the rocks and listen to the gentle lapping of the waters against their rugged sides, and it always seemed as if voices were talking with me."

"Shall I tell you what the sea always talks to me about?" he asked with a luminous smile.

neath the paim yonder, for it is a long story, princess."

He led her to a beautiful spot—a sort of semicircular bower, formed by several choice paim trees, within which there was an inviting seat, just wide enough for two to sit comfortably.

Raymond's face assumed a graver look than usual as he seated himself beside his companion and glanced somewhat anxiously into her unconscious countenance.

He had resolved that the most important question of his life's happiness should be decided now.

But notwithstanding this decision, his lips for the moment were sealed, and he fell into thoughtful musing.

"Well, Ray, what does the sea say to you?" Sibyl asked, as the silence was becoming awkward, and wondering what had made him grow so suddenly absent and serious.

"It speaks to me of a great many grand and benutiful things, dear, although I do not think? I have ever received such spiritual impressions as you speak of. But there is one train of thought which is always suggested whenever I hear its roar, and see its bright and sparkling waves. He paused a moment as if uncertain how to go on; then continued:

"It takes me back in spirit to the chill November day, when, cold and weary, and out of temper, I was obliged to spend the night at a certain into no a bleak and dismal coast. I always see a sweet child, abused, neglected, but meekly fulfilling her wretched and unfitting task. I always hear a little suppressed cry of pain, and see the look of forced and proud endurance, which then, as always, made me miserable over the suffering I had unwittingly caused. I recall the haughty resentment and scornful rejection of my peace-offering, and I received a lesson at that time concerning almsgiving, which I have never forgotten. I see a little form flitting here and there, careful, attentive, and deft at serving the weary strangers—I hear a sob over the dead 'Lily of Astolat,' and note the rapt, breathless attention which follows the fortunes of Sir Lancelot and Queen' Guinevere."

Sibyl here laid her hand upon Raymond's arm, and he could feel the quiver which ran through every slender finger.

He captured that soft hand in a firm, strong reassuring clasp, while a deep tenderness crept into the words which followed.

"I have only a little more to tell you, Sibyl, but here is a reason why I want you to know how, step by step, I have followed and watched over you ever since—how, little by little, this strange waif, of w

and the point of the compact which we made tonight."

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"Yes—or some other sign. This will do as well, perhaps," and, drawing her rosy face nearer, heart that I had learned to love you as a true man loves the one woman whom he chooses to be his life.

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"Will it give me the blessed boon I crave?"

Her eyes were cast down, and she sat so still, and apparently unmoved, that, but for the fierce throbbing of her pulses, which Raymond could feel through the delicate glove, she would have seemed like some beautiful pleece of sculpture.

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CHAPTER XVI.

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As for Sibyl herself, a solemn wonder had taken possession of her.

It seemed as if she had suddenly been transported into another and more beautiful existence, and the glory of it had, for the moment, dazzled and bewildered her.

Now she knew why his every tone had thrilled her so since his return, and she had so jealously wrapped herself in her mantle of reserve lest he should discover it.

She loved this grand, kingly man, and had been growing to love him all these years!

"Sibyl!"

The deep, tender, beseeching tones brought her to herself.

She started, and wave after wave of rich color

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She started, and wave after wave of rich color swept over brow and cheek, neck and arms.

The dark lashes quivered irresolutely for a moment, and then her clear, truthful eyes sought

his.

"Ray"—and his heart leaped at the new sweetness in her tones, low as they were—"I never dreamed until this moment that you could love me thus, nor that the feeling which has been growing in my own heart for you was—love!"

A sudden glad light transfigured Raymond Prescott's whole face at this ingenuous though rether direct confession.

"Yes, do, please; it seems as if it must speak to everybody." she answered.
"Come with me, then, to that rustic seat beneath the palm yonder, for it is a long story, princess."

He led her to a beautiful spot—a sort of semicircular bower, formed by several choice palm trees, within which there was an inviting seat, just wide enough for two to sit comfortably.
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"I hope, however, you will be better satisfied with the way I shall keep this one," she said, flushing.

"I shall certainly take care that you fulfill it soon, and in a way to satisfy me, too, my princess," Raymond returned, with a meaning look, which made her happy eyes droop quickly again. "What a beautiful view you have of the conservatory from here!" interrupted a voice close beside them.

Raymond turned quickly, and saw Miss Therwin standing so near that her white draperies lay against his foot.

He bit his lips with vexation at being thus disturbed, and wondered how long she had been there, and how much she had heard.

Sibyl, however, seemed not in the least disturbed: beyond her first quick, startled glance, she had not betrayed any embarrassment, and, looking full in Miss Therwin's eyes, she replied, with a smile:

"Yes, and I think it is the loveliest hothouse I was ever in. Are you fond of flowers?"

"Exceedingly," Miss Therwin responded, with a searching glance into the pure face.

It was so calm, so unconscious, that she heaved an involuntary sigh of relief.

"There can have been no love passages." she said to herself, "or she would not be so selfpossessed."

Said to hears, possessed."

She had yet to learn a great deal more regarding Sibyl's powers of self-control.

"I have been looking for you," she continued, with her eyes still upon her beautiful face, "to tell you that I will call for you at eleven to-morrow." I forgot to name the hour this morning."

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"Thank you. I will be ready. Are you enjoying yourself tonight?"

"Quite well; and you?"

"Very, much," Sibyl answered, with a little heightening of her color, which Ada did not fall to notice.

"My darling, do you not think I have been very considerate and patient?" Raymond asked, taking Sibyl's fair face in both his hands, and bending toward her.

They had just returned from Lady Wilton's, and he drew her gently back as she was about going upstairs to her own rooms.

"In what respect, Ray?" she asked with a smile.

man to ring for Sibyl.

She was ready and waiting, and Raymond came out with her, carefully assisting her into the sleigh, and tucking the robes securely around her.

her.
There was an air of proprietorship and tenderness in the young man's manner, and a new-brightness in Sibyl's face today, which Miss Therwin did not fail to remark and deplore with inward eavageness.

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"What have you been doing to yourself this morning, Sibyl?" she asked, with a searching glance, adding, with a secret sneer:

"It seems to me that you blossom out like a flower more and more every day."

"What a pretty compliment, Ada!" laughed the happy girl, wholly unconscious of the jealous anger which her matchless beauty aroused in her companion's heart. "And," she added, with a conscious blush, as she met Raymond's eye, "it is quite a rarity to receive anything of the kind from one's own sex, I believe."

"Then you'll credit me with being exceedingly open-hearted, I hope," she said, wondering what the girl would think if she could really read her heart.

heart.

Then, turning to Raymond, she continued:
"Mr. Prescott, I shall have to get you to impart to me the secret of this young lady's beautifying process, or I shall soon be losing all the honors which I have hitherto gained."

"Which request implies that you believe I am acquainted with Sibyl's mysteries in that matter," Raymond replied, with an amused smile, and a sparkle of mischlef in his eyes, as he turned them upon his betrothed.

"Do you keep her in a conservatory?" demanded Ada, remarking the delicate pink which was creeping into Sibyl's cheeks.
"I cannot be so ungallant as to betray any secrets, Miss Therwin," laughed Raymond; "but of one thing I can assure you, that we do not believe in hothouse development; it is dangerous, to say the least," and he gave Sibyl's hand a little squeeze under cover of the buffalo, to remind her off Miss Therwin's interruption in the conservatory at Lady Wilton's the night before.

Evidently Miss Therwin understood that he was shooting a lance at her, for she changed color ever so little.

"I agree with you there, Mr. Prescott. Hothouse productions are not lasting—their growth is too rapid and unnatural, and they soon die," she retorted.

Raymond smiled, but the look in his eye did not betray any fear that the hope which had bloomed for him last night in Lady Wilton's hothouse would soon die.

"Are you warm, princess?" he asked.
"I should be very unappreciative if I should say I am not after all your care," she replied.
"Very well, then, be careful of yourself, and come back as safely as you start," and touching his hat, he watched them as they went smoothly flying down the street.

"Mr. Prescott is very fond of you, Sibyl, is he not?" Ada remarked, after they were well on their way.

"I suppose it is natural he should feel a care over me, considering that we have been members of the same family so long," Sibyl answered, quietly, but the heavy lashes hid the tender light which Miss Therwin's words had called into her dark eyes.

"He is considerably older than you, I believe."
"Yes—seven years."

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Sibyl could not then have told why, but this high tribute to her lover grated harshly on her ears, and she made no reply.

A ride of fifteen or twenty minutes brought them to Algeria street, and the sleigh stopped before a plain, brick tenement house.

"This is the place," Ada remarked, as they alighted, "and I hope you will find your charge interesting; she appeared like quite a nice body to me."

The block was inhabitated by a class of operatives, who, during good times, managed to live quite comfortably upon their moderate earnings; but when business was dull, and provisions and rent unabated in their prices, to "make both ends meet" was a matter that puzzled the most rigid economist among them.

Miss Therwin led the way up two flights of stairs, and rapped upon the first door on the right of the hall.

A low voice bade them enter, which they did, and found themselves in a good-sized room, comfortably carpeted and furnished.

Leading from this, Sibyl saw another room, which appeared to be used as a kitchen, for there was a cooking-stove in it, and a large cupboard, with glass doors, which contained dishes.

Near a sunny window, in a large rocking-chair, sat a rather stout, dark-haired, pale-faced woman, clad in a soft gray wrapper, with folds of snowy lace crossed upon her bosom. A spotless and tasteful cap adorned her hair, which lay in great rich waves against her brow.

Her eyes were large, bright, and of midnight blackness, and but for her face, which was rather pale, Sibyl thought her new charge appeared to be in very good health and condition.

Judith, for we recognize her at once as the lace peddler who visited Ada but a short time previous, and who must hereafter be known as Mrs. Stillman, shot one swift, searching glance into the young girl's fresh, beautiful face, and then turned with a cold, hard stare to Miss Therwin.

"Good morning, Mrs. Stillman," that lady sweetly remarked. "I ho

"Thank you. I should be well enough if this rheumatism did not cripple me so," was the somewhat curt reply. Ada here introduced Sibyl,

somewhat curt reply. Ada here introduced Sibyl, saying:
"Miss Prescott has kindly volunteered to assist me in some of my duties, as I find I have a good deal on my hands just at present, and hoping you might like each other, I have brought her to you. You will find her very sympathetic, I assure you."
"The young lady is very kind, I am sure," Mrs. Stillman remarked, fixing her large dark eyes upon Sibyl's face.
As she met her look, the young girl felt as sudden thrill; it was so fixed and peculiar. Then she saw her start violently, and her eyes fill with tears.
"What did you say your name was?" she asked, in a sort of breathless way.

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"Prescott—Sibyl Prescott."
"Sibyl?" was the eager question, accompanied with a repressed sob.
"Yes," Sibyl answered, gently, wondering if the name had any painful associations for her. Then she asked:

she asked:
"Have you been ill long?"
"About two months ago I was attacked with rheumatism, which, although it has not confined (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8.)



Saves Time and Labor, Economizes Fuel, Does Better than a Stove for Many Foods, Cooks While You Are Asleep or Otherwise Occupied and Gives You a Cool Kitchen in Summer.

By Ella Gordon

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HE way two women "used their heads to save their heels" is tool in the description of this home-made fireless cooker, which solved the problem of how a forenoon could be spent out of the kitchen and yet serve the family with a properly prepared noon meal. Another discovery was the fact that the fireless cooker effected a tremendous saving in both labor and fuel, and that flavors which ordinarily escaped in steam were retained in the food.

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fireless cooker must be well understood before attempting its construction, which is nothing more or less than a box lined with insulating material which prevents the escape of the heat from the hot food placed within it.

When constructing a cooker, it adds but little labor to make a partition across the center so to divide it into two compartments, which greatly increases its usefulness. Fit the space on one side of the partition for use of a large enameled kettle with close-fitting cover to prevent the steam escaping, which is most service-able. 'Arrange the other compartment to hold two closely covered shallow tin pails, one on top of the other, so that two kinds of food may be cooking at the same time in this compartment. The large kettle will be of sufficient size to hold several glass jars, in which rice, cereals, dried fruits, etc. may all cook at once, with boiling water in the bottom of kettle. The fuller the containers, the better the food will cook, and of equal importance is to have the containers fit the cooker quite closely, as any air space will have a tendency to lower

the retained heat, some, which require long cooking, need additional heat in the cooker, which is supplied by means of hot soapstones or field stones or metal disks, or even bricks will do. While the food is heating on the stove, heat the stones to a stzzling heat, but not too hot, and when ready to transfer the food place one hot stone in the bottom of the cooker, letting the food container rest on this, and place another hot stone on top of the container. Then cover quickly Experience soon teaches how to operate the cooker successfully.

A home-made cooker, with proper care in its construction, and operation should prove a useful and helpful saver of time and fuel; but the factory-made fireless cookers, which can be had in any size de sired,, and equipped with a variety of specially adapted and fitted cooking utensils, containers, heating disks and other appliances, are so much more useful and convenient and in every way so far superior to the home product that they are well worth the difference in cost to the housewife who has the price.

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Care of Cooker

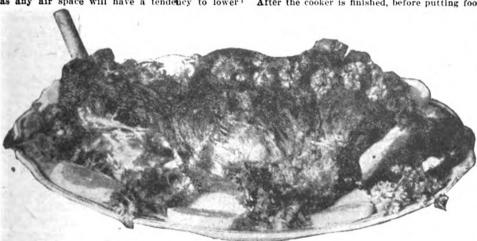
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Leave the cooker open when not in use, with when not in use, with as a certain amount of moisture accumulates during the cooking and should be dried out.

The food should be removed from the containers as soon as cooked, that they may be washed, scalded and dried in sun or over range. Tin rusts easily, but with good care will last a long time.

Using the Cooker

After the cooker is finished, before putting food



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water, then use as a crack-mer may open seams there may be in the box. Finish with a coat of paint outside.

Line the box, sides and bottom, with sheet asbestos, lapping all edges several inches to make it tight. Now put a layer of chopped hay into the bottom, pounding it in as closely as possible, six inches deep, and cover with sheet asbestos. In each compartment, make a funnel-shaped inner wall of sheet asbestos to fit the respective containers; in no place should these inner walls come within six inches of the box. Pack closely with chopped hay the space between the inner walls and the box and partitions. Cover the packing with a sheet of asbestos cut to fit the inside of the box and with holes cut to fit the inside of the box and with holes cut to fit the scribed as a boxed mattress, six inches thick and large enough to very closely fill the box, fitting well down onto the partition and inner walls. It is made of the asbestos filled with hay. The wooden cover has strips nailed on the four sides that lap over the box and bind well when closed. The idea of fireless cooking is derived from the primitive method of baking in the ground, where conserved heat entirely does the work.

Two Things to Be Remembered

the temperature, and for these reasons it is well to decide on the size of palls or kettles before beginning the construction of the cooker. Also allow space for soapstone, field stones or bricks, top and bottom, if they are to be used, which is highly advisable, for they adapt the cooker to a much wider range of cooking by adding an extra source of heat.

Now that the sizes of the compartments are to be cooker, and in five hours test the temperature water can be heated to a higher degree and will therefore keep up the temperature longer when put into the cooker.

The recipes for dishes to be prepared in the length of time the cooker retains the heat. Fill the palls with the boiling water, close the cooker, and in five hours test the temperature water can be heated to a higher degree and will therefore keep up the temperature longer when put into the cooker.



FILLING THE WALLS WITH CHOPPED HAY.

ture and flavor of these tougher cuts of meat fure and flavor of these tougher cuts of meat Meats may be partially roasted in the oven and finished in the cooker. The cooker is best adapted to those foods which require boiling and steaming, and long cooking, such as cereals, soups, meats, vegetables, dried fruits, steamed breads and puddings.

When several different foods are cooked at one time, they must require the same amount of cooking, since the cooker must not be opened to take out part, as a large amount of heat will escape.

Recipes for Fireless Cooking Cereals

ROLLED OAIS.—To every two cups of boiling water, add one level teaspoon of sait and one as ant cup of oats. Cook ten minutes on the stove, and then put into cooker over night. If a small quantity is used, put oats into jar with boiling water in pail.

CORN MYAL MUSIL—Three and one half cups of boiling water, or equal parts of milk and water, and one teaspoon of sait. Slowly stir in one cup of corn meal, wet with a very little water to prevent lumping. Cook about ten minutes on stove, or until it thekens, and then jout into cooker over night. The long cooking of cereals greatly improves their flavor and digestibility. All cereals are cooked the same, starting the cooking on the stove with the right amount of water and remaining over night in the cooker, or six hours during the day.

BOLLED RICE.—Wash rice and rinse. To each cup, allow four cups of boiling water and half a teaspoon of sait. Boil five minutes, stirring constantly, then remove to cooker for three hours, or longer if the cooker should not be opened.

Soup Stock.—Cut meat fine and split up the bones well. Cover with cold water, bring slowly to a boil and slowly cook ten minutes. Remove to cooker over night. In the morning, strain and remove fat, and use as a foundation for rice, macaroni or vegetable soups.

Vegetable Soup without Stock.—One half cup each of onion, carrot, turnip and cabbage cut in small pieces. Cook den minutes with three tablespoons of butter, stirring frequently. Add one cup of sliced potato and cook a few minutes longer. Add three cups of tomato fuice, put into cooker container and boil five minutes. In a sauce pan put one tablespoon of butter with one of dry flour, and when blended add one quart of boiling water, one quarter of a teaspoon of pepper, two level teaspoons of salt, a little parsley and celery seed crushed, and pour over vegetables. Cook ten minutes slowly and put into cooker six hours.

Cons Sour.—Bring to a boiling point one can of corn and one quart of milk. While this is being done, fry one tablespoon of coopped onion in three tablespoons of butter, and add two tablespoons of flour, stirring until smooth. Add the hot milk and corn, bring to boiling point, and put into cooker two hours.

Dead Bean or Split Pea Sours. Soak in cold water six or eight hours. Drain, and to each cup of beans or peas measured before soaking, add four cups of cold water. Bring to boiling point and cook half an hour, then put into cooker for over night or six hours. If not tender, reheat and return to cooker. Press through fine sleve, and add half a teaspoon of salt, one tablespoon of butter melted with a tablespoon of flour, one cup of milk, and a little onion juice if desired, to every cup of raw beans. Cook five minutes on top of stove and serve. A piece of lean salt pork, bacon or ham bone, when cooked with the soup gives a richer flavor.

Meats

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Roast Mutton.—Take a small leg of mutton. First remove the pink outer skin, as this contains the strong flavor. Remove the caul. Dredge with flour and sprinkle with salt and pepper after wiping dry. Put into moderately hot oven until seared, and hot all through without water in pan. Remove to container into which the mutton will fit the closest; and it will probably be advisable to remove the leg bone, which should be done before putting into oven. Add sufficient boiling water for grayy. Cover tightly and set on stove until water boils; then remove to cooker, where it should remain four hours. Thicken gravy with flour and season. This process of cooking makes mutton sweet and tender.

Pot Roast.—Select any cut of meat. That in back of the rib is less expensive and the cooker makes it tender and delicious. Cut into small portions and sear in fat taken from the edges of the roast. Use frying pan for this. Partly cover with boiling water and simmer slowly for ten minutes. Remove to container, cover and set on stove until it boils again, and then place in cooker four hours. A little rice or vegetables may be added if desired; if rice, add more boiling water. Thicken gravy with flour before serving, or it may be added before meat is put into cooker.

Roast Fowl.—Chicken, turkey, duck, or other tough fowl, is made tender and the flavor much improved by the long, slow process of cooking. Prepare for roasting, slowly pour boiling water over every part of the fowl, which will give the skin a cooked appearance. Simmer about fifteen minutes in this water, or until the fowl is cooking then remove to container, cover and put into cooker for six or eight hours. Over night is the better plan. Drain, stuff if desired, and brown in a quick oven. Thicken gravy with flour or reserve the liquor for a rice soup.

Brown Fricasser of Chicken.—Joint the chicken and roll each plece in flour, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and brown in fat. Remove chicken from frying pan, one piece at a time, so the water will not stop boiling, a

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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tinued stories we now have? I for one, would enjoy such stories much more. Real travel stories are in-teresting as well as educational.

MRS. F. L. ADAMS.

First, that the food is cooked by the heat already in it when placed in the compartment, and for this reason the food must be cooking when placed in the cooker.

Second, that, in order to prevent cooling, the hot food must be transferred quickly from the stove to the cooker and the cover put on immediately.

Even with the best of care there is some loss of heat, and while many foods will cook with





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that we mothers should take an interest in everything our little ones do. I prefer the country to the city every time and I believe the country child can learn more of Nature's work than the city child. My oldest boy, seven years old, knows the name of every tree and every wild flower around here and every bird. He also knows the different vegetables and seeds. Last year we gave him a little garden spot of his own and he took as much delight in tending it as we did our own. He raised pop corn, potatoes, peas, beans, lettuce, radishes and beets.

I would like to hear from the sisters and will answer all who enclose postage. My husband does not believe these letters are real so I hope this will be printed.

With love to Uncle Charlie, Mr. Gannett, Mrs. Wilkinson and all the band of sisters, I am, sincerely, Mrs. Beone. Your son is fortuneted in harden.

Mrs. Boone.—Your son is fortunate in having such a mother, for so many mothers are too busy to take time to teach their children about flowers, birds and trees, if, indeed, they themselves know them. Even if they do not, there is no excuse for keeping their children in ignorance of so many interesting and beautiful things when the book stores are full of books on animal and plant life. Start your children's library in the right direction now and later on you won't find so many trashy books in it.—Ed.

FARMERSBURG, IND.

stop boiling, and when all is cooking, put at once into the cooker container and let it remain six hours; or, if the poultry is tough, over night. Reheat on stove in the cooker for the poultry is tough, over night. Reheat on stove in the cooker of a pound of salt pork through the meat grinder, using the fine cutter. Add one and one half cayenne pepper, and and tree tablespoons of water. Mix in together very thoroughly, then add two well-beaten eggs and mix again. A little sage or lemon juice may be added. Press into small bread tin that will fit into container, which should have two inches of water in it. Cover and put into moderate oven until the lours.

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Potators.—Pare and quarter, and start boiling on stove in a little water in small container, then put into cooker.

**Solash, Onions, Carrots and other vegetables, should be cut in two, or several pieces, and started to boil on stove in small amount of water. Several kinds may be cooked at once.

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Baked Beans.—Prepare and cook in bean-pot at least one hour before putting into cooker. As bean pot covers are loose fitting, a piece of bread dough,

Dear Friends:

Do any of you know of a homeless little girl that needs a mother's love and care? If so, will you let me know about her. We have been looking for a little one for over a year but so far have not found her. Our application has been before two homes and our references accepted but they say they have none of the age we wish. We want a little girl, between the age of six months and three years. Eyesight and hearing must be good but do not care about nationality, only she must be white. We want to adopt her, will give her a good home, educate her and love and care for her as our own. There are older girls and boys to be had but our family is all boys and we want a girl to bring up as a daughter. Among all our Comfort family I hope there may be some one who knows of a little one needing a mother's love and care and a home as much as I want her.

MES. NELSON KNIGHT.

BERTHOND, Box 431, Colo.

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTERS:

I wish to thank all who wrote to me but did not send stamp for reply. Once more I request all readers not to send me the chain prayer for I suppose all who do it are sincere and foolish enough to believe in it.

Last month I received eight, all requesting me to

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The Call of His Country

By Hapsburg Liebe

(See front cover illustration)

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HE was an American girl of a pretty brunette type, but her mother had been English; and when Britain made it known that she needed still more women in the carrying on of her part in the war, this girl felt that her duty lay across the sea. When she calmly took stock of herself and her belongings, she saw no reason why she should stay idly in the little New England town that had been her home all her life, while there seemed to be every reason why she should give her services to her mother's country. She had no near relatives alive, and her possessions were not many.

So Alma Deveridge went to England, learned to be a surgical nurse in a London hospital, and then went to Belgium, as a Red Cross nurse, with a shipload of those good fighting men whom the Regulars and Territorials called "Kitchener's Mob."

Mob."

It was in a low, squat building that had been converted into a sort of first-aid hospital, not far back of the trenches. Women ware not commonly sent here, because of the danger; but there had been a shortage of capable nurses, and Alma had asked to go, and they had finally consented. At the first, her work had sickened her; the sight of an operation had been a horrible sight to her. Then she had taken hold of her feelings, and forced herself to be brave. Now the ranking surgeon of this field hospital often complimented her upon her coolness.

A stalwart figure, supline and literally swathed in bandages, was quietly taken out of the operating room, and placed carefully on a narrow bed in a long row of narrow beds. Doctor Wilbert stood in the doorway, watching the silent figure, and he shook his head. A hand touched his arm. It was Alma.

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The surgeon turned his weary eyes upon her. He had slept none the night before; now it was night again, and still he hadn't slept.

"It looks bad," he told her. "Barbed wire, a plece of shrapnel, and a blow from a rifle's butt. Confidentially, he's a well-educated young Frenchman who got into trouble with his country. He was accused of selling French war secrets to the eneuty, and he had no way of proving himself innocent: therefore he ran away to England, joined 'Kitchener's Mob,' and is now fighting his country's enemies incognito. Yes, I know him well. If he lives, Miss Alma, you must certainly keep all this to yourself. But I'm afraid the poor fellow won't last until morning."

The hospital force, save only wornout Doctor Wilbert, was very busy that night, and Alma volunteered to do an extra turn and had her way. She would have opportunities, she reminded Wilbert, to snatch sleep now and then. Perhaps it was partly because of a sudden sympathetic interest in the unfortunate Frenchman; anyway, she spent a great deal of her time near his bed, both before and after he recovered from the effects of ether. And during all that time she was prodded by the idea that she had seen Jean Dunand before! This, of course, was an assumed name; he couldn't well have gone under his own name, under the circumstances.

After midnight, he looked up with the light of reason in his eyes, and smiled at her. She noted that he was rather good-looking.

"Hello, Miss Deveridge," he muttered, and she immed he he was her!

was the difficulty.
Dunand searched his mind uncensingly for a way out, and he was happy on the day when he decided that he had found it. It was in the autumn, and the trees that had been left by shot and shell wore leaves of dull brown. But he had to have a confidante; he had to have someone who would tell all about it afterward, for he expected to die in the scheme that he had hit upon.

It was but natural for him to go to the girl he loved. Therefore, on one of the days that his company spent at its rest billets, he obtained leave and went to visit the hospital in which Alma Deveridge served as a nurse.

There were a few trees about the building, and to one of these Dunand led the girl, who was off duty for the time being. They sat down on a crude bench, and the Frenchman, after having first won Alma's promise to tell nothing until it was all over, told Alma everything.

"Your plan——it might not work," murmured the girl, when he had finished.

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"But it must work, mademoiselle" protested the common line was inactive. And yet, only a protection of the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the name of trainers with the common line was inactive. And yet, only a province of the

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"No—oh! no—it is a long, sad story, and I will tell you another time—I——"

The woman seemed utterly overcome with her emotion, and leaned back in her chair, covering her face with her handkerchief.

"Mothers lose their children, and children lose their nothers." Sibyl said, with touching sadness: then she added, with earnest sweetness: "But there is One who has promised to care for the widow and fatherless, you know. I hope you have learned how to trust His promises, Mrs. Stillman."

have learned how to trust His promises, Mrs. Stillman."

"I don't know much about such things," the woman replied somewhat uneasily, and with a slight frown.

"Don't you? I am sorry," Sibyl said, regretfully; then continued, "but I must leave you now—I will send you a basket of comforts this afternoon, and come again myself about this time tomorrow."

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The woman was profuse in her thanks, and, with a gentle "good by," the young girl left the room, followed by Ada, who was striving hard to hide how triumphant she was over the success of this her first step in her diabolical scheme. "Everything is so unequally divided—some have

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25-Cent Rate for May Subs,

In our March and April issues we announced that COMFORT'S subscription price would be raised to 35 cents a year on April 30; and such was our intention. But at the request of club raisers we have postponed the time for initiating the 35-

Therefore our subscription price will remain at 25 cents per year all through May. This gives you just the month of May in which to take COMFORT subscriptions at the

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Deep Uncle Charlie:

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Dear Uncle Charlie:

I enjoyed your Christmas greeting so much that I must tell you about it. I am a native of Hungary, and was a subject of the Austrian Emperor when I emigrated to America, and I speak the German language, but you could not find any foreign publications in my house. I agree with everything you say about the foreign publications, but what about the foreign schools? Ignorant parents never know what harm they do to their children when they have them taught by foreign teachers. There are foreign colonies in the U. S. which get their teachers from abroad. Do you think these children can make good citizens of the U. S. A. after being under the influence of foreign teachers? I know the feeling of foreigners better than most people, and I know just about how much Americanism is in most of them. I would like to introduce a law that would compel every foreigner who lands here to take out his first papers immediately and the sooner he got his second papers the better. Most of these foreigners come to this country to earn enough money to build up their homes in the old country, that is, they want to use us like a good milk cow just as long as it suits their purpose. What little I know of the American language was picked up from constant reading of Americans. Frank Fueedy.

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SHALL omit the introductory talk which I and prepared for this issue because its had been been the feel important of foreign-born Prank Furedy with the pusilianimous carping of the native Americanism and uttering such unpatriotic sentiments and uttering and uttering such unpatriotic sentiments and uttering such unpatriotic sentiments and uttering and uttering such unpatriotic sentiments and uttering such unpatriot the masses. I doubt you now. I'm no pro-German, I'm no spy. I'm just a working man thirty-three years.

Thank you John, Joe, or Jim, whichever it may be, for your ferocious and highly amusing letter. I regret I could not print all your hymn of hate, as it is too bad to deprive our readers of a good laugh. I'm just as anxious to have a really democratic world in which every human being can have an opportunity to develop the very best that is in him, as you are, Joe. The difference between us is this: I know how to get the world we both want, and you don't. You want to shoot up society and wreek civilization through a reign of terror and anarchy, like the I. W. W. are attempting here and the Bolsheviki have done in Russia. I want to use the ballot and not the bullet. Like all of those who have been fooled by the Kaiserized radical press, and in spite of the fact that you say you are not pro-German, you are working for Germany and you are doing your level best, consciously or unconsciously, to compass the death at the hands of Germany of those two nephews of yours who wear the uniform of the U. S. A., and also you are doing your level best to enslave the masses of Germany, and the masses, too, including the Socialists, of France, Italy and England, and aiding, too, in the subjugation of your own native land by the bloodthirsty Hun, and the destruction of that socialism of which you profess to think so much of, but which in your hands is nothing but the most rabid and narrow class hatred. The biggest half of the working class in Germany is hypnotized by the Kaiser. They worship him and are ready to conquer the world and murder humanity when he gives the word—and he has given it. If you are waiting for a revolution in Germany you will wait for a million years. When Germany is deferted in the field and she finds the Hohenzollerns are not the invincible conquerors she thought they were then there may be a revolution. A few German soldiers with machine guns can soon settle any half baked revolution that is started in G

Often more depends on her and her care and judgment in bringing our boys back to health than upon the doctors themselves. They must have women who have been through the hard grind of three years in our big hospitals, women who can attend operations, sterilized and germless, and who know every organ of the body and how it functions, and every symptom of disease and how it should be treated; women who know all about drugs and how they should be administered and the effects they will have. All the girls in the United States want to become nurses or movie actresses. The former ambition does credit to their hearts but not to their heads. To be anything worth while in this world one must train and study. All of you, of course, would expect your twenty-five dollars a week and all you could give in return would be to stand by a sick bed and say: "Poor dear, let me kiss him for his mother." Now go to your nearest hospital, where they will probably have a training school, go through three years of hard work and denial and let the home folks supply you with the few dollars you will need to keep you in shoe leather during your training. The cost of drugs and running a hospital is enormous, so that few hospitals could afford to pay more. Probably, under the stress of war training, pay will be in creased and the three years cut down to two and a half, but physicians don't want to lower the high standard of the nursing profession, and it should not be lowered. People always want something for nothing, but it can't be got in the nursing or any other profession. You can begin training at eighteen years of age at most hospitals.

BRANTWOOD, WIS

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I send you my little poem on the New Year:

The New Year now is here, the brightest day of all the year.

With bright smiling faces the morning was so bright, And the evening was light for the moon was shining all through the night,

The New Year's bells rang out the song, and the children played around the hall,

The New Year's gifts were all so gay, which the New Year brought along on Happy New Year's Day, Your niece,

FANNY AHO.

Fanny, I thank you for your New Year poem. Glad to know there was one bright spot in the U. S. on New Year's day. Probably this hilarity was due to the fact that the Kaiser's friends, Messrs. Berger and La Follette have but few folowers and sympathizers in your neighborhood. Just how doleful it was in this vicinity and the rest of the U. S. A. is set forth in my rhyme.

oh, New Year's Day, oh, New Year's Day,
The poets have sung that you're O. K.
And Fanny Aho of Brantwood, Wis.,
Thinks you're a peach in the New Year's biz.
But with all the earth in a blanket of snow,
And brother in France a-chasing the Hun,
And brother in France a-chasing the Hun,
And coal three hundred dollars a ton.
Oh, New Year's Day some kid you may be,
But you can't make a hit with the likes of me.
For Sis has pneumony and l'op has the grip
And Grandma's mose is froze at the tip.
And the cat and the dog have their tails frost bit,
And the hired man's crawled in the stove and quit.
And the cold has frozen the rooster so,
His neck must be thawed before he can crow.
When it's Fourth of July and we've prickly heat,
New Year's songs perhaps may sound sweet.
But with coal and wood at its present high
price—gee,
Dom't hand out this New Year's dope to me.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

You are certainly very patriotic, and in regard to the Kaiser I hate him just as bad as you do. Some of the women folks here have organized a Red Cross-Society, and meet every Thursday at a large hall and make clothing for the soldiers. My mother is greatly interested in the Red Cross work, but why shouldn't she be? She has eight sons and all but two large and old enough to serve their country. I think now our country is in the war we should think of what we can do to help her win it instead of our own pleasures. This summer I am going to stay close at home and try and help Uncle Sam, who has been so good to us. Father always says, "As you plant a tree, so it will grow." If people are jaught to save when they are young and small Uncle Sam wouldn't have to tell them to save, and Mr. Hoover wouldn't have such a task. Uncle Charlie I wish I could hand you a slice of our war bread. It is half flour and half outmeal. Now maybe you think it isn't good! I will close hoping to see my letter in print. Your loving niece, DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

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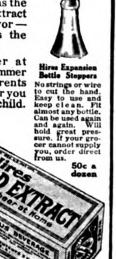
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pulling together have acted independently and without concerted action; and thanks to Russian treason and Bolshevik depravity; and thanks to Germany's ability to overwhelm small nations, she has the best of the deal at present, and the subjects of a victorious monarch seldom if ever dethrone him, for nothing succeeds like success, no matter how dearly that success is bought. Our enemy is powerful and utterly reckless and merciless, for the Kaiser knows if he loses this war he and his aristocratic loafers will go forever and the people will rule, and they would rather plunge the world into hell than lose their soft jobs of exploiting the masses. I am glad you are living a Christian life for it is the only life. You can plan all the social improvements you like, plan for heaven on earth, but if Germany wins this war all Christian effort will be unavailing. Christians must work and fight and, if need be, die in this war for the preservation of Christian ideals.



BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

Caring for the Youngsters

HE coming year's success depends largely on the number of chicks which can be carried through from hatching time to the eighth week in vigorous health. It is the chick that grows in frame and vitality during these first weeks that makes the heavy layer and the plump table bird later in life. It is estimated that not seventy-five per cent of the chickens hatched on the general farm live to be four weeks old, even when hens are being used to do the incubating and brooding, and not more than fifty per cent when incubators and brooders are being used, and it is due solely to the want of knowledge on the part of the person who has them in charge. Given a hundred chicks from ergs laid by healthy birds and hatched in an incubator which has been properly operated, the losses should not exceed five per cent.

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It must be understood that the first two weeks are the really critical time in a chick's life. If they get stunted or upset during that time, no amount of care afterwards can counteract the damage done to their constitutions. Of course, the first consideration in caring for incubator chickens is the brooder. The continuous house, heated by hot water pipes and divided into small runs with a hover in each, is the one employed by large poultry plants, and is undoubtedly the best, but such a brooder house is expensive to erect, and not practical for a small poultry keeper. Next comes the outdoor colony brooder with two compartments, in one of which is a hover heated by a lamp. The outer, or exercise compartment, is warned only by the air from the hover compartment, and so of course is much cooler than the hover compartment, the coldest weather. Such brooders are complete in themselves, being thoroughly storm proof, and can be placed in any convenient sheltered place. They cost from nine to fifteen dollars.

Next in order comes what is

The special strip descrees, which is the right temperature for little chicks to play in. Keep the floor four or five theires with weighting from the hay mow, or finely chopped from the hay may have a state of the hay mow, or finely chopped from the hay may have a state of the hay mow, or finely chopped from the hay may have a state of the hay have a state of the hay have a state of the hay have a st

first two weeks of life as a chicken, and for this reason chicks require an abundance of easily digested, mutritious food, and to keep the digestive system in proper working order, it must be supplied in small quantities very frequently.

After the fourth day, never leave mash before them more than fifteen minutes at a time, and don't make more than is needed for one day at a time, or it may sour and cause trouble; besides which, if it is left before them all the time, they will have no inducement to scratch and hunt for the chick feed.

From the fourth to the eighth week, we keep a dry mash before them all the time in self-feeding hoppers, for they will not eat this as greedily as they do the soft mash. Give them all the fresh green stuff they will eat at noon. Young alfalfa and clover leaves are good. If you have neither, use the green sprouts of oats.

The dry mash is the same as that used at the New Jersey Experiment station, and is composed of the following grains:

Wheat bran, 50 pounds; gluten feed, 10 pounds; corn meal, 10 pounds; ground oats, 10 pounds; meat scraps, 10 pounds; dry ground bong, 10 pounds.

The Great Value of Skim Milk

I wish to call special attention to the value of sour skim milk in baby chick feeding. Sour milk is very palatable; it also contains much food value in its casein, which is a form of protein or nitrogen. The greatest benefit, however, lies in its disinfecting qualities. The lactic acid present kills and prevents the multiplication of intestinal bacteria. White diarrhea is one of the most dangerous of these forms. In order to get the greatest benefit from sour skim milk it should be given the youngsters from the very first day, being given in a closed vacuum fountain, so that the chicks cannot get their feathers soiled with it. It should be changed daily and the vessel kept perfectly clean. Experiments conducted at the Connecticut Experiment Station have proven its great value. Experiments conducted at the New Jersey Station show that where sour milk is used as mentioned, the percentage of mortality was very materially reduced over pens that did not receive it. Also the skim milk chicks made a gain in weight of over 28 per cent more than those receiving no milk. Since these conclusive tests, it is needless to say that we are feeding skim milk (sour) to all of our young chicks during the brooding period with the greatest success.



before them, and, to teach them how to feed, pick up one or two and dip their bills into the like if a few commence noulk. He few commence noulk, like the water that is given to chickens, must be in dishes that are partly covered to prevent them getting into it. For the sour milk, we use small fruit saucers, with a strip of board put across the top, so did to the dish. At the end of half an hour, the milk is taken away, and two hours later they have their first real food, which consists of stale hread witch has been diried in the cup of this is mixed with two eggs which have been holied hard, coled, and chopped, shell and all. About one third of the mixture is poured along a narrow bond and given to fir hour; it is removed. The following day, sour milk and the above mash is alternated at intervals of two hours. After that, the sour milk is taken and the bove mash is alternated at intervals of two hours. After that, the sour milk is the beave mash is alternated at intervals of two hours. After that, the sour milk and the above mash is alternated at intervals of two hours. After that, the sour milk is taken all the time, the mash is all the condition of the coup of this is mixed with the condition of the coup of the mixed provided and the source of the mixed provided and the source of the mixed provided and the source of the coup of the mixed provided and the source of the s

condition is prevalent in your neighborhood, and possibly springs from purely local conditions.

D. R.—Please read answer to M. S.

M. W.-Please read answer to H. H.

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M. F.—Yes, you can spread fresh lime over the
ground, then have it plowed and seeded to rye, oats,
or some quick-growing crop. It will help a great deal
if you move brood coops to fresh ground, and keep
the chicks away from the old runs till they are three
months old, for usually birds over that age can withstand gapeworm, as they have the strength to cough
vigorously and so dislodge and eject the intruder from
the windpipe before it has had opportunity to weaken
the bird or affect its health.

M. C.—Nealy, all inculners firms have bygrounders

M. C.—Nearly all incubator firms have hygrometers for sale, and as they are made by a firm that manufactures thermometers, any drug store should be able to get you one. The price is about \$1.50.

J. C. G.—It is always rather dangerous to feed bone and beef intermittently. Better use a little every day; then there is no danger of its affecting the bowels. Most likely the looseness was caused by the change of food when the birds were given free range. A little middlings mixed with bran will check any ordinary looseness of the bowels.

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Note.—I do not like to take the responsibility of recommending breeders in this column, so I advise my correspondents who have asked for information about geese to write to the Waterfowl Club of America, W. P. Maston, Secretary, Pleasant Valley, New York, enclosing self-addressed envelope and stamp for reply.

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we worry when we are scattering the seeds in early spring.
We worry when the summer days are here.
Ye worry when we wonder what the harvest time will bring,
We worry in the winter every year.

We worry in the mornings when the light begins to dawn,
We worry when we sow and when we reap.
We worry when we are awake
And when we are asleep.



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Mrs. Bunnell.—I have several dear friends in your home town, and in surrounding towns, so your letter was a reminder of many pleasant days spent in Connecticut. Maybe, sometime, I'll call and see you—if you'd like to have me.—Ed.

LISBON, R. R. 6, OHIO.

MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I enjoy Comfort from cover to cover, especially the sisters' letters, which are so helpful.

I am a widow with four girls, my oldest is married and the other three are fourteen, eleven and nine years old. I work in the copper mill and get \$1.50 a day. It is hard to make it go around especially with the 'heatless Mondays' we have had.

I was reading today how hard it was for the farm-

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SAVE ALL YOUR CHICKS

E. J. Reefer, poultry expert of 204 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free a new book which tells of a simple home solution that raises 98 per cent. of all chicks hatched and cures white diarrhoes over night. All poultry raisers should write for this valuable free book.

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ers' wives in the Kansas wheat belt to get help dur-ing harvesting and I thought how many of us women would enjoy such work if we could have our children along with us.

All the mothers, in every country, have my heart-felt sympathy during this trying time and every night I ask God to bless the boys in the trenches and in the camps.

would Mrs. J. A. Spinway like to write to some one that came from Sheffield, England? I was born in Manchester.

Wishing you all the success that can come your

Respectfully yours, ELIZABETH WAINWEIGHT.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I am a newcomer in your happy corner but an old reader. I have taken this paper since I was a young girl and I used to get subscribers.

I have come for advice. I was married when I was sixteen years old to a man of twenty-eight and he was almost a stranger to me. He came to visit his uncle, a neighbor of ours, and I met him in January and married him in March. I came away out here among strangers three hundred and seventy-five miles from home. We have been married nine years and I have been back home three times during that time on two weeks' visits. This coming summer we are going again but I want to stay three or four weeks instead of the usual two. There has always been a jangle and quarrel every time this has been mentioned and I have always given in to him. Now he says he will send me and stay home himself but I know he needs the vacation. What would the sisters do? Take him at his word and go, or would that be very selfish of me? I am so homesick and I don't enjoy the two weeks. All I do is wash and dress the children (we have three, and the oldest is seven), pack and unpack the suitcase and rush from one house to another. He goes to see only his uncle as he doesn't care much for or doesn't know any of my aunts and uncles very well. I want him to let me go out two weeks before he does and then he could come and get me but he won't do that. Now that is where I think he is selfash for he is cross now or he wouldn't offer to send me. He is afraid to let me go for fear I won't come back. I don't want to seem selfish but I do want to go. He always spoils my visits for I am always afraid I will do something or say something that will make him grouchy, and I don't want any of my folks to know how things are.

I am twenty-five years old, with brown curly hair and blue eyes and a light complexion.

I hope to get the opinion of the sisters.

Perplexed.—That's a very appropriate nom de plume and I suppose I could say it serves you right for marrying when you were so young and on such short acquaintance but I won't do that. Instead, I'll publish your letter and let the sisters help you.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

From my window the world looks dreary all snow covered, and it seems that the sun has refused to shine. I know that some of us have caught the gloom of just such a day and I wonder, has every day a sorrow, every heart a care? Surely, life is what we make it. We should never borrow trouble and, above all, lend it to another but on life's rough sea each day and hour, with loving deeds of mercy, unlock doors to peace and quiet, love tranquil and serene. Then what a good world it would be. We should cultivate a Christian-like pity, now almost dormant for the young life that has been broken by sin. The life thus saved might save another from the same snare. If we would oftener breathe the breath of forgiveness and thank God that he has placed in us a heart that can freely forgive, then would most of our petty troubles take wing, leaving no sorrow to cause a sigh, but meekly we would bear our measure.

measure.

Here my thoughts wander back to the many good letters I have read in Composer, though I am simply disgusted with the John subject. Do you know that if my husband were ever so bad it would be far below my dignity to burden the good readers with his faults. Did not I alone choose him for better or for

faults. Did not I alone choose him for better or for worse?

I am a lover of life's school and of Nature and have derived much pleasure from both.

Some may fall to become acquainted with me in reading this rambling missive though that has been my unhappy lot—never understood.

If this finds space you may hear from me again, when the wild rose is spied, in all its youthful pride. Remember me as

Busy Little Mother.

BRADLEYVILLE, MO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

Will you please make room for a stranger to you although you do not seem as strangers to me.

I am twenty-one years old and have been married a year and a half to a good husband. My dear mother died when I was six years old and I was among strangers from that time until I was married, and it wasn't all pleasant either but now I am happy. If the sisters want to make some one happy I will tell them how to do it and at a cost of three cents. My father was minety-one years old the 22nd of March and while this is too late for cards for his birthday I would like for as many as care to, to send him cards. He is spry for his age and husked eighty shocks of corn last fall and put up the fodder just as good as if he were thirty years old instead of ninety, only it took him a little longer. He is healthy and gets around wonderfully. So if you want him to be happy, send him a card and put the name of your lown and state on it, also, of course, your own name. He will look the cards over and over. His address is Isaac Culp, Laurelville, Ohlo.

Now for a few helps. When hot weather comes and your husband's shirts get soiled quickly, have him change them oftener and put the dirty ones to soak, first rubbing a good naphtha soap on them. Let them soak over night and in the morning wash them out, using a stiff brush on the more soiled parts of cuffs and collar.

To save molasses, grease the cup in which it is

The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

· Something About Oil

OU have heard about "greasing the road to prosperity." Now let me tell you a few things about greasing "the road to beauty."

Most of us hayen't enough oil in our systems. Our skin wrinkles or shows tired lines easily, and that is because it is dry, not soft and pliable. Using cold cream as a daily ungent helps to ward off the wrinkles, but we should also seek to supply the necessary oil to the system, for the sake of our health as well as of our good looks.

A tablespoonful of olive oil taken internally, three times a day, will help immensely, and have, besides, a very beneficial effect on the eliminative functions, making the use of cathartics an infrequent necessity. This is, as well, an excellent way to gain flesh, because of course it is itself almost pure fat, and is taken into the system as fat.



BURNISHING THE FINGER-NAILS.

I have already advised you as to using oil for a dandruff shampoo, and I hope you are all following my advice, but I wonder how many of you have ever thought of using a drop of oil—yes, literally, just a drop—to give your fingernails a soft polish after manicuring. Put a drop in the palm of one hand, and doubling the fingers of the other hand, rub the nails back and forth on the oiled palm. Or apply the oil directly to the nails with a finger-tip, and use a pad of tissue paper to do the polishing.

When you are very, very tired indeed, and have been on your feet practically all day, try rubbing a little warm oil into the soles of your feet, gently massaging them. This not only soothes the feet, but relaxes nerve tension and has a most desirable restorative effect.

Another excellent way of using olive oil for relaxing purposes is to mix thoroughly one half cup of olive oil and one tablespoonful of lavender water, rubbing them into the entire skin of the body immediately after drying the skin following a hot bath. The hot skin will absorb the oil speedily, and there will be no greasiness left, but only a soft warm skin. Be sure your bath is hot, else the skin will be comparatively cool, and greasiness will result.

A bit of olive oil—or of sesame oil—can be used to the advantage of the eyebrows. If you have an eyebrow brush—something like a baby's toothbrush—drop the oil on it and brush the brows gently, also touching the edge of the eyelids, although the finger-tip is better for making the application of the oil to the eyelids than the brush.

So get out your olive oil bottle, members of the Pretty Girls' Club, and see what wonders it can perform for you!

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DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

I have known COMPORT for years and have always liked it. I want a seat by Contented Second Wife for I am just her age and have red hair too. My eyes are grey and I am only five feet, two and one half inches tall. I live near the Des Moines River and can see the wooded bluffs on either side.

I have a boy four years old and a little girl not quite a year old.

Mrs. V. M., try just as hard as you can to love your husband and perhaps in time love will come to you. I have heard that it would. Also you might make that trip of which you spoke. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, you know. Let us hear from you again.

soak over night and in the morning wash linem out, using a stiff brush on the more soiled parts of cuffs and collar.

To save molasses, grease the cup in which it is measured with butter or lard and the molasses will not stick to the cup.

When your lamp wicks are too wide, draw the threads from the center instead of from the sides and they will not ravel.

With success to you all,

Mrs. W. O. Waites.

Mrs. W. O. Waites.

at the back of each leg. This will hold your corset and prevent any sliding up. With garters properly fastened, you may now the your corsets. The first across the small of the back, drawing the strings firmly, knotting, and tucking knots and ends under the corset. Now draw up the strings at waistline, and the again. Never let the top of the corset be pulled together—there should be looseness there, but the waist should be firm and all below the waist firm. When you are ready to undress, untle the corset in the back, both places, and loosen laces before unhooking front or garters. Do this each time you put on or take off a corset and you will find those "large hips too low down" a thing of the past, I am sure. In the meantime, as an extra precaution, it would not be a bad idea for you to practice the various abdominal exercises I have given in Comfort recently. Now about the fuzz on your cheek. I should not use electrolysis for this. As a matter of fact, we all attach too much importance to "fuzz" on our own cheeks. If you want to know whether that is true or not, stop to realize how little you notice fuzz on anybody else. Start right in noticing your friends, for a week, and you will find nine out of ten have exactly the same condition, yet you have never realized it. Poets even talk about the "lovely peach down" on a woman's cheeks. However, if that doesn't console you, don't use electrolysis anyway, because where there is as close a growth as down, you are sure to stimulate other hair roots while you take out some, and soon you would be apt to have a real growth, not a down. Why not bleach the growth with peroxide, and try to kill it with ammonia? It is a long process, but the bleaching begins almost at once. Now about the toenalis, which are brittle and thick. Toenalis are often rendered thick by too short toes, which press upon the nalls and retard their growth so they grow thick instead of long. Your shoes should be a size and a half longer than the measurement of the foot. All fashlonable shoe stores if t

Try this, and let me know again, after a month, how your nails are coming on.

ELSIE.—The reason your head aches after reading or sewing may be from your eyes, or it may be from the fact that you are not strong, and indeed the weakness of your eyes may come from that, too. The thing for you to do is to build yourself up. You ought to weigh over a hundred pounds instead of only fifty! So let's see what to do. Are you where you can get lots of milk to drink? If you can drink it—a couple of quarts a day. But I have a suspicion that you can't get milk in such quantities, so if you can't we must use something else, mustn't we? You can get potatoes, I am sure, so eat plenty of those, but never fried potatoes. Yours should be baked or boiled, and eaten the moment they are done. And you should eat lots of oatmeal, and rice and other ecreals, with cream and sugar if you can get plenty of cream. Nothing is quite so good to make you fat and well. And you should eat lots of bread and butter, and fruits and vegetables. For breakfast, eat some fruit, a baked apple or some stewed prunes, or an orange, or a baked



PHILADELPHIA. MISS.

DEAR SISTERS:

I wish to tell sufferers from asthma how I found relief from that disease. I suffered for seven or eight years and at times would almost die. Two years ago I had a very bad attack and I began taking castor oil. At first I took nearly a bottleful a day but decreased the amount as I grew better. I seldom have an attack now but when I do I take castor oil. I believe it saved my life and I want every sufferer to know of this remedy.

Long live Comport,

MES. EMMA HARDY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

May I join your happy circle for a little chat? I am five feet, three inches tall, weigh one hundred and fifty-five pounds and am twenty-two years old. I have dark brown hair and eyes and wear glasses. I am housekeeper for a widower with two children, a boy of eight and a girl of six. They go to school. I have been here two years and like very much. Before I came here I cooked in a hotel in the Feather River canyon. I was there a little over two years. I have been working ever since I was thirteen years.



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old. I had to leave school and begin work then so I could help my widowed mother and baby sister. I am sending a little sketch on how to preserve a husband that I copied from another paper.

I will close with love to the sisters.

How to Preserve a Husband

"Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young. When once selected, give your entire thoughts to preparation for domestic use. Some insist upon keeping them in a pickle, others are constantly getting them into hot water. This may make them sour, hard and sometimes bitter; even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses. Wrap them in a mantle of charity. Keep warm with steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with peaches and cream. Thus prepared they will keep for years."

with peaches and cream. Thus prepared they will keep for years."

Dear Editor and Sisters:

I always felt interested in the Sisters Corner and thought I should write "sometime" (which is no time—as you know—) and air my views on several of the interesting subjects under discussion but never felt impelled to write until now.

In the October number I read a letter which was right in my "line of business"—for I intend within a few months to become a student in an evangelist training school—therefore my business is "my Father's business." The letter which impels my writing is that of our sister Mrs. Dolly I. Hull, whom I believe to be a person of sterling character, "abounding in good works."

I know this corner is no place to discuss religious doctrines, but do all of you know the difference in the meanings of the words doctrine and creaf! Truly, this is not the place to discuss different doctrines, but do you know that the dear Mrs. Johnson who wrote us that lovely letter some time ago, describing her little ones' Christmas (and by some statements therein letting us know she was a Roman Catholic), and the dear Etta Baker whose letter published recently in Comport informs us she is a Baptist S. S. teacher,—do you know they both believe the same creed, word for word, that is, the Apostles' Creed? Yes, Dolly I. Hull, the Bible is centuries old, and the civilization you enjoy today is the result of the laws spoken by our Creator amid thunderings and lightnings on Mount Sinal, given centuries ago to the Israelites, His "peculiar people." If you do not believe this, compare Blackstone with the Mosaic law; you will find them essentially the same (although perhaps at rare intervals you may find a law which is a trifle modified by some Caesaric thought).

The Bible is the Word of God,—from the first of Genesis to the end of Revelation. It is in no place "vulgar" (by which word I presume you mean the stronger word obscene, you may be very sure it would be found upon the persons of criminals and in the brothels,—places wher

will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able.

The title of the poem you sent in is very true—"Not Much of a Creed"—and that is what the lost, Satanblinded soul therein depicted would learn when it was too late, for as St. Paul says.—"We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." (Romans 14:10)
Yet all sincere Christians do righteously; their noble deeds and wouderful sacrifices would so far outshine those of the poor Christless man of that poem that his good deeds in comparison with theirs would be as sand-grains beside mountains for good works follow salvation as the "fruits of salvation." Still we are "saved by grace through faith" and in nowise by character through works. Scripture says that all our righteousness is as "filthy rags" therefore we cannot be self-saved but must be Christ-saved.

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Home Dressmaking Hints

Forecasts for Early Summer Fashions



to bespeak comfort and may be worn with comfort on many occasions. The new slip-on blouses in satin, jersey cloth, gingham, crepe and voile are very attrac-tive for wear with plain or plaited skirts of the same or contrasting material.

One-piece dresses are popular as ever and the new sleeveless coats are just the thing to set off a pretty frock. If you have a new linen or satin coat suit, you may want a pretty vest or waistcoat to wear with it.

Pattern Descriptions ALL PATTERNS 12c. EACH Unless Other Price Is Stated.

1266.—Set of Baby's One-Piece Long Clothes with Front Closing. Cambric, longcloth, nainsook or lawn may be used for the slip, and flannel or flannelette for barra coat, wrapper and sack. It will require for sack, three fourths yard of 27-inch material; for slip, two and one fourth yards of 36-inch material; for wrapper, two and three fourths yards of 27-inch material; for barra coat, one and one eighth yard of 40-inch material.

coat, one and one eighth yard of 40-inch material.

1295.—A Simple Set of Underwear for Girls; Drawers, Petticoat and Under Waist. Cambric, muslin, nainsook, longcloth or crepe may be used for the drawers and petticoat, lawn is also nice for the petticoat. The pattern includes all styles illustrated.

Cut in six sizes; two, four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. The drawers require one and one half yard of 36-inch material, the petticoat requires two yards, and the underwaist one and one eighth yard for a 10-year size.

2056.—A Becoming Dress for the Growing Girl. This design is fine for crepe, foulard, chiffon cloth, wash silk, challie, lawn, batiste and other soft fabrics.

Cut in five sizes; six, eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. It requires three and three fourths yards of 44-inch material for a 12-year size.

2059.—A Charming Negligee. This model is fine for soft crepes, lawns and organdies. It is also nice for challie, silk, batiste and voile.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32 and 34; medium, 36 and 38; large, 40 and 42, and extra large, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. The medium size will require six and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2061 Blouse; 2063 Skirt.—A Charming Sports

will require six and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2061 Blouse; 2063 Skirt.—A Charming Sports or Beach Costume. Blouse and skirt may be worn separately. The blouse is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires three yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

The skirt has seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. It requires three and seven eighths yards of flouncing or bordered material 48 inches wide, or four and one half yards of 54-inch material for a 24-inch size. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

size. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

2094.—Some Attractive Collars and a Smart Pair of Cuffs. One can develop these styles in any of the pretty materials of the season.

Pattern includes all styles illustrated and is cut in three sizes; small, medium and large. No. 1 will require one half yard; No. 2 collar, five eighths yard; cuff No. 2, three eighths yard, and collar No. 3, five eighths yard of 27-inch material for a small size.

2115.—A Splendid "Cover-All" Style. The pattern is nice for chambray, gingham, linen, drill, percale, alpaca, jean or sateen.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require five and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

2122.—Ladies' One-Piece Dress. The tucks could be omitted. The sleeve is quaint in wrist length with the ruffled edge and smart in its bell shape.

Cut in six sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44

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Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires eight yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

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The Girl He Loved (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4.)

"I wish I'd died for him," she said, with a strange involuntary turning to the man who a moment ago had judged her. And Houghton believed her.

In the silence he shivered, for the chill of death, as well as morning, was in the great room. He had had a hard night's work and no sleep, but he could not go and leave Lady Levallion. Any chance comer might hear her say something senseless, might retail it at the inquest.

"Why did you bring him here?" she cried suddenly. "This awful room—he was alive here only a little while ago."

"It seemed best." The man could not say that one reason was lest he should disturb her by taking Levallion to his own room, so that she came in and saw him before he was made ready for his coffin; the other, that here the jury would more easily view the body. He thanked God she had not got here before he carried Levallion back from that bare table in the justice-room, that she had no thought of what had been done there.

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"You must come with me," he said, and for the first time she looked at him.

"You care!" she said sharply. "Oh, I thought there was no one who cared but me—and Tommy! And I never cared till tonight. God knows I'd sell my soul to have him back—even to know what he would like me to do."

"Tell the truth!" said Houghton involuntarily, and saw freezing terror in her eyes for the second time that night.

Her answer was absent, curious.

"I've nothing to tell. In my inmost soul I believe, I will believe, I've nothing to tell. Oh, if I'd only made you happy, perhaps—"

"Look at his face," said Houghton simply.

But she barely heard him.

Once more she drew to her breast—now that it was too late for the man who had longed for her love to feel it—the face she had never held there in life. With anguish she kissed the shut eyes—for there are two kinds of love in a woman's heart, and if she had given one utterly to Adrian Gordon, it was the other, that is best and highest, that was Levallion's now. If she cared this hour whether Adrian Gordon lived or died it was not for his own sake so much as "Good by," she whispered. "I'll never see you again. You were too good for a little fool like"

Levallion's. "Good by," she whispered. "I'll never see you again. You were too good for a little fool like me. And if I've brought you here, I'll pay for it." She took no more heed of Houghton than if he had been a stick or a stone, as she let him follow her to where Celeste waited in the hall. But though Doctor Houghton went to bed, the thoughts in his mind kept the sleep he needed away.

CHAPTER XXVI.

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"The last jury on earth he would have wanted!"

Doctor Houghton looked at the country neighbors whom the very irony of fate had assuredly brought together as jurors at the inquest on the death of Lord Levallion. He had systematically neglected or despised them all, and there was not a man among them who really wondered at the tragic ending of a man who had been so notoriously unpopular. Since not one of them owed either benefit or injury to Levallion they should give a strictly impartial verdict, Houghton thought, as he was sworn; yet it struck a curious anger in him when, as they viewed the body, not one of them had said "poor Lady Levallion;" and he realized that the whole county thought her a victim to a loveless marriage.

He was apparently the first witness; and, stripped of its technicalities, the gist of his evidence was that the late Lord Levallion had certainly been poisoned with some form of prussic acid in the liqueur he drank. The post-morten left no doubt of anything but the precise form in which the poison had been administered. "Some one, any one, might have been in his dressing-room, during the evening," he finished slowly. "I found this in the door, caught in the lock," producing his little rag of tweed, "but I am afraid it is no clue; for the stuff is familiar to me, and was very likely a suit of Levallion's own, which he might have worn that afternoon. Any thought of suicide is out of the question!" sharply, as a juror murmured something. "Lord Levallion was the last man to do such a thing. He was a man of very superior intellect, and was, of late, supremely happy."

He did not notice that a girl was sitting in a dark corner behind him as he stepped down from the witness-stand, and stood where the face of each fresh witness would be clearly seen. For the servants were called in, and one by one dismissed as useless.

All of them had been sitting in the servants' hall, when Sir Thomas Annesley's dog had come through there as if it were mad, and run all roun

the meeting, yet she gracefully returned his salutation.

"I am surprised to find you ladies in this vicinity. I presume, however, that you are 'upon deeds of mercy intent,' since nothing else could have tempted you hither," the duke replied, as he assisted Miss Therwin to her seat and covered her with the robe.

"If we were only in America, I should call you a Yankee for your shrewdness. I suppose, out of politeness, we shall be obliged to impute the same intention to you, since it is vain to suppose that Algeria street can have any more attractions for you than for us," laughed Miss Therwin, brightly, and giving him at the same tinse a wicked look, which Sibyl did not see.

"I should say that there was considerable attraction in Algeria street just at this moment," he replied, gallantly, "but I only came this way to cut off a considerable distance on my way to the clubrooms in Maxwell street."

"Maxwell street? Ah! we shall pass that way, my lord; have a seat with us and bear us company,"—saying which Miss Therwin removed her reticule from the opposite cushions to make room

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reticule from the opposite cushions to make room for him.

"If I shall not intrude, it would give me pleasure," he returned, with a quick glance at Sibyl; but she was busied with the fastening of her glove and did not perceive it, consequently was spared the necessity of a reply.

"Certainly you will not intrude, and there is an abundance of room, as you will perceive," answered Ada, and while his lordship was arranging the robes comfortably about him, she gave some directions to the footman in a low tone, and in another moment they were flying with the swiftness of the wind over the smoothly trodden snow.

trodden snow.

The duke was master of the art of making him-The duke was master of the art of making himself agreeable, and, although Sibyl was somewhat quiet and reticent at first, it was not long before he had broken the spell, and both he and Miss Therwin grew exultant, as her clear laugh rang out sweet as a silver bell on the pure air. So animated and entertaining did he make himself, that she forgot that they were to leave him at Maxwell street, and she was not aware how time was slipping by, nor where they were going, until she had found they were about to cross the bridge in Maxwelltown, and heard the clock on a neighboring tower strike "one."

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"Why, Ada!" she cried, with a startled look, "where are you going?"

"Only for a little ride, dear," was the quiet response, as if she were innocent of any stratagem in the matter.

"But I ought to have returned immediately."

"Ought? Is not your time your own?" Miss Therwin asked, with half a sneer.

"I suppose I may do as I like, but I should have preferred to return directly." Sibyl answered, quietly, but in a way that told both her companions that it would not be safe to assume too much in their dealings with her.

"The day was so fine and the slelghing so good that I could not resist the temptation to extend our trip a little. I knew that the duke did not care particularly about his club, and I supposed you were entirely at liberty. I am sorry, however, if I have interfered with any previous arrangement," Ada replied, with every aptearance of regret, and Sibyl never mistrusted "at both the ride and the meeting with the Duc d'Aubigne had been planned the night previous in order to throw him into her society.

Miss Therwin had agreed to assist him to become more intimately acquainted with the fair girl—had, in fact, pledged herself to help him win her, that she might have the field clear to win Raymond Prescott for herself. She had told him of their proposed visit to the "poor woman," and planned that he should accost them as they were about leaving the place, and ride with them. It had been their intention to go over to Maxweltown, and stop for a lunch there, and return. It had been their lintention to go over to Maxweltown, and stop for a lunch there and return. The dear manner was so decided, though she said, with a sunle, in reply to Ada's regrets: "I am afraid that it will interfere with a not very-well-learned German lesson which I have to recite at two," that Ada dared not pers

A week passed, and Sibyl visited Mrs. Stillman every day.

The woman appeared to be worse after a day or two, and was confined to her bed, and, out of her deep sympathy for her, Sibyl often stayed with her much longer than she ought or intended. She strove to persuade her to allow her to procure a nurse to take care of her, but this the woman gently, though firmly, refused.

She preferred, she said, not to have a stranger around her. She was often so sorrowful and unhappy that she did not wish any one to witness her grief, and all the young girl's entreaties were of no avail in that direction.

She desired also to bring Sir Athelstone to prescribe for her, but this proposition appeared to startle and excite her so much that Sibyl did not mention it a second time.

She had not spoken of her children again after that first visit, and seemed disinclined to talk hunch about herself but she was very grateful for the kindness and attention which Sibyl bestowed upon her, while the young girl became more and more interested in her every day.

Often when she was reading, Sibyl would glance up to find the work and there were sixed upon her with

Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5.)

So much, and others so little or nothing at all.

My is it, I wonder? Sibyl said, with a sigh, as she stepped again into the sleigh, and pulled the coative robe about the the sleigh, and pulled the coative robe about the the sleigh, and pulled the coative robe about the robe with a sigh, and robe about the robe and the special points of the special points.

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women in the occupied sections of enemy countries, the German government panders to and
methodically provides the means for beastly imwormality by gathering thousands of innocent girls
from Belgium, northern France and other conquered territory and herding them in so-called
"recreation camps," where they are forced to
serve as "white slaves" of German soldiers on
furlough or rest leave.

This regiment of Russian women is rightly
named the "Legion of Death," for with them
it is victory or death—in battle or by suicide.

They never surrender, never are taken alive.

It was not because Russia was running short
of men—Russia had more men than she could
arm and equip—that these heroic women volunteered for military service. Russia's immense army was becoming demoralized through German
intrigue and bribery, aided by the seditious propaganda of Russian Socialists and traitors. A muthous spirit pervaded the ranks, desertions were
common and frequent, entire divisions refused to
tight or deserted in battle, leaving their loyal
comrades to be mercilessly cut down or routed
by the enemy. It was for the sublime purpose
of restoring the morale of the army and awakening in the men a sense of honor and patriotism
that these devoted women, many of them ladies
of weath, culture, and even of noble birth, left
their comfortable homes to train and fight as
soldiers.

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what has become of the "Legion of Death" is not reported, but undoubtedly the surviving remant of this body of patriotic women warriors, if it has escaped the vengeance of the Both Penthesiles, queen of the Anazons, some twenty five centuries ago, led her band of valiant lady knights to join the Greeks in the seige of Troy, the annais of history contains the work of the exploits of female warriors.

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The work of the military forces. They were armed with maskets and bows and arrows, and occupied positions of distinction in battle. To harden them to the pains of war, breastworks of acaris tranches and other thorny brush were erected in the training camps, and the soldier ladies are captured large and without protection. Bleeding and wounded feet were the least consequences of this form of training. Since 1894 this negro kingdom has belonged to the French, who have discouraged tep and without protection. Bleeding and wounded feet were the least consequences of this form of training. Since 1894 this negro kingdom has belonged to the French, who have discouraged tep and without protection. Bleeding and wounded feet were the least consequences of this form of the cipht century an army of women waged and without protection. Bleeding and wounded feet were the least consequences of this form of the participation of women in Dahomey warfare.

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In a railway accident!
Oh, Heaven! could she ever hear to hear the rest?

But hear it she must. There could be no rest peace or quietness after this for her, until e knew the whole fatal story. She laid her hand upon the woman's arm to

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"Where?" the white lips formed the word, but no sound came from them.

"On the eastern coast of England, between Scarborough and Bridlington."

"Do you know that she was killed—did you see her after the accident?"

Very deliberately now the words came; very calmly, at least to all outward appearance, the young girl spoke, but the anguished eyes had become like glowing coals of fire.

"No, no, I never saw her after the first shock!" the woman answered, in wondering, awe struck tones. "I was injured and sick for a long time from nervous prostration, and when at last I was able to know about it, they told me that there were several children among the killed, whe (CONTINUED ON PAGE 34.)

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Cubby Bear and the Frog Concert By Lena B. Ellingwood

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DON'T quite know what I shall wear," said Minnie Mink anxiously. "It's such a dressy affair!" "Why, I think your brown dress is pretty," Cubby Bear told her, "so smooth and glossy! And anyway," he went on, doubtfully, "you couldn't change it, could you?"

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"I think I'll borrow Furry Otter's blue beads that Santa Claus gave her," went on Minnie, not heeding Cubby Bear's question. "She will be willing, for she told me she should not go. Then I have my new spring hat, trimmed with pussy willows, and a beautiful fan made from wing feathers, which Edric Eagle gave to my grandmother long ago."

They were talking of the frog concert which was given every spring at the edge of Concert Creek, down by the river. It was a long way to go, but many of the little forest people were invited this year, and Shinyblack Crow, who knew the way quite well, was going with them. Shinyblack Crow had brought the invitations from Gruffy Grump, the manager. Froggie Franz was to be the chief singer.

"I cannot go," said Bunny Rabbit sadly. "We would be out very late, and my Baby Bunnies would get too tired. They would be cross next day, and perhaps sick. I must stay at home with them."

"Bring them to me, and I will take care of them." offered Mamma Bruin kindly. "I have

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"Bring them to me, and I will take care of them," offered Mamma Bruin kindly. "I have been to Froggie Franz's concerts before, and do not care to go this time."

They started early, Cubby Bear, Bunny Rabbit, Betty Badger, Minnie Mink, Chirpy Chipmunk, Wollie Woodchuck, Squilly Porcupine, Racky Coon, and Tillie Turtle, all dressed in their best, and all eager and happy. Shinyblack Crow and Billy Bluejay flew above them, but Brownie Whippoorwill, who was shy about being seen in daylight, was coming after dark.

"I can fly quickly," said Brownie, "and will be there in time to hear part of the concert. I will come home with the rest of you."

"I feel so mortified," whispered Bunny Rabbit to Cubby Bear, as they walked along. "I was curling my whiskers, but got the iron too hot, and burned some of them off. Does it show very badly?"

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and burned some of them on. Does it show very badly?"

"They look very nice on the right side," said Cubby, "and you can hold your handkerchief up to the left side when anyone is looking at you. They will soon grow again," he added comfortingly.

After going for some distance, they missed Tillie Turtle.

"Where can she be?" asked Minnie Mink.

"Oh, she is so slow!" said Betty Badger.
"Perhaps when we are on our way home, we shall meet her, still coming!"

They all laughed, but Cubby Bear said, "If we all had to carry our houses on our backs, we might be as slow as Tillie. It is too bad for us to leave her. I will go back and find her."

"No, Cubby Bear! If you do, you will hear no concert tonight! Come with us," urged Squilly Porcupine.



ON THE LARGE LILY PADS THE FROGS GATHERED TO GIVE THEIR FROG CONCERT.

Porcupine.
But Cubby Bear went back, and found poor Fillie, creeping slowly along.
"I ought to have started earlier," she said.
"You must not wait for me, Cubby Bear, but it was good of you to come back."
"I can carry you quite easily," said Cubby.
"Now cling tight, and do not fall. We shall soon overtake the rest."
When they came to the creek, many others

bank of the creek, and had not long to walt before the concert began.
In the creek, many large pads of the yellow lily were growing, and on these the frogs gathered, to give their concert—dozens of frogs, all dressed in their green suits, with white vests. Froggie Franz stood apart from the rest, having a whole lily pad to himself, and seemed not to notice the others at all, looking high above their This is our delight! This is our delight!

Happy are we, singing Gr-ump-te ump,

when a stone, thrown from a high bank across the creek, splashed into the water.

Every frog disappeared under the lily pads, and the audience scampered away from the bank as the water splashed around them.

"Whoo—whoo—whoo dared do such a thing?" demanded Mr. Wise Owl in his sternest voice.

"It was Foxy Reynard!" cried Robbie Reddie, who had flown quickly over.

"Oh, shame on him!"

Then Robbie, usually so gentle, gave Foxy a sharp peck on the nose, which was so unexpected that Foxy, standing near the edge of the bank, lost his balance and fell with a big, big splash, into the waters of the creek.

He swam away as fast as he could, confused and ashamed. Trying to spoil the concert had not been the fun he expected.

"He will not be back tonight," said Mr. Wise Owl. "It will be quite safe to go on with the concert."

So the audience settled themselves once more.

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So the audience settled themselves once more, and the frogs, one by one, hopped up on the llly pads, their evening suits and white vests looking all the fresher for the wetting they had had. "As our song was interrupted, we will commence it again," announced Gruffy Grump. "But I am sorry to say that Froggie Franz has had such a fright, he will not try to sing again, and has gone home to bed. I will do my best to take his place."

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Everyone cheered, and Gruffy Grump sang the four verses of the song, all the frogs joining in on the chorus, "Happy are we, singing gr-ump-te-ump."

gr-ump-te-ump."

At the close of the concert, Gruffy Grump said: "Now we have a pleasant surprise for you, through the kindness of our friend Cubby Bear."

Cubby Bear brought a basket from a clump of bushes where he had hidden it. He took off the cover, and there, brown and crisp and delicious and filling the basket to the brim, were some beautiful buns which Mamma Bruin had baked that day!

Cubby Bear passed them around, plenty for everyone there, and two left over to send to Froggie Franz.

"Three cheers for Cubby Bear!" called out

"Three cheers for Cubby Bear!" called out Gruffy Grump, "and may he come to our frog concert every spring!"
"'Rah! 'Rah!" shouted Tillie Turtle, waving her bonnet wildly.

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"Che-eerily-cheer-up!" trilled Robbie Reddie.
"Too-whit! Too-whoo!" called Mr. Wise Owl, and was joined with cries of "Caw! Caw-caw-caw!" "Hooray!" "Tweet, tweet!" "Here! here!" "Whip-whip-whip-poor-will!" "Gr-ump! gr-ump! ump! ump! tump! "Gr-ump!"

So the concert ended with cheers for Cubby Bear, and they all started happily for home, eating their buns on the way.

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BUILT THE MERRIMAC.—A noteworthy Virginian was Francis Glasgow, who died recently in his home at Richmond at the age of eighty-six and who for more than sixty years was manager of the Tradegar iron works.

His family was old in Virginia, planters for generations. He did not enlist in the Confederate service, being persuaded that his patriotic duty would be better performed in the maintenance of the works which were the most important sources of the iron supply of the Confederacy. In those works the Merrimac was outfitted, under military control, and, strange to say, the Federal army, though frequently raiding the region, never thoroughly destroyed the plant, and the blast furnaces were operated almost continuously through the war. e war. Ellen Glasgow, the novelist, is his daughter.

JUNE COMFORT

Although it is thirteen months since we entered the war by formal declaration, so little of the horrors of the conflict has come home to America that many of our people have not taken the situation with due seriousness until recently. But day by day, now, the stern reality is growing upon them as one privation or sacrifice after another is required of them, and with it they are awaking to a new spirit of determination and devotion.

June COMFORT will help its readers to meet these increasingly trying exactions effectively and perform their duty hopefully, cheerfully and with abiding faith. The following are a few of the

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The Government has engaged, for the use of the army, half of the entire output of all the canning factories the coming season. Therefore canned goods will be scarce and high priced, and it behooves every family to put up a liberal supply of home-canned foods. June COMFORT will explain various ways of canning and drying.

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A truly charming June romance in which Cupid's choice is guided by the Gipsy's prophetic warning. By Joseph F. Novak.

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The story of how and where it has been borne on to glory. Also tells the marks of respect with which it should be greeted.

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There are half a dozen things which the farmer must know in order to succeed in growing alfalfa. These are liming, inoculation, tillage, seeding, cutting and winter killing. Knowing how to do all of these, the farmer cannot fail. Not knowing how to do any one of the above properly may stand in the way of success.

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ALFALFA MUST HAVE LIME.—Alfalfa must have lime. If there isn't enough lime in the soil the farmer must put it there. Alfalfa will not grow on a sour soil. This is because the bacteria which are so necessary to a proper growth of alfalfa cannot live in a sour soil. The soil should be tested with litmus paper and if the moist soil turns blue litmus paper red, it is acid and must have lime—two to four tons per acre, depending on the sourness of the soil. For liming, ground lime stone is best. It can be applied with a manure spreader or a lime distributor to the surface of the soil after plowing. It should never be plowed under, but harrowed into the surface of the soil.

How to Inoculate for Alfalfa.—There are

never be plowed under, but harrowed into the surface of the soil.

How to Inoculate for Alfalfa.—There are several ways to inoculate the soil for alfalfa, but only one or two will be given here.

The nodules which grow on the roots of alfalfa contain germs, called bacteria, which take the nitrogen from the air and build it into the plant, making the soil rich and increasing at the same time the protein content of the plant. If these germs are not in the soil they must be put there. Putting these germs into the soil is called inoculation. One way is to get soil from an old alfalfa field and sprinkle it lightly over the land—or from a sweet clover patch by the roadside which contains the same kind of germs. The other way is to make a thin mucilage or glue and moisten the seed with it, then sprinkle the seed with inoculated soil which has been previously dried. The glue will stick the soil particles to the seed and a little soil will go a long way. When dry, the soil will be sown with the seed, and each seed, being coated with its own soil particles, will be properly inoculated.

Proper Tillage for Alfalfa-Alfalfa land the seed with the grall willed.

PROPER TILLAGE FOR ALFALFA.—Alfalfa land must be well tilled. It takes good soil to grow alfalfa. A wet soil will not do, nor a poorly drained one, nor a sandy one. The soil must be well worked and all weed seeds sprouted and killed by running over with a fine tooth harrow every few days for a week or two; otherwise the weeds may choke out the alfalfa before it gets a

How and When to Sow Alfalfa.—Alfalfa may be sown early in the spring with a light seeding of oats and barley as a nurse crop, or as late as July without a nurse crop if the ground is properly prepared. From ten to twenty pounds of good seed to the acre is used, depending upon locality, the heavier seeding being advised for the upper Mississippi valley and the northeastern states.

WHEN TO CUT ALFALFA.—Alfalfa must be cut as soon as the little shoots appear at the crown of the plant. This is about the time that the first blossoms are forming. If alfalfa is let stand longer than this, the machine will cut off the growing shoots that form the beginning of the second crop, and retard it very much. In this case but two crops can be cut per season, while if cut at the proper time three or even four crops can be harvested.

Alfalfa should not be cut too late in the fall, never after the first killing frosts come on. It must get a good start before winter sets in, to hold the snow and protect the roots. Late-cut alfalfa is in very great danger of winter killing.

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WHY ALFALFA WINTER KILLS.—Late cutting, as already stated, is a frequent cause of winter killing. So, too, is full pasturing of alfalfa fields. Some varieties of alfalfa stand the winter better than others. Southern grown seed taken into northern states is much more likely to winter kill than are the hardier northern grown varieties. Among these the Grimm, Baltic and Cossack appear to be the best.

Alfalfa—War Bread for Stock

ITH the present high price of feeds and the difficulty in securing them; it is of great importance for the farmer to grow his own feeds if he possibly can. For this purpose there is nothing quite so good as alfalfa. There are several reasons why alfalfa is the best feed to grow.

I. ALFALFA Is A RICH FEED.—Alfalfa is the richest protein feed grown on the farm. One care of good alfalfa yields more protein than three acres of clover or ten acres of timothy. Protein is the feed that makes both milk and meat. Bran is a good feed for cows because it contains much protein. So, too, is oil meal and gluten feed, but alfalfa hay well cured is just as good feed, pound for pound, as bran. Many of our "patent" stock foods are prepared from ground alfalfa as a base. Alfalfa is the richest forage crop grown on the farm and a splendid supplement to corn silage.

II. ALL ANIMALS LIKE ALFALFA.—Alfalfa is good for all animals. Fed to chickens it makes them lay, and to cows it produces milk. It is good for rood sows and is greatly relished by horses, sheep and cattle. In fact, all farm animals like alfalfa and do well on it.

III. ALFALFA A HEAVY YIELDER.—An acre of alfalfa will produce more food than an acre of alfalfa and do well on it.

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\$5 a year in grain and other commodities. That would amount to a billion dollars annually, or one third of the current liberty loan! To produce the amount of food annually destroyed by rats would require the entire time and work of 150,000 farmers, and another 50,000 men would be kept busy repairing damages due to rats Rats destroyed 3360 hams in one packing house in one year, and in two weeks carried away, without leaving a shell behind, 70 dozen out of 100 dozen stored eggs. We need not remind our readers of the inroads rats make every year on every farm in the chicken yards and houses end in the granaries and fields. A moment's consideration will make it evident that this awful menace to our food resources should be lessened to the greatest possible degree and at once.

Questions and Answers About Horses

Beginners in live stock husbandry will find useful information in the following list of questions and answers, and we shall be glad to receive and answer other questions about the horse or other amimals, from time to time.

Q. How many teeth has an adult horse?

A. The male horse has 40 teeth, viz: six incisor or pincher teeth in the upper and lower jaw; three premolar, and three true molar or grinding teeth, above and below, in each jaw, on each side of the mouth, and one canine tooth, or tusk, between the incisors and premolars, above and below, on each side of the mouth, in each jaw. The mare has 36 teeth, the four tusks being absent. jaw. T absent.

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G. What are "wolf" teeth?

A. They are vestiges of anterior premolar teeth which were present in the mouth of the prehistoric horse millions of years ago. These teeth and the anterior premolars came just in front of the first premolars in the upper and lower jaws. Wolf teeth are only found in the upper jaw. They are small, have short roots, are unimportant and never cause disease or weakness of the eyes.

O. Why is horse dentistry necessary?

A. The grinders do not completely cross one another when in action, but grind on a slant, leaving the hard enamel long and sharp next to the cheeks above and tongue below. The resultant sharp points interfere with mastication (chewing), and should be filed down in fall and spring. Milk tooth crowns also should be removed, split or diseased molars removed, and long teeth cut down level when such conditions are found present. The horse does well when his teeth are kept in order. present. The kept in order.

eggs, potatoes, bread and buckwheat cakes, butter, honey, syrup and fruit and vegetables keep all of my family healthy." It is an easy matter to use less beef on the farm, while mutton should be more freely used: but it is a sad mistake to lessen the ration of milk and eggs for the people and milk and "all of the plants of cereals and legumes" for the animals.

Artillery Horses Wanted

Army inspectors are looking for suitable horses for siege artillery work. Horses for this pur
kept in order.

**Q. What is the function of saliva in the mouth from numerous ducts connecting with salivary glands, notably the great parotid gland under each ear. These glands supply upwards of 80 pounds of saliva a day, and this fluid softens and lubricates the food to make swallowing possible, while an active principle of saliva, called ptyalin, acts upen starchy matters of the food and changes them to sugar (dextrin and maltose).

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of grain, hay to be correspondingly reduced in

Q. Should a horse have ground feed?
A. Every horse that has sound teeth should grind his own feed, with the exception of bran. Ground feed is "bolted" too fast without sufficient chewing, and causes indigestion.

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O. Is bran mash good for a horse?

A. Hot bran mash is an unnatural and indigestible food for a horse, and soured mash is more dangerous. Mashes suddenly fed tend to cause a derangement of the digestive organs, or dangerous or fatal colic. The practice of feeding hot bran mash on Saturday nights is dying out in well-managed stables. Mash is useful in preparing a horse for an aloes physic ball, and sometimes is relished by a sick horse, but must be allowed in moderation and not too often.

O. How should bran be fed?

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A. Mix one ninth part of fresh wheat bran by weight with whole oats for horses and dampen it at feeding time. Dry bran may cause choke. Colts may have one sixth to one half part of bran with whole oats. Idle horses may also have a larger proportion of bran.

Q. Is corn (maize) good feed for horses?
A. Yes; as a part ration where oats can be provided. Feed ear corn at noon in addition to oats and bran, or as the sole noon meal. Shelled corn is eaten too fast. Corn must be absolutely free from mould for horses. Feed as an exclusive ration it is too heating and fattening. It is well balanced by sound alfalfa hay, or part alfalfa, and part mixed cloved hay.

Q. What about silage for horses?
A. Sound corn silage may form a small part of the ration for idle horses and growing colts, but it is too loosening for horses at hard work and has been found injurious to breeding stallions and pregnant mares. Mouldy silage is deadly. Prefer roots to silage for horses. Carrots, parsaips and rutabagas are most suitable.

A Barley suitable feed for horses?

A. Barley and barley hay are the chief feeds for horses in some districts on the Pacific Coast. Horses gradually may be accustomed to such feed.

Given suddenly, indigestion is caused.

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Patriotism and Sound Criticism

Extract from Subscriber's Letter

Dear Mr. Gannett:

In compliance with your suggestion, I have sent Congressman Bankhead a petition signed by COMFORT subscribers in this neighborhood who join me in asking him to use his influence in favor of the repeal of the zone-rate law before it takes effect. We want a uniform rate of second-class postage, regardless of distance.

I believe our Government also made a great mistake in raising the letter postage to three cents.

Men engaged in unnecessary industries or employments should be sent to the farms to help produce wheat and other food so much needed to feed our soldiers and our Allies.

If vin are to whip the beastly Germans we must give up every luxury during war.

COMFORT monthly gives the farmers plenty of good reading. What better advice could be given than COMFORT'S editorials? And Uncle Charlie writes on this war just as I would if I had the talent. But I haven't, so I will plant a garden, can fruit and vegetables, raise chickens, eat corn bread and save the flour for our noble boys who are suffering in the trenches and braving the terrible gas.

May God help us to win this war-is my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. HAMMOND.

P. S. I have been a subscriber to COMFORT over twenty years and I have Uncle Charlie's four books.

pose must weigh from 1400 to 1700 pounds and be sound and all right in limb and wind and will be bought at \$200 each with no commissions to dealers or middlemen. Readers of this paper who have such horses to sell should list them with the nearest army veterinarian, or with the disgentric council of defense, or with the emergency or regular county agricultural agent. Only mature horses will be taken, as we understand it, so it will be useless to offer young colts. The horses being taken are blocky, well-developed, sound and docile animals. There also is some demand for cavalry horses, but these, we understand, largely are being bought in California. Light horses for other branches of the service are being sent to the big city markets, consigned to contractors, or picked up by their agents in the country. The demand for army horses, and the fact that horse breeding is apparently becoming unpopular with many farmers, leads us to conclude that before long there will be a veritable horse famine for the best classes of draft horses, and we therefore think it unwise for men to abandon horse breeding. Every informed horseman confidently looks for a big demand for good drafters at the close of the war.

Summer Pigs

Summer Pigs

This year there will be a good market for pigs. The government has attempted to fix the price and this will mean a ready sale. The demand for pork for the use of the army and navy and by all the principal European countries will continue brisk. Hence the farmer should raise an extra summer litter. This can be done by breeding sows again right after they farrow in the spring. These summer pigs will make good gains on pasture and be ready for finishing off for market about Holiday time.

Swat the Rat

More than ever before it behooves every farmer Among these the Grimm, Baltic and Cossack appear to be the best.

Milk for Young Animals

The present price is so tempting to many they produce to the condensory or factory or city dealer. That is a grave mistake. Skim

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Q. Describe the stomach of a horse.

A. The horse's stomach is small, holding but two to four gallons. Its walls have three layers, viz: inner, mucous: middle, muscular, and outer, serous. There is but one compartment, the left side of which does not secrete digestive juices, while the right side is lined with villous mucous membrane which secretes gastric juice, 100 pounds or more of which is needed daily, and it acts in the presence of hydrochloric acid and pepsin, changing the food to an acid soft-seeplible mass. changing the food to an acid, soft-soaplike mass called chyle.

Q. Where does the water go when a horse drinks?

A. A horse may drink five or more gallons of water at one time when thirsty, and it passes through the stomach and through 75 feet of small intestine, and is collected in the first large intestine or cecum, sometimes called the "water bag," or "second stomach." Theoretically, drinking water always should be given before feeding.

Q. What becomes of hay eaten by the horsef A. Hay is chewed and wetted with saliva in the mouth, passes quickly through the stomach and small intestines, and largely is digested in the cecum and large intestine (colon) by action of bacteria (germs) rather than by digestive inices.

Q. When should a work horse be fed hay?

A. Theoretically, it is best to feed hay after water, and before grain. A little hay may be allowed first thing in the morning, and the balance at night when the horse is working hard. A pound or so of hay should be fed at noon in hot weather, while the horse is cooling off, then give grain feed. grain feed.

Q. How much hay does a horse require?
A. A pound of first-class hay for each 100 pounds of body weight is needed as a day's allowance by a hard worked horse. Many allow a trifle over this amount, and the quantity should also be increased and a six learned. also be increased and grain lessened when the horse is idle.

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Bust Bee, Ralph, Mich.—You may correspond with this young man who has a "steady" girl. But why waste your time? (2) You may write to the nice young man that you have several times refused to marry, if he wishes you to, and you are kind enough to comply in a friendly way. Better not write to a soldier boy that you have never seen; the military authorities disapprove of such correspondence.

CYRUS, Birmingham, Ala.—We are not certain that we know exactly what you mean about writing "first" to this girl after Christmas. If you had exchanged gifts, you should have written her thanking her. But there is no quarreling with a girl about how often you should write her. If she says you have not written when you should, agree to it, and write her as often as she likes.

C. D., Atlanta, Ga.—If you have a handkerchief and a picture belonging to a young lady and she has asked you for them, you must return them at once. (2) If a girl thinks you are joking when you tell her you love her, you must have told her in the wrong way. Try again, and let her see that you are serious. For true love is no joke.

BROWN EYES, Pataskala, O.—A girl of thirteen may be 'friendly' with boys, just as she should be 'friendly' with everybody. (2) A schoolgirl of thirteen wears her hair just as her mother tells her to wear it. And we hope you are as sensible as your letter, which was a very creditable one for your age.

RACHEL, Loma, W. Va.—Remember that you are not "interduced" to a man, because the gentleman is always introduced to the lady. You need do no more at the time than to bow and smile pleasantly. The man will say something, if you give him a chance. You may shake hands or not, as you choose. (2) An eighteen year old girl should not start in corresponding with a list of names of men whom she does not know. Etiquette and propriety would be very strong against it.

P. F., Carthage, Ind.—There would be certain to be some talk, even under the circumstances you mention, if you had been in the habit of riding at night two miles into the country with two young men. If you wish to avoid the gossip, you will have to get some older woman to make a part of the company. Gossip is gossip. One must either avoid it or bear it.

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LILY OF THE PRAIRIE, Alberta, Can.—Yeu may accept again the escort of the young man if you are thoroughly satisfied with his apology for having failed in his appointment before. The excuse given in your letter hardly reads as a sufficient one under the circumstances. Your brother's high opinion of the young man should count in the matter, however. (2) It is well not to write too many letters to young men, and your mother shows good judgment in overseeing your correspondence.

M. A., Fort Valley, Ga.—A girl of fourteen should not go automobile riding with older boys unless accompanied by her mother. (2) You may receive simple gifts of candy, books or flowers from boy friends—but no expensive gifts. Simple thanks by word or by a note is sufficient.

NANNIE AND COUNTRY GIRL, Alpena, Mich.—If you are eighteen and have a friend now fighting for Uncle Sam, etiquette would have nothing to say against your writing to or receiving friendly letters from your friend. But your mother may have some particular reason for wishing you not to answer the letters and you should be guided by her advice. Would it not be a good idea to let her see the letters? Perhaps if she read them she would be willing to let the correspondence continue.

GERALDINE, Port Huron, Mich.—It was right, as you are but sixteen, to have your older sister accompany you to the theater with the young man you mention. If you know him so slightly, you were certainly wrong in letting him hold your hand and give you the ring which you say you accepted. We think you should return this ring, simply saying that your parents object to your receiving any expensive gifts. For this is not only good etiquette, but sound common sense.

WILD WEST, Wis.—It is not necessary for you to return the Christmas gift to the young man who sent it to you and with whom you are no longer friendly. (2) You are doting quite right in refusing to receive any serious attentions from the second young man until you know him better, and more about him. As for the third young man, if you are in doubt as to whether the cares about you, how can we tell in far-off Maine?

If you are a new girl in a town where there are so few of your sex, you are sure to be popular.

DOLLY AND DIMPLES, Tabor, Iowa.—You may go with schoolboys of your high school class to parties—if your parents do not object. (2) You are certainly right to refuse attentions of any sort from boys whom you have not met before.

Comfort's League of Cousins

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unless you make good use of him. George told me to tell you that if any of you cousins intend visiting Philadelphia you were to be sure to make a call on him and get a little mint sauce. Just think of millions of money being made every day and by machinery. Doesn't it make your eyes blink? George says he thinks after he has run that machine for about fifty years he will be able to invest in a dozen eggs and a potato or two. I like a man who is ambitious, but a fellow no matter how hungry should not let his hopes soar too high with food at present prices. George makes millions of dollars for Uncle Sam every week, and only charges him a hundred dollars a month for doing the job. Isn't George a noblehearted, unselfish boy? I wonder what Bryan and Rockefeller would charge for a job like that? They'd want the whole mint, and then some. George is a patriot and a credit to his country. Thank God he is not a copperhead, or a white livered pacifist.

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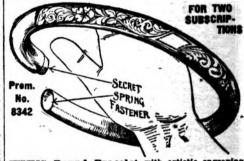
Yes, helmets, were heavy. To relieve himself of the awkward load as soon as he stepped inside his castle was the knight's homeward thought. He did the same way when he visited with friends. If a beautiful lady were present, he desired to smile upon her as soon as possible, and would take off the cumbersome helmet so that each could see the other's face. When hats displaced helmets, the custom was changed to tipping.

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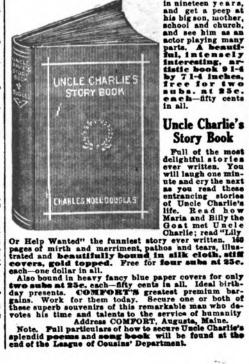
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Sore on Jaw.—My cow, two years old, is in good condition so far as I can see, but she has a sore on her under jaw that will not heal. It seems as though she had lost a tooth. She eats all right. R. R. B. A.—We suspect that actinomycosis (lump jaw) is the trouble present. Paint the sore once daily with the turn of iodine and inject some every other day into any discharging place. If this does not help, you will have to employ a qualified veterinarian to operate.

OBSTINATE WOUND.—A year ago, my cow pony cut

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Obstinate Wound.—A year ago, my cow pony cut his right hind leg, just above the hock joint, on a barbed wire fence. It runs pus in places. At the top of the cut is a hole about as large as a pencil; the other place is about middle way and at one side. The leg is swellen above the joint. The sore leg does not seem to bother him any.

A.—Clip off the hair and wash the leg clean; then paint the swellen place once daily with tincture of iodine and at the same time inject into the discharging place a little of a mixture of one dram of iodoform and two ounces of sulphuric ether. It would be well to make sure that a foreign body, such as a sliver, is not present in the wound.

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Alling; Warbles.—My heifer three years old this month is very thin, eating but little. I feed her good fodder and some corn. Her eyes are weak, as water drops from them. (2) She has warbles on her back bone. What can I do for them? What is the matter with the cow?

A.—It is to be feared that the cow has tuberculosis. To determine that, have the tuberculin test applied by a veterinarian. Meanwhile, keep her by herself and do not use her milk. The warble grub may be removed by pressing down tightly on each of them in turn with the open mouth of a large bottle; then destroy the grubs.

LUMP ON ANKLE.—Ploughing with a mule, or new

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LUMP ON ANKLE.—Ploughing with a mule, on new ground, he stepped into a stump hole and sprained his left fore ankle and was lame for some time. A knot has come on the ankle. What will remove it? J. A. D. * A.—Clip off the hair and apply tincture of iodine to the lump every other day. Stop treatment for a time when the skin becomes blistered.

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Thoroughpin.—My driving mare, six years old, has a lump on each side of her left knee. The places are soft. She doesn't limp. They disfigure her looks.

E. L. A.

A.—These puffs are distensions filled with joint oil and are practically incurable. Some good possibly may be done by rubbing in twice daily some 10 per cent. iodine petrogen or vasogen, or by using a commercial absorbent according to directions printed on the label.

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FISTULA OF TEAT.—I have a cow that has a hole in left front teat a little larger than a pin hole. She loses her milk all day long. What can I do to prevent the milk from running?

A.—Until cow is dry, prevent leaking of milk by applying flexible collodion to the false opening. If that does not avail, put on a strip of surgeon's tape or plaster. When the cow is dry, have a surgeon operate, or burn the lining membrane of the fistulous tract with a red hot knitting needle and it may close.

GARGET.—I have a heifer that was two and one half

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GARGET.—I have a helfer that was two and one half years old when she brought her first calf. She was in good health and did fine for a few days. When the swelling went out of the udder she grew sick and remained so until the swelling returned, when she is better.

A.—Give the helfer a physic of epsom salts (one pound) in three pints of warm water. When it has acted, give twice daily two teaspoonfuls of powdered saltpeter and poke root in water. Milk three times a day and each night rub a little warm melted lard on the affected quarters of the udder.

FISTULA OF TEAT.—I have a two-year old before

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FISTULA OF TEAT.—I have a two-year old heifer and in milking she has a leakage of the teat, the milk coming out about half way up the teat and also at the tip. What causes it and what is the remedy?

A.—An extra or false opening is present and it may have come from a wound of the teat wall. For the present, try the effect of a patch or bandage of surgeon's tape. When the cow is dry, the fistula may be closed by cauterization with a red hot knitting needle, or, better still, by an operation to be done by an expert surgeon.

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FORAGE POISONING.—Can you tell me what was the matter with my horse? Sweaty spots came on his hips and he staggered and swayed when he walked. This began a week before he died. He fell down as though paralyzed and scemed to be weak in his parts and unable to get up, living three days after he fell. I fed him about a quart of cooked rye and all the hay he could eat.

A.—The horse died of cerebro-spinal meningitis, often called "forage poisoning," as it is caused by micro-organisms in feed. Possibly the hay contained the poison. Cooked rye, however, is quite unsuitable feed for a horse and may have caused the trouble. No certain remedy has been found for the disease mentioned. A physic may be given at the outset of an attack and followed with stimulants, but only a trained veterinarian can give appropriate treatment.

FOUNDER.—My six-year old mare was foundered two

SELF-SUCKING COW.—I have a fine cow that has been sucking herself for two months. She is three years old. Is there any way to stop it? J. T. W. A.—Just put an old horse collar on the cow's neck and see how puzzled and annoyed she looks when she finds it impossible to rob her own dairy.

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Much barley also tends to cause itching skim. This grain should be rolled for horses and made a small part of the ration with oats and corn. Boiled barley, with bran, roots and chaffed hay and straw used to be popular for fattening show and sale horses.

Q. What about wheat and ryef
A. Wheat sowed with oats tends to prevent lodging, and the combination grain, sometimes called "succotash," is fine for horses, provided the proportion of wheat is small. Both wheat and rye derange the digestive organs when too liberally fed, and gorging on either grain tends to cause fatal colic (enteritis).

Q. Should work horses have green grass?
A. During the busiest season of the year horses do better if fed on oats and hay. Green grass loosens the bowels and causes "softness." Still, horses should be allowed a roll on grass at noon and night, and should rest on pasture after crops are in and harvested. Feed is so high in price, however, that the small farmer pastures his work horses as often as he can and grass taken right along is safer than a little now and then.

Q. How often should horses drink water?

A. By rights they should have it at will, and at all events at least three times a day in ordinary weather and oftener in hot weather when they work hard. Take drinking water to the field for work horses during the summer season.

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Q. What causes heaves?
A. The common cause is working the horse with his digestive organs distended with coarse, bulky roughage, such as ripe timothy hay, second growth or threshed clover. Gluttonous horses contract the disease from over eating hay. Give work horses not more than one or two pounds of hay while cooling off at noon. Wet all dusty hay, preferably with lime water. So far as possible, don't work a horse immediately after a full meal.

meal.

Q. Can heaves be relieved?

A. Yes. Feed oat straw or bundles instead of hay. Wet all feed with lime water. Keep the bowels active by feeding roots and bran. Give no bulky feed at noon, and do not work the horse soon after a meal. Half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic given night and morning relieves the cough and distress in breathing.

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Questions and Answers

Brine for Salting Pork.—Please give me the recipe for pickle for putting down salt pork. I clipped the recipe from Comfort some time ago but it has gone astray.

Mrs. J. La R.
A.—Seven pounds salt, two pounds sugar, four ounces salt-peter to each hundred pounds of pork. Dissolve in water, boil and cool before pouring over the packed pork. Add enough water to completely cover the meat. Leave bacon for two or three weeks in this brine; hams for five or six weeks. Remove, drain and smoke with cobs or hickory wood. The same pickle may be used for dried beef.

Potato Cultivation.—We have never had any lock

drain and smoke with cobs or hickory wood. The same pickie may be used for dried beef.

Potato Cultivation.—We have never had any luck in raising potatoes, so I would like to know how deep potatoes should be planted; how far apart in the row, and how far apart the rows should be. Should the potatoes be hilled or not? If so, about when and how much should they be hilled?

Mrs. T. K., Cassville, Wis.

A.—Potatoes should be planted not less than three inches deep, one foot apart in rows placed two feet eight inches to three feet apart. If potatoes are planted shallow, less than three inches deep, they should be hilled; otherwise it is not necessary. The object of hilling is to prevent the new potatoes from coming out of the ground in growing, which they will not do if planted deep. Potatoes need rich sandy or loam soil and plenty of cultivation. They will not do well on stiff clay. Bugs must not be allowed to eat the tops. To kill the bugs, spray with Paris green or arsenate of lead solution. Two or three sprayings may be required at intervals. It is the usual practice in Maine to hill at least two or three inches high about the plants. This may be done when the plants are five or six inches tall. We recommend hilling potatoes.

Moles and Carayiish.—Mrs. E. J. Walters, of Wrygross. Ga. advises using a mixture of Perls expressed.

or six inches tail. We recommend the plants are five or six inches tail. We recommend hilling potatoes.

Moles and Crayfish.—Mrs. E. J. Walters, of Wrycross, Ga., advises using a mixture of Paris green and cotton seed meal for destruction of moles and crayfish or mole crickets. She says: "Sow the poisoned meal in furrows about four inches deep and ten feet apart. These creatures like the meal and will run the furrows to eat it, and the poison will kill them. I have tried it and know it is effective."

Controlling Carrage Worms.—Mrs. M. E. W., of Hubby, Wash, writes recommending cayenne pepper as an effective remedy for cabbage worms by dusting it on the cabbages early in the morning, while the dew is on, so it will stick. The editor has known of powdered white hellebore being used in the same way for destroying cabbage worms. The objection to the use of white hellebore is that its cost has increased so since the war that it is pretty expensive for large use, and we should think cayenne pepper might be subject to the same cost objection.

Wonders of the Desert

Where everything is wonderful on the great desert of the Colorado in Southern California, still there are many unusual things that stand out prominently above the rest. In the Imperial valley, while the average depth below the level of the sea is approximately 200 feet, everything goes on as usual, with no fear that the waters of the Pacific, by way of the gulf, will rush in and overcome all. Strangely, too, the rivers run backwards—for instance, both the Alamo and New rivers take their rise from the main flow of the Colorado and pursue a tortuous course over the flow of the desert northward from the



Mexican border and finally deposit their flood in Salton sea. The desert is so nearly level, there being a drop from the bed of the Colorado river of only about four feet to the mile, that at one point in the desert the main channels of the two rivers are separated by a wall of earth only thirty feet in thickness.

The salt water fish of Salton sea are another desert wonder. They are the mullet, and were introduced into the great inland sea by the shore birds flocking from the Gulf of Mexico. The eggs hatching readily in the saline waters, the increase was so rapid that it is estimated there are today millions of pounds of edible fish in the sea. The mullet attains a weight of eleven pounds, and as it feeds entirely upon vegetable matter, is delectable. Seeds of desert weeds blown into the sea keep the fish so fat that no grease is required in their cooking.

What a few years ago was an island in the sea now stands four miles from the shore, although retaining its old name—Pumice island. Here miners are busy shipping pumice at the rate of a carload per week to the eastern markets, where it is in great demand, since shipments of pumice from Europe have been stopped by the war.









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MRS. M. S., California.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that all property acquired after marriage, except such as may be acquired by gift, bequest, devise or descent, and the increase thereon, or the increase on property owned before marriage, shall be common property; but whenever any property is conveyed to a married woman by an instrument in writing, the presumption is that the title is thereby vested in her as her separate property; and property conveyed to a married woman and her husband or any other person is presumed to be held by her as tenant in common, unless a different intention is expressed in the instrument; upon the death of the wife the entire community property without administration belongs to the surviving husband, except such portion as may have been set apart to her by judicial decree for her support and maintenance, which portion is subject to her testamentary disposition, and in the absence of such disposition goes to her heirs, exclusive of her husband; upon the death of the husband one half of the community property goes to the wife and the other half is subject to the testamentary disposition of the husband, and in the absence of such disposition goes to his descendants; the husband has the entire management, with absolute power of disposition, other than testamentary of the community property, except the homestead, and except that he cannot dispose of it with a view to defraud the wife of her interest therein; but he cannot make a gift of community property or convey the same without a valuable consideration, unless the wife in writing consents thereto.

T. F. F., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that mortgages are gen-

less the wife in writing consents thereto.

T. F. F., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that mortgages are generally made to secure promissory notes and are usually accompanied by bonds; but if no separate instrument is given, nor any express agreement in the mortgage, the remedy of the mortgagee is confined to the property mortgaged; we think your liability for a deficiency judgment against you on the sale of your mortgaged premises would depend upon whether your mortgage was accompanied by a note or other instrument or whether there was any provision in the mortgage debt. We think the property of a minor should be administered by a general guardian appointed for that purpose.

Mns. F. B. M., Illinois.—We do not think you can compelled to pay for the subscription of the paper un mention, if you notified the publisher to discontinue nding same to you, and refused to accept same from

MRS. A. M. L., Colorado.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that any householder, being the head of a family, or the husband or wife of such householder, may have his or her property, if the same be occupied as a homestead, entered as a homestead by causing the word "homestead" to be writter in the margin of his record title to the same and attested by the clerk and recorder of the county in which the premises are situate, together with the date and time of day; that property entered as a homestead cannot be sold or mortgaged without the wife's consent as long as the property is occupied as a homestead; we do not think the wife's consent is necessary, in your state, for the sale of the husband's real estate, other than homestead property.

M. K. Illinois.—Under the laws of your state we

necessary, in your state, for the sale of the husband's real estate, other than homestead property.

M. K., Illmois.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child or descendant, his widow would receive one half of his real estate and the whole of his personal estate, the balance of his real estate going to his other heirs at law or next of kin if none such, the widow would receive the entire estate; we think he can limit his wife's interest for life in his real estate and a one third interest for life in his real estate and a one third interest for life in his real estate and a one third interest for life in his real estate and a one third interest in the personal property; we do not think he laws of your state provide for community interest, between husband and wife, in the property acquired after the marriage.

Mrs. O. S., Louisiana.—The question you submit is a question of fact, and depends upon circumstances not disclosed in your communication to us; we think the owner of whichever of the two horses, who can prove the better title, would be entitled to the service fee.

Mrs. P. R., Wisconsin.—In the absence of an ex-

Miss P. R., Wisconsin.—In the absence of an express contract to the contrary, we think the price quoted, by the dentist you mention, for a set of artificial teeth would include only one set and would not include the double set for both the upper and lower jaws.

Jaws.

Mrs. O. C., Tennessee.—We think that if the firm from which you purchased the yarn refuses to deliver the goods or return your money, it will be necessary for you to bring action against them to enforce the return of your money to you.

M. H., Missouri.—We think that if it can be substantiated by the proper testimony that the woman you mention has alienated the affections of the man you mention, his wife is entitled to recover from her such damage as she has suffered by reason thereof, in the proper action brought for that purpose.

Mrs. A. B., West Virginia.—We do not think that

the proper action brought for that purpose.

Mrs. A. B., West Virginia.—We do not think that the bigamous marriage of the man you mention would relieve him from his liability to support his wife, if her own means are insuficient for that purpose; we do not think that the fact that he contracted this bigamous marriage a long period of years ago, or the fact that his bigamous wife is now dead, in any way affects the validity of his first marriage, provided, of course, he has never been divorced from his first wife; we think she is still his wife and entitled to all her rights as such, even though he abandoned her a long period of years ago and she has been unable to locate him for all these years.

T. C., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we

T. C., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that where divorces are declared the court exercises very general jurisdiction over the property and children, but cannot compel divestiture of title to real estate.

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F. McF., Louisiana.—We think that your local authorities have a legal right to compel the owners of livestock to take such reasonable measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of infection. (2) We think, if you can substantiate—your statements, you should at once make your complaint against the boys who stole your hen; we think a local justice of the peace or other local magistrate would be the proper person to see.

W. M. C., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that proceedings for divorce are conducted according to the chancery practice, and that the bill must be field in the county where complainant resides; in the case you submit we think you should be able to procure information as to the divorce you mention by an examination of the court records of the county in which the complainant resided at the time of the commencement of the action.

On Our Nerves

The apparent injustice of stripping the land of American youths to furnish a fighting force for Europe, while leaving millions of aliens at home to enjoy the rewards of peaceful industry, has undoubtedly got on the people's nerves.—New York Sum

Bank Gets Its \$1,000 Back

Having been paid \$1,000 and costs by Charles Tirzis, the Indian Head Bank of Nashua, N. H., has withdrawn a suit brought against him after the cashler had paid him \$3,800 instead of \$2,800 in a transaction on Sept. 33, 1916. Criminal action against Tirzis is still pending.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.)

I say to all,—Look to JESUS! He alone can save. I, too, shall send some poetry:

"Working will not save me;
Purest deeds that I can do,
Honest thoughts and feelings, too,
Cannot form my soul anew,
Working will not save me."

But faith in, the personal acceptance of, and the complete surrender to Jesus Christ, this will save. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Because I love Him, "Evangeline."

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I love to listen but as Dolly Hull wants our opinions on a very vital question, I will endeavor to air my views, as fools step in where angels fear to tread.

The Bible is the inspired word of God, else how could the writers, writing hundreds of years apart, foretell events which actually took place thousands of years afterwards. History records events after they happen but the prophets looked away down the ages. Can she, or anyone without God, tell what is going to happen twenty-five years from now? Yet the old prophets foretold this very time of trouble. Daniel 12, Matt. 24:21 and the book of Revelations.

While a great many things in the Bible have been twisted and misconstrued to suit the different creeds, the fundamental principles are plain to anyone who truly wants to understand. Christ said, "Know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." Also, "The Kingdom of God is within you." And when we study his Word prayerfully we will understand His mission was not to teach men how to die but to teach them how to live.

Dolly calls the Bible vulgar. To the pure all things are pure and it was sometimes necessary to call a spade a spade in order to show the people what great sins they were committing. The people of today are about where they were when the flood came and it would do them good to study that Book of books before the destroying angel again visits us.

I would write more but am afraid of the blue pencil, so will let some of the others say something.

MRS. L. S.

Poems Requested

The following poems have been requested by readers of COMFORT and sent for publication.

Gradatim; Or, The Way to Heaven

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true;
That a noble deed is a step toward God—
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view.

We rise by things that are under our feet, By what we have mastered of good and gain, By the pride deposed and the passion slain, And the vanquished ill that we hourly meet.

We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust When the morning calls us to life and light, But our hearts grow weary and, ere the night, Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray And we think that we mount the air on wings Beyond the recall of sensual things, While our feet still cling to the heavy clay.

Wings for the angels, but feet for men!
We may borrow the wings to find the way—
We may hope and resolve and aspire and pray,
But our feet must rise or we fall again.

Only in dreams is a ladder thrown
From the weary earth to the sapphire walls,
But the dreams depart and the vision falls
And the sleeper wakes on his pillow of stone.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

—J. G. Holland.

Never Give Up

Never give up:—it is wiser and better
Always to hope, than once to despair;
Fling off the load of doubt's cankering fetters
And break the dark spell of tyrannical care.
Never give up, or the burden may sink you—
Providence kindly has mingled the cup;
And all trials and troubles bethink you,
The watchword of life must be, "Never give up!"

Never give up; there are chances and changes, Helping the hopeful a hundred to one, And through the chaos His wisdom arranges Ever success, if you'll only hold on.
Never give up; for the wisest is boldest, Knowing that Providence mingles the cup, And of all maxims, the best as the oldest, Is the stern watchword of "Never give up!"

Never give up, though the grapeshot may rattle,
Or the full thunder-cloud over you burst,
Stand like a rock, and the storm or the battle
Little shall barm you, though doing their worst.
Never give up; if adversity presses,
Providence wisely has mingled the cup;
And the best counsel in all your distress
Is the brave watchword of "Never give up!"
Sent in by F. L. D., Malden, Mass.

In the Afterglow

Sent in by Mrs. N. D. Sowles, Sutter, Cal.

Mother o' mine, in the afterglow Of mothering years, I love you so; For loving me e'er life I knew, When next your heart a new life grew; Loving me on into fair childhood, When I so little understood The long, hard way we all must go, Mother o' mine, I love you so.

Loving me, too, when life so sweet
Tempted my wayward, girlish feet
Away from paths of truth and right
To paths that lead to sin's dark night;
Winning me back with loving tone
To ways that you had made your own
By struggle and stress and pain and prayer,
By love's own cords you held me there.

Mother o' mine, 'tis mine to take
The burdensome load, the stress, the ache
That come in motherhood's fair years,
The joy, the pain, the love, the tears;
'Tis mine to give what you gave me,
Mother o' mine, I would faithful be,
To the highest note in the song you taught
My girlish lips, the music fraught
With all the mother hopes and fears,
That fill to the brim the mothering years.

Mother o' mine, in the afterglow
For gifts to me from out your heart,
Of motherhood's years, I thank you so
At thoughts that rise my hot tears start;
God give me ways to make you know
How great is my love before you go
Away to rest from your mothering;
I would remove life's every sting,
And give you rest in the afterglow,
For, mother o' mine, I love you so.
—Flora Shufelt BUDIOS

Whatever Is-Is Best

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

I know as my life grows older
And mine eyes have clearer sight—
That under each rank wrong, somewhere,
There lies the root of right.
That each sorrow has a purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning
Whatever is—is best.

I know that each sinful action.
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime, punished,
Though the hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided,
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,
And to grow means often to suffer,
But whatever is—is best.

I know that there are no errors,
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together,
For the final good of man.
I know as my soul speeds onward,
In its grand eternal quest,
I shall say as I look back earthward,
Whatever is—is best.
Sent in by Miss Agnos Trayis Platte

Sent in by Miss Agnes Travis, Platte, S. Dak,

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Mix equal parts of resin, beeswax and tallow or lard, and grease the soles of shoes with it each week and they will wear twice as long.

Use a knitting needle instead of fork or broom straw in testing cake or potatoes. MISS ELLA SMFTH, Decatur, Tenn.

I find an easy way to darn large holes in stockings s to baste a piece of netting, same color as stocking, m wrong side, then turn and darn on the right side, loing back and forth through the netting.

If your window shades are worn and faded, take them off the roller and tack the old end on and hem the other. Roll up and you will have almost as good as new shades, and they won't cost anything.

SISTER JANE, Brownsdale, Minn.

TO SHRINK GOODS.—Do not unfold but lay in pan on tub smoothly. Pour on enough hot water to wet it thoroughly. Then dip in cold water and pin on line smoothly, without wringing. If this is done carefully one is saved the work of ironing it.

Requests

To hear from sisters living in Wyoming and Idaho, telling about the country, climate, opportunities, etc.

Mrs. Mary Scott, Paterson, 269 Summer St., N. J., would like Sunburst and Irish Chain quilt patterns.

Will return postage.

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I would like patterns for crepe and tissue paper flowers and also instructions for waxing them. Will return favor.

MRS. MINNIE FISKE, Kenney, Ills.

Would like to have some one send me the October, November and December numbers of "Good Stories" for 1917. Will return other reading matter.

MARY KENNER, MOORESBURG, Tenn.

I would like to find some of the Irish dialect stories printed about eleven years ago in the "Brown Book of Boston," "MRS. Casey's Neighbors," and "Mrs. Casey at the Euchre Party."

MRS. WM. TILLEY, El Centro, 227 Maple Ave., Calif. We are thinking strongly of going to Arkansas to

We are thinking strongly of going to Arkansas to live and would like to hear from the sisters as to the climate, etc. Have been told that it isn't a healthful place. Will those who know please write me.

Mas. C. C. Smith, Guntersville, R. R. 1, Ala.

Different ways to use rye flour. How to candy orange, citron and lemon peel. How to paraffin flowers so petals will not fall. How to keep aluminum ware bright.

MRS. E. H. STEED, Berthond, Colo.

Remedies

For granulated eyelids or tired eyes dissolve one teaspoon of boric acid in four ounces of boiling water and bathe eyes daily, using eye cup.

Dipping the hands in vinegar after washing clothes and dishes will counteract any ill effects from soap.

MISS ELLA SMITH, Decatur, Tenn.

SORD. MISS ELLA SMITH, Decatur, Tenn.
WORMS.—Give three drops of turpentine on sugar
before meals for nine days. This is the remedy mother
always gave us children. A HOOSIER, Saltillo, Ind.
WORMS.—Take equal parts of dried sage and senna
leaves and sugar, mix well and give one teaspoonful
at night, or it may be made into a tea and drank. Or
give sage in the morning and senna at night. This is
the amount I gave to a five-year old child.
CLARISSA WARDEN, Wis. Vet. Home, Wis.

Comfort Post Card Requests

The following would like to correspond with other subscribers for the exchange of souvenir post cards.

Nina Tillman, Box 747, Winslow, Arlz. Edna Groves, Deepwell, W. Va.

Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall only require you to get a small club of subscribers to COMFORT for each request printed; so in sending your notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives' column, include a club of three one-year 25-cent subscriptions, or if you are stready a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two one-year 25-cent subscriptions. This amount limits the notice to twenty-two words, making three lines; If longer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent one-year subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

Information of Alice Twiner, last heard of in Star City, Ark., thirty-one years ago. Mrs. Maude Rust, Pine Bluff, 816 Neb St., Ark.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of Adda Lenora King, or Grace Herrington, daughter of Hiram S. King, Cleveland, Ohio, please notify Mrs. A. W. Payne, 1053 Sheldon Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Information of my father, Bright Burrell, about 46 years old, last seen in Grand Saline, Texas, in 1900. Write to Mrs. Lillie Hendricks, R. R. 1, Crittenden, Ky.

Be Careful in Using Soap on Your Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

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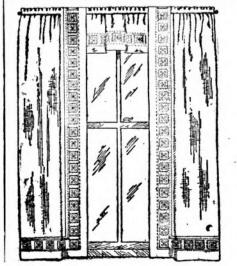
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the memory fails Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author.

dent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women the roses go from their cheeks.

"In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated corn-meal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the wastepipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, is responsible for another grave iron

"Therefore you should supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron, just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."



Dr. A. J. Newman, late Police Surgeon of the City of Chicago and former House Surgeon, Jef-ferson Park Hospital Chicago

Dr. A. J. Newman, late Police Surgeon of the City of Chicago and former House Surgeon, Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, in commenting on Nuxated Iron, says; "It has been my particular duty during the past six years to assist in keeping Chicago's five thousand blue-coats in good health and perfect fighting trim so that they would be physically equipped to withstand all man-

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Formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.) New York, and the Dr. James Francis Sullivan, Westchester County Hosformerly physician of Bellevue pital.

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Dr. James Francis Sullivan,

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The Girl He Loved

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continued proof professible the chef could have left the room and come back without my knowledge."

Carrousel came next,—a tall man with a short, dark beard, and very blue eyes. He was neatly dressed in a black coat and gray trousers, and looked most unlike a cook.

On being sworn and interrogated, he shook his head.

"I can tell you nothing, monsieur," he said.
"I was not well; my teeth were aching; I walked the floor in the housekeeper's room. I heard nothing."
"Yes.

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"What time did you go there?"

"At ten o'clock. At twenty minutes past eleven they came and told me his lordship was dying."

His florid face paled a little.

One juror asked if he had not heard Sir Thomas' dog barking in the kitchen.

"No, monsieur." respectfully. "The housekeeper's room is some distance from the kitchen. I heard no noise. I was glad to sit by the fire. perhaps to doze. It was as well, perhaps. I have had no sleep since. Milord was an excellent patron to me. He understood eating."

There was a listness detachedness in his voice, as of a stranger who is utterly apart from his surroundings.

"What did you serve his lordship for dinner?" the coroner said suddenly.

"It was not that which killed him," Carrousel returned gravely, "since the whole society partook of the same plates. My-cooking does not give even an indigestion, much less death. Monsieur does not mean that he suspects me?" patenty.

"You are here to answer not ask" Doctor.

session absolutely nothing with a smell of bitter almonds, which could have been stolen and added to the bottle to hide some other taste.

The jury stirred impatiently—there had been no question of poison in the dinner—till it suddenly occurred to them that from the coroner's minute questions Carrousel had been obliged to account for every instant of his time from six o'clock till twenty minutes past eleven. If there had been any juggling with bottles in Levallion's dressing-room, the busy cook could have had no hand in it; for the kitchen maids' evidence tallied with his.

something. But his lordship put him off."

A little rustle of interest ran along the jurors' bench.

"Then if it was Lord Levallion's own liqueur he drank, you contend it was poisoned during the evening?"

"I'm certain of it, sir."

"Did Lord Levallion to your knowledge possess any poison?"

"No!" said Lacy, flatly. "If you mean he committed suicide, it's out of the question. His lordship was more contented than he had ever been in his life—or since I knew him. Somebody gave it to him!"

"Was he on bad terms with any one?"

"Plenty of people!" calmly; "but none of them would be likely to do it. I might about as well accuse her ladyship of doing it as sensibly as any of the"—he stammered—"the others!"

"Do you mean Lord and Lady Levallion were not on good terms?" sharply.

"I didn't mean to imply that, sir," flushing. "I said, and I think, Lord Levallion was more than happy. I never heard of any trouble between the two, except that last night I did hear them having a few words about going out or something, as I was passing through the hall. But it was nothing at all, sir!" hastily. "I beg you don't think I'm insinuating anything against my lady."

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"No, sir! I left it all neat, and was gone down-stairs almost as soom as his lordship left the room. I never went to his dressing-room of an evening till I was rung for."

"You did not touch the bottle?"

"Yes, sir! I put it up on the shelf, and I scatched my hand on it for about the tenth time. It was a rough-made, molded bottle, with a sort of, seam down each side, and time and again I've caught a scratch inside my hand from that rough seam."

"Were you alone in the room?"

"No, sir; his lordship's second man was with me. It was not either of us that tampered with the bottle."

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"I couldn't say." Lacy fingered each scrap slowly; none were bigger than a shilling. He looked up suddenly. "In my opinion it isn't!" he said. "But you will understand that in the state the bottle is it can be only my opinion. I wouldn't like to swear to it, but I think it. All I can say is that it is bits of glass and label which might be the one that was in the dressing-room. I wouldn't swear it is the same."

"Will you swear it is not?" sharply.

Lacy took the fragments and dust of paperlabeled glass to the light; went over each bit with the seeing fingers of a blind man, as well as faultless eyesight.

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"It's not the same bottle," he said, after what seemed an hour. "There's a pink smear on the label. His lordship's bottle, when I left it, was clean."

"That does not prove it a different bottle," judicially. "Only perhaps that some one touched

it."

"To the best of my belief," returned Lacy, doggedly, "that is not his lordship's bottle. I can't find the seam on any of the pieces."

"Or in the dust," said a juror scathingly.

But Lacy stuck to his opinion and was let go. For some reason, and to Houghton's wonder, the coroner never mentioned that rag of tweed.

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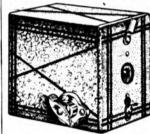
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"yes, that is—no, sir! I took in coffee and a note for her ladyship," stammering, "and she gets up and leaves the room and Lady Gwendolen Brook after her."

"With her." the coroner half-corrected.

"Just as you say, sir, abjectly. "I'd got out in the hall with my tray when Lady Gwendolen came out and ran up-stairs after her ladyship," oh!" said the coroner, quietly; "you can go." he called Lady Gwendolen for the next witness, and Houghton's mouth tightened.

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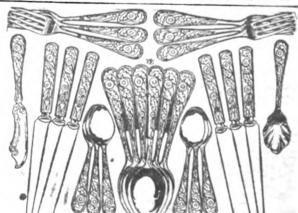
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Leone Waldron, age II, has suffered from curvature of the spine about a year and a half. She is unable to stand or even sit up and paralysis is feared. There are five children in the family and the chair will be a pleasure to Leone and a help to her mother in caring for her.

Nellie Edmonds, age 15, has been a cripple all her life and never able to walk, but she can use her hands and will be able to move her wheel chair about.

Celesta Mullins writes of herself thus: "I am a little girl 15 years old. I got a fall when I was two and a half years old, and it brought on spinal trouble and a half years old, and it brought on spinal trouble and I have been a cripple ever since, not able to walk. My sister takes COMFORT and I read your wheel-chair offer Will you please write and tell me just how I can get me a wheel chair, as we are not able to buy one." She writes a beautiful hand and her spelling is perfect, putting to shame many young people who have had school advantages of which she has been deprived. which she has been deprived.

Harlon Berl Lane, age 8, has been a cripple all his life from spinal trouble and could never walk. He has grown too heavy to be carried about by his

parents and very much needs a wheel chair.

Mrs. Mary Green, age 77, fell and broke her hip four years ago, and since the accident has not been able to walk. She is a widow and unable to buy a wheel chair, and the one which her friends have obtained for her, with COMFORT'S help, will be a blessing to her.

Alma Adams, age 6, is another poor little cripple who has suffered all her life from spinal trouble and can not walk or talk. But she is bright and has the use of her hands; so her mother thinks she can soon learn to handle her wheel chair.

The cases of crippled children deprived of all the active pleasures of youth seem especially sad to me. I have on my list a large number of equally touching appeals from child cripples suffering for wheel chairs. I know that all our good people are busy with war work, but surely you can still find some time to get subscriptions to help relieve the poor shut-ins. Your name would look well in our next month's Roll of Honor.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

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Says Her Wheel Chair Surely Is a Comfort

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Appreciation and Thanks

DOVER, N. C.

DEAR MR. GANNETT:

I certainly did appreciate the chair received from you last January for Mrs. Emily Daugherty, and would have written you before but have been waiting to get her picture taken so to send you one. I have not succeeded yet as no one has been around here taking pictures. Mrs. Daugherty is very grateful for the chair and wishes me to send you her thanks, to which I add my own. Truly yours,

Mrs. Walter Glover.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

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who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent. Mrs. Emma Edmonds, Ala., for Nellie Edmonds, 157: Miss Myrtle E. Smith, Wash., for Leone Waldron, 47: Miss Betliah Bloomer, Mo., for Oscar Eneas Lee, 50: Mrs. Frances Johnson, W. Va., for Earl Johnson, 42: Ada Ann Rigas, Ky., for Wade H. Rigas, 82: Mrs. Cellier, Mrs. C. H. Moore, 37: Mrs. Pearl Republic, Mrs. Frances Johnson, W. Va., for Earl Johnson, 42: Ada Strieber, Minn., for Lawrence Olsen, 30: Susie Shirley, Texas, for Mrs. C. H. Moore, 37: Mrs. Pearl Republic, Mrs. Charles, All Strieber, Minn., for Lawrence Olsen, 30: Susie Shirley, Texas, for Mrs. C. H. Moore, 37: Mrs. Pearl Republic, Mrs. Charles, Ala., for Glares, 42: Mrs. Cluber Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Cluber Mrs. Charles, Ala., for Glares, 42: Mrs. Cluber Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Cluber Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Cluber Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Ch



The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be taken to your local doctor.

Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

Mrs. J. C., Johannesburg, Mich.—The only reliable way to diagnose diabetes mellitus—"sugar diabetes"— is by the chemical test of the suspected urine, or the yeast test. Have your local physician make the test. In general the disease is not curable, but can be held in check by diet and treatment and one can live years if of mature age when the disease is first noted.

D. M., Ilog. Occ. Negros, P. I.—Trouble is probably some liver trouble. May be gall stones. Try having her use freely olive oil with her meals. This failing, have an exploratory operation, if the symptoms are severe enough to require it.

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R. D. L., McAlisterville, Pa.—You evidently had a heat stroke, and must avoid hereafter exposing yourself to the sun's rays in the summer. When it is necessary to go out in the sun, use a hat that will protect your head from the rays. You should eat little meat, keep your bowels free, avoid pastry, bathe frequently, using the spinal douche, described in Common so often, and, in short, lead the "simple life" until you gain your usual health.

MRS. C. A. B., Nersana, Alaska.—Your dreams are more or less a habit. Try eating a very small supper. Have your main meal at noon. Drink plenty of water and exercise freely in the open air. Just before you retire, try the cold spinal douche, with massage.

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Mrs. J. T. S., Magnolia, Minn.—You need glasses, no doubt. After you have gotten the right glasses, if your double vision still continues, have the extrinsic muscles of your eyes tested and see if they work together all right. You also have catarrh of the nose. Try Dobell's solution as a spray three times a day.

Mrs. S. A. G., Lineville, Ala.—There is no cure for paralysis. Have your blood-pressure taken, and follow out the instructions of your family physician, as to diet, keeping the bowels open, taking massage and eating proper amount and quality of food.

Mrs. M. O. C., Bardwell, Ky.—Use only liquid vaseline, known as aloline, in the ear. If your ear discharges, you should consult a specialist and have the ears treated. If the ears do not stop discharging and you continue to have pain, have the mastoid operation done and get at the seat of the trouble.

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MRS, M. P., East Akron, Ohio.—The best way to remove your moles is by the use of the electric cautery. It takes only a moment, is practically painless and very effective. Consult some good local physician. COMFORT does not furnish addresses or place manuscript.

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H. P. S., Casterland, N. Y.—There is no cure for asthma. Besides operation, would advise change to the seashore. Sometimes a decided change of climate will effectually remove the exciting cause of asthmatic trouble and effect a cure.

trouble and effect a cure.

H. P. S., Casterland, New York.—There is no cure known as "itch." It can be cured by using some form of sulphur ointment. The following ointment can be applied at night: Precipitated sulphur sixty grains to the ounce of vaseline. Apply all over body from neck to feet for four nights only, to be followed by a hot bath and entire change of clothes.

KILLED by GOSSIP

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Text.—I am disgraced, impeached and baffled here, pierced to the soul with slander's envenom-ed spear.—Shakespeare.

been. One day she was taken with pneumonia and died. The doctor said she did not make the slightest effort to live. At her funeral the house was full, we all had a strange, conscience-stricken feeling. Helen Lester I did not see there. When the service was over a tall, elderly man who was a stranger in town began to speak:

science-stricken feeling. Helen Lester I did not see there. When the service was over a tall, elderly man who was a stranger in town began to speak:

"This woman,' he pointed at the dead face, 'was killed as Shakespeare says by slanderous tongues. You question how she made her money. Let me tell you. She left this town forty-seven years ago penniless, untrained, young and lovely to wander the streets of New York for days searching for work. When she was reduced to fifty cents she took the only position which had been offered her, work she shrank from in horror as any young girl might have done. She became assistant to an undertaker. She stayed on in the business, not because she liked it or because she was making a good income, but as she told me once because it was a calling which cried aloud for tender, decent women. She knew however that it meant the severing of every home tie. In those days you Southern women disdained work, what would you have thought of her toil? Her career later took her to the far West where she carried comfort into many a bereaved home. The ministry of her gentle hands is not yet forgotten by many a stricken mother.

"At last she wanted a rest. She had earned money enough to spend the rest of her life in comfort and as she told me her heart cried aloud for home. She shrank from the curious eyes and curious questions she would meet. Still she faced you. How would you have treated her if you had known the truth? Would you have been kindlier than you were? Only the lie, the black, monstrous, foul lie begotten and spread by one woman as I have discovered, a woman who has hated Margaret Pond all her life, that killed her. The doctor tells me she had heard it, she knew you believed it and it sent her to her grave. Nothing, so it seems to me, which can be dealt out at the Judgment seat, is too terrible for the woman with the serpent's tooth." "Next morning Helen Lester left town. If she had not—" the woman beside me shuddered, "nobody knows what might have lappened. White folks have been lync

Daughter of a Philosopher

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Louisa helped her sister May in her art studies, but she did not give up her writing. She usually spent her summers in Concord, but she could work better in Boston, so in winter that city became her home. In 1877 her mother died. In her journal Louisa said:

"I never wish her back, but a great warmth seems gone out of my life, and there is no motive to go on now. I think I shall soon follow her, and am quite ready to go, now she no longer needs me."

But one who had done so much for the sake of others was to do more still. Sister May died in Paris, and her infant daughter was sent to Louisa who rather moodily wrote:

"May wished me to have her baby and her pictures. A precious legacy! Rich payment for the little I could do for her. I see now why I lived—to care for May's child and not leave Anna all alone.

"Courage and patience there I set."

"Courage and patience, these I ask, Dear Lord, in this my latest strait; For hard I find my ten years' task, Learning to suffer and to wait."

The main interest for the next few years was the care of May's child and the attention given her father who was now growing old. She became an excellent mother to little Lulu, and the bright baby seems to have added a warm cheer to the heart of Miss Alcott.

Her philosophical father died in 1882, also the year of Mr. Emerson's passing, Louisa was so ill herself that she did not know her loss, and her death occurred soon. Louisa's life was one of ceaseless labor, unwearied kindness and self-sacrifice.

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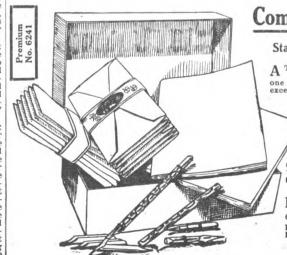
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Ellis Island as it is Today By C. L. Cheever

TEAR after year millions of people from all over Europe enter America through the greatest gateway the world has ever known, that portal of Ellis Island.

The majority of the 15,000,000 foreign-born people in the United States have had some experience there—for Ellis Island station has not borne a reputation always for kindness. There has been much suffering there. Many have been detained, some have been sent back

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But today the first thing that greets your eye is a great playground out on the lawn with hundreds of men, women and children resting there. There are tents to keep off the sun and rain. There are swings and sand piles for the children

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The European war has converted Ellis Island into agreat detention camp with six or eight hundred men, women and children who, for some reason or other could not enter the country and were held there waiting for the war to end. They had nothing to do. They sat day after day on the hard benches, provided for them and thought of their homes and their friends. The first day they went to the lawn they rolled upon it. They played with it. The tears rolled down their cheeks. The appetites of the children got better. Life became brighter. The whole island changed.

In the room where the immigrants are examined before they are admitted to this country, the same change is found. It used to be like a prison. There were high gratings on either side, so high that a man could not see over them. They have all been taken down. Round about the walls are rows of potted plants and flowers. The place looks like a garden. From the galleries above the American flags float, while round about the walls there are fine pictures of the presidents of the United States.

At noon there is music. On Sundays a concert is given by the Hungarians, the Germans, the Sootch, the Poles, the Bohemians or the Italians. For every

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Asks Army Board to Take Husband

The local examining board for the selective conscription act in Gullatin county, Montana, is treasuring a literary gem which has come under their eyes in the course of their official labors. It was written from a wife who evidently considers her husband better in the army than out. The letter says: "Dear United States Army: My husband ast me to write you a rekommend that he supports his fambly. He cannot read so don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good to me. He ain't done nothing but drink lemmonade essence and play a fidle since I married him eight years ago, and I gotta feed seven kids of his. Don't tell him, but just take him."

Practically Minded

An old hen was pecking at some stray carpet tacks in the yard.
"Now; what do you suppose that hen is eating those tacks for?" said Henry.
"Perhaps," rejoined his little sister, "she is going to lay a carpet."—Stray Stories.

A Useful Monkey

An Italian organ grinder possessed a monkey which he "worked" through the summer months. When the cool days came his business fell off, and he dis-

continued his walks and melodies. An Irishman of his acquaintance offered him half a crown for the privilege of keeping and feeding the little beast. The bargain was made for a month. Great curiosity filled the mind of the Italian, and at last he went ostensibly to see his pet, but really to find out what possible use Pat could make of the monkey.

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The Irishman was frank. "It's loike this," he said. "Oi put up a pole in me back yard, with the monkey on the top. Tin or twelve trains of cars loaded with coal go by every evenin'. There's men on every car. Every man takes a heave at the monk. Divil a wan has hit him, but Oi have sivin tons of coal."—Chicago Neus.

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What They're Made Of

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To the orderly the visitor said: "That's a bad case. What are you going to do with him?"

"He's going back, sir!" replied the orderly.

"Going back!" said the visitor in surprised tones.

"Yes" said the orderly. He thinks he knows who did it."

Why should a spider appear to have

Different Spelling

There is a certain dear old lady who owns a little farm and takes a few boarders in summer.

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So the girl asked would he wait till she went home for the money. The clergyman said "yes." In a little while the girl returned with the money and the knot was duly tied. The girl now said to the clergyman: "Can anyone oppose our union?" To which he replied: "Nobody, my daughter. Heaven bless you."

"Nobody, my daughter. Heaven bless you."
The girl said:
"Then there's the pawn ticket for your hat and coat, which I took from the vestry and pawned!"
Collapse of his reverence.—Chicago Journal.

Cause and Effect

boarders in summer.

An anxious young mother, who had been industriously delving into medical literature inquired of the old lady whether or not the milk served at her table was pasteurized.

"Of course!" was the old lady's indignant reply. "Don't we keep the cows we've got in the pasture all summer long?" "Farm products cost more than they

Tommy—"Talking of riddles, uncle, do you know the difference between an apple and an elephant?"
Uncle—"No, my boy, I don't."
Tommy—"You'd be a smart chap to send out to buy apples, wouldn't you?" Maude—"Oh, Ethel, and what did you say to him when he proposed to you? Did you say what you said you were going to the other day? That was a noble

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societies of New York or New Jersey gives a concert with its own talent. On one occasion the Hungarians hired a steamer and brought it to the island loaded with toys, fruit, food and other things for the immigrants detained there.

there.

During week nights those who are detained there on account of sickness or some other reason are entertained with motion pictures. Men are found good positions in factories and mills. Women wait for their friends and relatives. Often they come back to the island from time to time to attend the concerts or to tell the officials how they are getting on.

"Farm products cost more than they used to."
"Yes," replied the farmer; "when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raisin' an' the ento-mological name of the insect that eats it an' the pharmaceutical name of the chemical that will kill it, somebody's got to pay."—Boston Post.

If the railroads are only to haul necessities hereafter, how are those congress—ento get home to the spring primaries?—Portland Express.

The Restaurant Habit

Wife—"But why have you put your friend's things in the dining-room?"
Hub—"Oh, he's used to restaurants; he won't enjoy his dinner unless he can watch his hat and coat."—Boston Transeript.

Got the Other Place
A' practical joker called up the telephone-operator and said: "Hello, Central, Give me Heaven," but that isn't what she gave him.—Youngstown Telegram.

Mrs. C—"I wonder where in the world the alarm clock has gone! I saw it on the mantel yesterday."

Mr. C—"It was there yesterday, but I heard it going off this morning."

Mrs. C—"Well, I hope it hasn't gone where you told it to go."—Yonkers Statesman.

"How to catch fish is a study. How to lie about it comes natural."—New Orleans Picayune.

They had parted long years ago, says Tit-Bits. Now, in the deepening shadows of the twilight they had

speech, just suited to crush the boldest man. And did he slink away like a whipped dog?"

Ethel—'Well, not exactly. You see, I didn't say just that. I—I—well—er—well, you see, I said 'Yes.'"

No Change

twilight they had met again.
"Here is the old stile, Mary," he said.
"Aye, an' here be our initials that you carved, Sandy," she replied.

Sibyl's Influence

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Were mangled beyond recognition, and—"
"And what?"

It never came to her that she might be inflicting untold agony upon a bereaved mother's heart in requiring her to go over these fearful details.

Every sense was locked and concentrated upon that one frenzied thought.

"And they told me that many grown people also having been killed, there were none to claim the little bodies, and they had been obliged to hury them in nameless graves. From my description of my darling, they believed she must have been among the number."

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Day and night it haunted her like an accusing angel while she lived, and it was almost more than her hardened heart could even now bear to meet with composure.

"I went to those little graves," she continued. and wept over them all, not knowing which to call mine, and then I came away to live out my and life alone."

An utter silence fell upon them after she had concluded, which lasted several minutes.

It was broken at last by a long, shuddering sigh from Sibyl.

"It was very sad. I do not see how you could have borne it; but—I do not feel very well. I think I must go home now."

She said it in a dazed sort of way, trying at the same time to rise from her chair.

"I should not have told you," said Mrs. Stillman, looking up, half, frightened, into her colorless face. "I ought to have known that it would have shocked you; but you will come again? You do not know, miss, how I am getting to watch for your coming," she concluded, eagerly.

The words struck a death-like chill to the fair girl's heart.

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"Yes, I will come again," she answered, wearily, and, mechanically putting on her hat and cloak, she blindly groped her way into the street, entered the carriage, and was driven home.

She was so glad that Raymond and his mother vere out, and there was no one to see her white face nor question her as to its cause when she entered.

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sce nor question her as to its cause when she entered.

She crept upstairs to her own room, locked the door, and, throwing herself upon a couch, tried to think.

She had always pictured her mother as some noble, beautiful lady; delicate, refined, and highly cultured—as some one toward whom she would instantly be drawn, and whom she should instantly recognize through intuition.

Could she call this woman, who seemed so common, and who rather repelled than attracted her, by the sacred name which she had always so longed to utter?

Her whole soul rebelled against it, and yet the more she thought the more she became convinced that her surmises were correct.

Two long hours she battled with herself, and prayed for a right spirit. But no answer, no reace came—all the brightness seemed suddenly to have gone out of her life, and a gloom, like a pall, settled down upon her.

A rap came at length upon her door.

Striving for calmness, she arose and opened it. Raymond stood without, a smile on his lips, a tender love-light in his fine eyes.

But after one glance, both smile and light suddenly faded, and with an exclamation of dismay, he reached out his arms and inclosed her.

"My darling, what troubles you—why are you so pale and hollow-eyed?" he asked, in great anxiety.

"I do not feel well, Ray," she answered, letting her head droop wearily against him.

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"Where have you been?—and what have you been doing that you should look like this?" he femanded, searching the hopeless, despairing face in perplexity.

But she could not tell him—she could tell no fene until she knew more; she must be very sure herself, and bring her mind to bear the great thange more calmly, before she could even confide in him. So she only said:

"I went out several hours ago to see Mrs. Stillman, and began to feel ill before leaving her rooms; but it will pass, I shall feel better soon."

"I shall go down and send father up to prescribe for you immediately; I am alarmed," Raymond said, regarding her earnestly.

"No, Ray, please don't; I am not really ill. Afew hours of rest will make me all right again," she pleaded.

She could not have Sir Athelstone question her;

she pleaded.

She could not have Sir Athelstone question her; she did not want to see him, nor any one now, and the sight of Raymond himself almost unserved her again, although it was very comforting to feel his protecting care.

But if this phantom, which seemed so relentlessly pursuing her, should take visible, tangible shape, what then?

The Prescotts were very proud, and their only son and heir would never be allowed to lower himself by mating with the child of a poor, unknown woman like Mrs. Stillman, How could she bear it?

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it?
She looked around her beautiful rooms; every object within them was dear to her, and must she go away and leave everything behind her?
Her very soul shrank back appalled at the sacrifice, and Raymond, holding her close to him, felt the sudden thrill of agony which shook her from head to foot.
"My darling, you are certainly very ill—you have been where they have fever, and caught it," he exclaimed.

folding her closer, he whisperd, with a

my love! I have just won you-I cannot

lose you!"

And his clasp tightened, as if he would allow mothing to wrest her from him.

He led her to the couch and made her lie down, covering her with a soft shawl. He brought a bottle of eau de cologne and bathed her hot head, soothing her with fond and gentle words, until she did indeed seem to be growing more composed and natural.

Gradually the look of pain died out of her face, the heavy, sorrow-laden lids drooped over her eyes, the thought-wearied brain grew quiet, the tense muscles relaxed, and Sibyl slept.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A CRUEL THING TO DO.

Sibyl had not been gone many minutes from rs. Stillman's, on that day when she had learned o much, when Ada Therwin came in to pay a sit.

She found the "poor rheumatic" busily en-She found the "poor rheumatic" busily engaged in preparing herself a comfortable dinner! For a person who had suffered so long from that painful disease, Mrs. Stillman was remarkably nimble, and bustled around in a manner wonderful to behold!

"Well, Jude, I should say you were in a hurry," Ada remarked, as she threw herself into a chair by the kitchen stove, and watched her movements with some amusement.

"Ah! Miss Ada, I'm mortal hungry, and I thought I should surely have to go without my dinner today."

"Hasn't the little fool but just gone?" Miss

"Hasn't the little fool but just gone?" Miss Therwin sneeringly inquired.

"Just fifteen minutes ago by the clock," the woman answered, glancing up at it.

"You need not call her fool, though," she added. "There is more character to her than either you or I know of, or I will lose my guess."

"I shall call her whatever I like. I hate her, and wish—yes, I do wish she had been killed in



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ET simple utility be the salient feature of this function in war-time. Enforced use of war bread is showing us that the country can get along well on some of the coarser foods in our daily

of this again the country can get along well on some of the country can get along well on some of the country can get along well on some of the country can get along well on some of the never was any real reason, except the one that appealed to the eye, why we should have so generally preferred bread made of the very whitest flour, in the milling of which some of the most mourishing elements of the grain were eliminated for the sake of color at a sacrifice of food value. While becoming used to the looks of the darker breads, we are discovering that they provide a more substantial and nourishing article of diet.

And this is going to teach us something else. As we can get along without undue style in bread, which was all it amounted to, so we can get along and be content with much less of style in other things. We are going to learn, before this war is over and our country's affairs have become readjusted, that it is not positively necessary to purchase a new suit of clothes on the exact moments become too out-of-date to give the wearer any pleasure, they will, with the aid of new patterns, be made to do further service by our noble women, who are tryly large tryl and the home

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of the coarser foods in our daily money. The cart is always obtainable from some friend who has children, and ever it were with the same. Decorate the cart with wild spring the same. Decorate the cart wi

some of the habits of the early fathers, after we have learned the war bread lessons thoroughly. It will become unfashionable to show unto show un-

unfashionable to show undue ostentation, even when there is wealth back of it. There is going to be public criticism of men and women who spend more than they can afford on food, clothing, shelter and equipage.

Studied food economy has brought about new table manners. It has restored the breadboard to its proper place, on the dining table, from which bread is cut and served as wanted, which prevents great waste. Everything is passed, individual dishes being tabooed, and etiquette demands that one shall serve to himself only what he is sure of eating, not taking food to be toyed with on the plate. Refuse point blank what you do not care for, and remember that the cleaner the plate the better the manners. Wastefulness has become unfashionable, in bad taste, and the lessons learned while thrift, economy and simplicity are required by the conditions of war will be carried into the future and result in a happier living for those, at least, who have struggled so strenuously to keep up with a speedy procession in the matter of spending.

The Parcel Shower

It is more than likely that the bride-to-be, for whom you are planning a "shower," has given her promise true to a boy in khaki, and you are naxious that this event shall demonstrate your patriotism as well as friendship. In these days, when every effort must be directed toward winning the war, and we have no place for useless gaieties, the following suggestions may prove the suggestions are suggested in an angel cake tin in a moderate oven forty minutes. Cover with honey icing, garnish with half walnut meats and surround with rose leaves.

Honey Icing.—Beat three egg-whites very stiff. Boil one and one third cup of homey twelve minutes, and in a fine stream pour slowly into the egg and beat stiff.

timely in making such a shower very attractive

and acceptable.

The first stipulations should be that only near and dear friends of the honored guest be present, and that refreshments be limited to two things, conservation cake and fruit punch sweetened with bones.

Cross Pat-terns for making garments for the French

and Belgian boysand girls. War - time recipes cut from magazines and pasted in a note book, putting your signature to any you have tried and approved.

Yarn for socks and sweaters.

CONSERVATION CAKE. Khaki knitting bag lined with red and a cross of red ribbon stitched on each side. Pin on the following verse:

"Mary had a knitting bag;
"Twas solid full of yarn;
And everywhere that Mary went
That bag went on her arm."

Conservation Cake.—Cream together until very light one cup of light brown sugar and one third cup of butter substitute; add two egg yolks that have been beaten to a light yellow, and beat again. Add one cup of cold prunes that have been stewed in water enough to cover and cooked nearly dry, and cut into eighths, with three table-spoons of sweet milk, one level teaspoon each of cinnamon and ginger, half a teaspoon of nutmeg, and one quarter of a teaspoon of salt, and beat together. Add one and three quarters cup of pastry flour sifted with three level teaspoons of baking powder, and beat well. Lastly fold in until smooth the beaten whites of two eggs. Bake in an angel cake tin in a moderate oven forty minutes. Cover with honey icing, garnish with half walnut meats and surround with rose leaves.

that smash-up sixteen years ago," Ada impatiently replied, with a very unpleasant frown upon her fair face.
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"I suppose it would have been better for your future prospects. However, I've done a pretty stroke of business for you today," said Mrs. Stillman, as she put a plate of fricasseed chicken upon the table, and, sitting down, prepared to satisfy the cravings of her appetite.

"How so? Have you related her history to the little simpleton at last?"

"At last! Pray how long did you think it was going to take to get through with such a delicate piece of business as you have set me to do?" demanded her companion somewhat sharply.

"I do not mean to be unreasonable, Judith," apologized Miss Therwin, "but it's two weeks now since she first came here, and I must confess that I am somewhat impatient, for that young Prescott has neither eyes nor ears for any one else when

am somewhat impatient, for that young Prescott has neither eyes nor ears for any one else when she is around."

"What do you care for him? You have had scores of offers from men in a higher position than he occupies, and might have as many more."

"That is all very true, but I have found even during my few years of social life, that there is quite a difference between fops, swells, dandles, and—men," Miss Therwin remarked, with rather scornful emphasis.

"Ahem! and how would you class the other

sex?" quietly inquired Judith, but with a droll expression in her black eyes.

Miss Therwin colored.
"That is neither here nor there," she said, tartly; "I am interested in Mr. Prescott; he is a man to whom one could look up, and be proud of; he will make his mark in the world some time, and I mean that he shall yet ask me to share his future. But if we don't get Sibyl out of the way pretty soon, I'm afraid he will propose to her, if he has not done so already, though I hardly think things have gone so far as that yet."

yet."
"What leads you to that conclusion?"
"She wears no engagement ring, and there has been no announcement of anything of the kind."
"Well, the change in her circumstances may make no difference with him," Judith replied.
"Pshaw! do you suppose a man in his position would marry her when he finds out who and what she is?"

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"Is?"

"Well, of course, you know I mean what she is, made to believe she is; it will amount to the same thing." qualified Miss Therwin.

"It might make no difference with him, even then. She would remain the same, and, if he loved her, he might make her his wife in spite of everything." persisted Judith.

"I tell you be never would compromise himself

in any such way," Ada cried, angrily.

"But some men will do a great deal for love, you know."

"It can't be that you argue from experience," sneered Ada, hotly.

Judith's face grew a sudden scarlet; then the angry tide receding, left her very pale.

Her black eyes glowed with passion, but there was a look of intense pain about her mouth.

"I advise you not to try me too far, Miss Ada," she said, with a sort of fierce calmness that made Miss Therwin wince. "That is a subject which is never to be touched upon again between us."

"Well well, I promise not to twit upon facts any more, only when you argue against me it angers me, and I do not stop to think what I am saying. But you have not yet told me how much you accomplished today," Ada replied, changing the tone of her remarks.

Judith related her whole interview with Sibyl, much to Miss Therwin's entertainment.

"Then you believe she will fall into the trap?" she asked, when she had finished.

"I have no doubt of it, but it will not do to be too fast in the matter. It is better for her to learn a little at a time, think it over well, and be thoroughly convinced before she commits herself, and when she does at last give in, it will be an entire renouncing of everything."

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"It is because I am so anxious."

"Bah I her is yes when she is in trouble."

"Bah! Hearts don't break so easily as you imagine. Do you need any money, Judith?" And Miss Therwin thus dismissed the subject with the coolest indifference, and turned to affairs of minor importance.

"You may as well leave me a fiver. Persons in my delicate state of health require the most nourishing viands to keep up their strength, you know," Judith returned, with a mocking laugh, as she poured out her third cup of tea, and helped herself to another drumstick.

Miss Therwin took the desired amount from her well-filled purse and passed it to her.

"You must be as saving as you can," she said, "for I am a little short on my allowance this month; though if you succeed in carrying out our plans, I shall not begrudge whatever we may spend."

"It am glad to hear you say that, Miss Ada, for I assure you I do not object to this comfortable way of living." Judith answered, with a satisfied glance around her cozy apartments.

"If everything works well," Ada conti

"Another! I've not made so very much as yet,

"Another! I've not made so very much as yet, that I can see."
"Well, you will, for I shall, of course, pay you the sum I promised, and, besides, Sir Athelstone and Lady Prescott will undoubtedly settle a hand-some annuity upon Sibyl. They will never allow her to want for anything; so there will be no need for you ever to lift your hand again, that is, if you can keep up the deception."

"I think I shall be able to, with such a prospect for the future as you describe. I always did love the comfort which money brings. But about this other chance?"

There was a greedy look on the woman's face, that told that money would tempt her to a great deal.

deal.

"Oh! there is a gentleman in town who has become very much enamored of Sibyl, and after she comes to live with you, if you will only assist him in his suit, your fortune is made."

"What other deep-laid scheme have you in your brain now, Miss Ada?" demanded Judith, with a cunning look at her companion.

"None whatever, only don't you see, if he can win the girl, the coast is clear for me in another direction."

"Sure enough; but will this one be willing to

"Sure enough; but will this one be willing to compromise himself, any more than the other?" was the shrewd inquiry.

Miss Therwin colored.
She knew right well the character of the Duc d'Aubigne.
She knew that he had won many pure hearts, only to break and trample on them. But she answered, carelessly;
"That is his lookout, not mine. I am only concerned to get her well out of young Prescott's way as soon as possible."
"What is his name?"
"I suppose you will have to know it before long, and I may as well tell you. It is the Duc d'Aubigne."

d'Aubigne."
A sudden, noisy clatter startled Miss Therwin at this moment.
In some unaccountable way, Judith had dropped her knife and fork, and tipped her plate into her lap.
She quickly replaced the plate, and then stopped to pick up the other things, which was a work requiring some exertion, since the knife had sped in one direction, and the fork in another.

Her face was very red and her eyes very bright when she resumed her seat, from the recent exertion, probably.
"Does he belong here?" she asked, returning to the subject under discussion; but the tones of her voice were not quite steady, and her color was rapidly receding.

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"Not he is a relative of Lady Wilton, and visits her every season. He has a magnificent estate in France, besides an unlimited bank account, I am told."
"How do you happen to know so much about him?" Judith asked, with a keen glance.

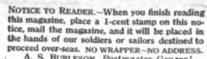
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Store Your Pantry and Cellar with Home-Made Food Products Now to Avoid Shortage next Winter

HE world is starving in consequence of war. In America is the last available food reserve and it must be made adequate to feed our own soldiers and the armies of our allies and their people, too, if we are to win the war. This world conflict is as much a war of women as of men, and the women, as a rule, are doing their part with a zeal and efficiency which should shame such male slackers as neither work nor fight. Thousands of women are doing men's work, filling the places of those who have donned the khaki, while others are angels of mercy to the sick and wounded, and all are helping on the Red Cross work, but the great and all-important woman's war service is that to which all American housewives are called—to fight famine at home so that our soldiers shall not be attacked by starvation while fighting the atrocious Huns.

Production, conservation and transportation constitute the three important elements of the food problem. The shortage of farm labor is a serious handicap to the production of the staple crops though this is expected to be offset in a measure by a larger use of machinery. At best the supply will be scant in proportion to the need and will have to be stretched so far as to involve a degree of sacrifice on the part of our people as yet not generally anticipated. The war gardens will be a great help, especially through the summer and fall; and here is where the women and children will get in their work. But much of the garden produce is perishable, as are the fruits and berries, and will go to waste unless the surplus is preserved by canning or drying for winter use. And here again the women and children will come to the rescue.

All food of every kind produced this **season** will be needed, and waste of any sort means privation here as well as over there before next summer. It is a military necessity that we increase our exports of wheat, beef and pork to Europe which can be accomplished only by cutting down our home consumption of these articles. That is the Government's program and you can rely on the Food Admistration for a rigid enforcement. Therefore we must prepare for a further substitution of other foods for our use or go on short rations. Let not the slackers who would neglect to can and preserve for home use console themselves with the notion that there will be a plenty of purchasable canned goods in the market, for there will not be. The present stock of canned foods is nearly exhausted and scarcity of tin will reduce this season's factory production, which, coupled with the fact that the Government has engaged for the use of the army and navy half of the entire output of the canning factories, will surely cause an unprecedented scarcity-besides. the increased cost of labor and material will put the prices up still higher for such as is obtainable.

Plenty of Sugar for Home Canning and Preserving

N the interest of conservation the Food Administration has taken entire control of the distribution of sugar which is now sold under to quentity m But a recent Government bulletin urges the people to provide for their own needs as largely as possible by home canning and preserving, and promises an ample supply of sugar for this purpose. But in order to obtain the sugar for canning and preserving you will have to go to your grocer and fill out, sign and leave with him a certificate stating the quantity required by you for this use This certificate system has been adopted to prevent sugar being obtained in unreasonable quantities for household consumption. wait till the last minute before you need it, but call on your grocer at once for a certificate and place your order in due season. If he has no blank certificates get him to send to the Federal Food Administrator, Washington, D. C., who will furnish them free on application.

Don't Eat Up the Freight

TEXT in importance to production and conservation of food is the relief of the strain on our overtaxed transportation facilities. Such enormous quantities of war material. which is given the preference, have to be hauled that the railroads are unable to meet the ordinary transportation requirements of the country. Much freight is refused under Government embargo and there is long delay and great difficulty in obtaining shipment even of such necessaries as food and fuel, in consequence of which the people in some sections of the country came unpleasantly near freezing and starving last winter. Therefore it is imperative that each community manage, so far as possible during the war, to live on its own products instead of obtaining its supplies from distant sources. Thus the exigencies of war are forcing us to revert in some respects to the methods by which our great-grandmothers provisioned their homes before the days of railroads when each home was of necessity a self-sustaining little community producing for itself nearly everything consumed therein. It is our duty to our country, in order not to eat up the freight facilities, as well as for our own interest in the way of economy of cost to live as largely on local produce and use as little of the products of distant sections as possible. We can do this to a great extent by canning, drying or preserving near-by vegetables, fruits and berries. liberal supply of jellies, jams and fruit butters will serve as a wholesome and appetizing substitute for dairy butter on our bread. If your situation permits you will render a patriotic service and benefit yourself by raising your own pork, poultry and eggs.

Slackened production at the coal mines makes a fuel shortage inevitable next winter, and it will be worse than that of last winter unless mining and distribution are speeded up immediately. It behooves all who live where stove wood is obtainable to lay in a supply at once for winter use in place of coal.

"Work or Fight"

ITH the shortage of labor facing the nation as one of the most serious difficulties that obstruct the effective prosecution of the war, public opinion is waking to the fact that idleness under present conditions is a crime, and some States have recently enacted laws to make it punishable in order to compel the loafers to get busy at some useful employment. Judging from the favorable editorial comment on this movement other States are likely to pursue this line of action which should be adopted immediately throughout the country.

New Jersey leads with a law requiring every able-bodied male resident between the ages of eighteen and fifty years to be habitually and regularly engaged in some lawful, useful, and recognized employment until the termination of the war, and Governor Edge in his proclamation calling upon the sheriffs and other peace officers to see that every idling male in the State goes to work or goes to jail, explains that if these idlers say they are unable to find work, the State Labor Department will find it for them. In further comment the Governor says: "The selective service principle should prevail as in the making of our military forces. In this task we are drafting the industrial army." He instructs the State Labor Department to assign to each loafer the kind of work suitable to his mental and physical capacity. The idlers are declared to "constitute not merely a financial burden to every community, but also a genuine menace to the welfare of the nation's manhood under arms and their safety on the bat-tle front. * * * * Our farms and industries need more man-power than is available to meet the extraordinary demands for production. By making this law of 1918 something more than a temporary sensation we shall be helping to supply this demand and at the same time curbing vagrancy, uselessness, mendicancy, immorality and crime."

In the rush to seek employment rather than be caught in the State-wide round-up that began immediately after the Governor's proclamation a thousand idle men in one day applied for jobs at the public Employment Bureau in the City of Newark, alone, which indicates an astonishing prevalence of loafing in a State wherein hundreds of industrial establishments are offering high wages and advertising for help. The comments of newspapers in other States warrant the interference that New Jersey is no exception and that the plague of idleness is far too prevalent throughout the country, in the rural sections as well as in the cities. Maryland and West Virginia have just adopted anti-loafing laws, the New York legislature is considering a similar bill, and the Governor of Georgia is starting a compulsory labor movement in his State. Let the good work go on, for it is a shame for women to be injuring their health doing men's work while these idle drones are loafing.

The work of building the ships so much needed by our Government for carrying supplies to our army in France has been much delayed by numerous strikes among the high wage shipyard mechanics. The papers report that the women of Noank, Conn., on April 23, expressed their indignation at the unpatriotic action of the employees at the local shipbuilding plant in striking. The young men who have quit work are being snubbed by the young women whose cry is "Work or fight." And that should be the slogan throughout the land.

Watch for and Report German Spies

States and there is no abatement of the activity of his spies and secret agents who are spreading destruction by fire and explosives, disease germs and poisons, as well as promoting disloyalty by the circulation of German propaganda. It is a menace of colossal proportions, and to combat it requires that every loyal citizen be on the alert to detect and report all suspicious persons. This is not only a patriotic duty but is required by law, as has been stated in the President's proclamation. The American Defense Society, having a nation-wide organization, has issued the following appeal which we print by request.

"Every German or Austrian in the United States, unless known by years of association to be absolutely loyal, should be treated as a potential spy.

"Be on the alert. Keep your eyes and ears open. Take nothing for granted. Energy and alertness may save the life of your son, your husband or your-brother.

"The enemy is engaged in making war in this country, in transmitting news to Berlin, and in spreading peace propaganda, as well as lies about the conditions and morale of American military forces.

"Whenever any suspicious act, or disloyal word comes to your notice, communicate at once with the Vigilance Corps of the American Defense Society, with the police department, the local office of the Department of Justice, or with the national headquarters of the American Defense Society, 44 East 23rd Street, New York City."

We trust that Comfort readers will heed this appeal and not neglect to perform their part of this important war service to prevent our country from being stabbed in the back while fighting the Huns in France.

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Terms Used in Crochet

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Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops, thread over, draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; si. st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw the thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread ever, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of sts. in preceding row; sk., skip, to miss or omit number of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., padding cord; * stars mean that the directions given between them

Baby's Filet Crochet Cap

OR this handsome summer cap use mercerized crochet cotton No. 60 and No. 13 steel hook.

No. 13 steel hook.

The work is begun by making the circular filet motif which forms the crown. For this begin with ch. 17 sts.

1st row.—1 d. c. in 8th st from hook, * ch. 2, slip 2, 1 d. c., repeat from * making six spaces in all in this row, ch. 11, turn.

2nd row.—1 d. c., in 8th st. from hook, ch. 2, 1 d. c., on last double in first row, thus making an increase of two spaces more than in first row, and each increase at the end of a row is row, and each increase at the end of a row is

row, and each increase at the end of a row is made in this way.

Now six spaces over spaces, then to increase two spaces, ch. 7, 1 d. c., at base of last double, ch. 7, 1 d. c., under first ch. 7, now to increase two more spaces ch. 11, turn.

3rd row.—Make two extra spaces as before, then spaces over spaces increase two spaces as at end of second row.

4th. 5th and 6th rows.—Increase only one

as at end of second row.

4th, 5th and 6th rows.—Increase only one space at each end of row.

7th row.—8 sps., 5 blks. made by working two doubles over each sp. and 1 d. c. on each d. c., 9 sps., ch. 6, turn.

8th row.—8 sps., 7 blks., 7 sps., ch. 6, turn.

9th row.—7 sps., 4 blks., 4 sps., 3 blks., 5 sps., increase 1 blk.

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10th row.—6 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., increase 1 sp.

11th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 6 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 6 sps., ch. 6, turn.

12th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 3 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 6 sps., ch. 6., turn.

13th row.—7 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 6 sps., 2 blks., 6 sps., ch. 6, turn.

14th row.—7 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 6 sps., ch. 6, turn.

and 1 double treble at base of first p. ch. then a 2 p. ch., 1 s. c. between picots of first ch. made. At the end of this and each following row, make last ch. of 1 p. then d. tr. under ch. just before picot in last ch. in each previous row. Make five rounds of picot chains.

6th rounds omit working across 11 chs. in the

6th rounds omit working across 11 chs. in the back, turn, ch. 9, 1 s. c., between picots of next ch., ch. 9, 1 s. c., repeat to other side of neck, turn, 1 s. c., in each st.

Filet Crochet Front

1st and 2nd rows.—104 sps., 3rd row.—41 sps., 1 blk., 7 sps., 3 blks., 14 sps., 1 blk., sps. to end. 4th row.—25 sps., 2 blks., 10 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 8 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps., 3 blks., 12 sps., 2 blks., sps. 5th row.—27 sps., 3 blks., 10 sps., 1blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks.,



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2 sps., 3 blks., 4 sps., 5 blks., 8 sps., 3 blks., sps.

2 sps., 3 blks., 4 sps., 5 blks., 8 sps., 3 blks., sps. to end.
6th row.—Sps. õver sps., 4 blks., 8 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 9 sps., 4 blks., sps. to end.
7th row.—Sps. over sps., 1 sp. over blk., 3 blks., 10 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 3 sp

blks., 5 sps., 3 blks., 10 sps., 2 blks., sps.

13th row.—28 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 4 sps., 1 blk., 5 sps., 2 blks., sps.

blks., 4 sps., 1 bla., 5 sps., 1 blk., 11 sps., 4 blks., 5 sps., 7 blks., 7 sps., 1 blk., 1 sps., 4 blks., 5 sps., 7 blks., 7 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 9 sps., 1 blk., sps.

15th row.—All spaces to center group of 7 blks, then 1 sp., over 1st blk., 5 blks., 8 sps., 1 blk. all sps.

blk, all sps.
Add two rows all spaces then
1 row of singles, making 2 or 3
stitches in each sp.

7th chains, ch.
2, 1 roll st., o. 9
times in next
6th ch., ch. 3, 1
roll st. 0. 9

Finishing Scallop

Starting at neck end of this Starting at neck end of this filet front, make 1 s. c., ch., 3, 1 d. c, over 2nd sp., ch. 5., 1 p., 1 d. c, in same st., ch. 5, 1 p., 1 d. c, repeat, making 4 doubles in all, ch. 3, 1 s. c. over next second sp, on corner of fronts, make a scallop. Rosettes and ribbon ties complete this dainty little cap.

Filet Crochet Hint

A very easy way to get the correct number of spaces in the sts., ch. 2, 2 roll first row, in starting any filet sts., ch. 2, 2 roll crochet patterns is to make a ch. 7, 1 d. c. in first stitch, ch. cn. 7, 1 d. c. in first stitch, ch. 5, turn, 1 d. c. under ch., ch. 5, turn, 1 d. c. under ch., repeat until you have the correct number of spaces instead of starting with the usual long chain.

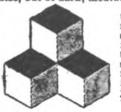
chain.
2nd row.—Ch. 5, 1 d. c. on d.
c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c. and pro-CROCHET CAP.

ceed as usual.

To prevent crocheting from raveling out as sometimes happens when picked up hastily, before leaving the work always draw out the last loop slip ball through it and draw up slightly. This makes work secure until one wishes to continue with it.

Shifting Cubes

This old but puzzling design for a quilt is really simplicity itself, so far as making goes for the pieces are all diamonds of the same size, but of dark, medium and light material.



m and light material.
The arrangement of
the pieces as shown,
running the diamond
solidly together result
in a stair-like pattern at
times and then again
stairs seem to run cornerwise; or myriads of little boxes piled up, just according to the way the light strikes.

A silk quilt made in this way with all the dark diamonds of velvet is very handsome. The border should be dark and of some plain material. Sofa pillow covers are very attractive made in this design.

Irish Rose Handkerchief Bag

Materials. No. 100 crochet cotton and fine steel hook. Ch. 7, form in ring, 35 s. c. in ring, join with slip st., ch. 9, 1 d. c. on 5th s. c., ch. 6, 1 d. c. on next 5th st., repeat making 7 divisions in all. visions in all.

Petals

3 d. c., 6 tr. c., 3 d. c. under each eh. Join, slip st. up first petal to first treble, then ch. 9, 1 d. tr. c. on treble ch. 2, repeat making 4 more d. trebles, ch. 4, 6 d. tr. c. over next petal, repeat all around. Thirty-five rose motif will be

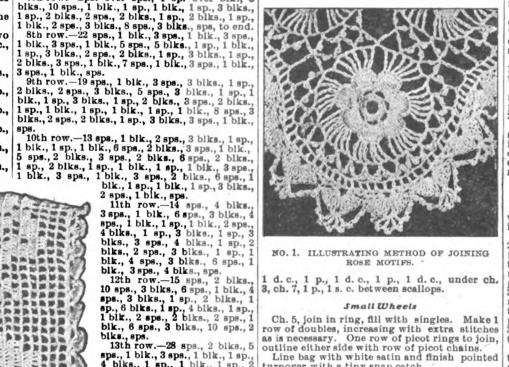
To join baste on paper foundation, crochet 1 row of picot chains, around each wheel, join the chains when making as shown in illustra-tion No. 1. Afterwards fill in the open spaces with chain-like spokes of the right length to

the work flat.

The outline of the bag is secured simply by chaining and making either singles or doubles as seems best to fill out the design and get a true line. Follow this with one row of spaces worked entirely about each side.

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Then join the edges by working through both sides and making a scallop as follows:
Beginning at an upper corner, holding the work so that the scallop will come on the right side, join in thread with 1 s. c., slip st. over 3 spaces, ch. 3, turn, sl. st. over the third sp., ch. 5, turn, making 5 d. c., ch. 3, 5 d. c. under ch. 3, which is over the third space, 1 s. c. over fifth space, repeat from beginning. fifth space, repeat from beginning.
2nd row of scallop—Ch. 7, 1 p., 1 d. c., 1 p.,



ch. 5, join in ring, ni with singles. Make 1 row of doubles, increasing with extra stitches as is necessary. One row of picot rings to join, outline either side with row of picot chains.

Line bag with white satin and finish pointed turnover with a tiny snap catch.

Deep Roll Stitch Edging

This effective design is suitable for any purpose where a heavy lace is desirable.

The design shown is worked of carpet warp

with a No. 2 steel hook. Begin with ch. 30 sts 1st row.-

-2 row stitches, thread over hook 9 times, in 4th ch. from hook, ch. 2, 2 roll sts. in same st. * ch 2, 1 roll st. over 9 times in 5th,6th, 7th chains, ch.

roll st., o. 9
times, in the
same st., ch. 2, 2
roll sts. with ch.
3 between in
next 6th st., repeat once more, ch. 3, turn.

2nd row .- 3 roll sts. under ch. in first shell, ch. 2, 3 roll sts. under same ch. Repeat same over next 2 shells, • 4 roll sts. over 3 roll

Shell 4 roll sts.,
ch. 2, 5 roll sts.,
repeat 1st row
from *working under ch. in center of shells,
ch. 3, turn.
4th row.—Same as 2nd row to *then 5 roll sts.,
shell on end shell, 1 d. c., ch. 3, turn.
5th row.—Shell 4 roll sts., ch. 2, 7 roll sts.,
finish with shells. Continue in this way increasing the solid triangle, 1 roll st each row
until it is 11 rolls in width, then repeat patterns
from the first row, placing the shells as shown
in the illustration.

DEEP ROLL STITCH EDGING.

together at regular intervals of 8 thus: Eighth
and ninth stitches together, seventeenth and
eighteenth stitches together, twenty-sixth and
twenty-seventh stitches together, and so on to
end of round. Then two plain rounds.

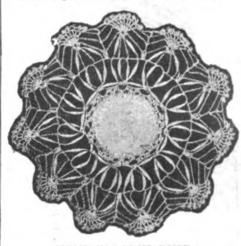
Sth round.—Knit seventh and eighth stitches as
above, to end of round. Then two plain
rounds.

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Coronation Braid Dolly

Begin to form this pattern by making loops of 2 pods of the braid, holding in place and around this loop form one of 4 pods, join at the base by crocheting to singles as closely as possible. Make a ch. the length of 1 pod, 1 s. c. to hold it, form next ring of 2 pods as bes. c. to hold it, form next ring of 2 pods as before, form second ring about it and make 2 singles as before, ch. the length of the next pods and repeat. Join ends of braid neatly.



CORONATION BRAID DOILY.

Ch. 3, 3 d. c. under ch. running along length of pod, ch. 2, 3 d. c. under same ch., ch. 3 and repeat the same under each ch. Join at end. 2nd round.—Ch. 2, 2 d. c. under ch. 3, ch. 2, 3 d. c., ch. between 6 d. c. in last round, ch. 2, 3 d. c. under ch. 3, ch. 2, 3 d. c. between next 6

Repeat, join and break thread. This finishes the center.

To Make Edge

Begin with 1 s. c. between 1st and 2nd pods of an outer ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on side end of small ring, ch. 9, 1 s. c. in end of large ring, ch. 9, 1 s. c. in opposite side of small ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on side of large ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on side of large ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on side of next large ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on small

3, 1 s. c. on side of large ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on side of next large ring, ch. 3, 1 s. c. on small ring, ch. 9, 1 s. c. in end of large ring and so on.

When this round is complete join at the starting point, then ch. 14, 4 d. c. in end of large ring, ch. 12, 3 d. c. on ch. between large rings, repeat, ending with 2 d. c., slip st. to ch. 3rd round.—Ch. 3, 1 d. c. in last double made, ch. 12, shell of 9 d. c. with ch. 1 between each worked in center of 4 d. c. in end of large ring, ch. 12, 2 d. c. or 3 d. c. as seems best and repeat around.

around.

4th round.—Begin as in the last round, ch.10, 1 d. c. on each d. c. of the fan, with ch. 1, between each, repeat all around.

5th round.—Begin as usual, ch. 5, 1 s.c. on first d. c. of fan, * ch. 2, 1 s. c., ch. 3 to form picot, repeat from * all around the shell, ch. 5, 2 d. c., repeat around each shell.

In bordering doily of any size in this way, after each edge is complete press out flat and into as perfect circle as possible, then baste over a piece of linen, buttonhole around inner edge of pattern to the linen and then cut that not needed away from the back.

The Spiral Heelless Socks

The sock should be 19 inches from the top to where you narrow for the toe; 22 to 23 inches in length, finished.

in length, finished.
Cast on 64 to 72 stitches: divided 24-24-16; or 24-24-24 on three needles. Knit plain 2, purl 2 for 4 inches; then one round of plain knitting; then plain 4, purl 4, plain 4, and so on for 6 rounds. On the sixth round plain 5, purl 4; plain 4 until end of the needle. There will be 3 purls. Always have 4 purls at the end of each needle, so slip one from the second needle to the first needle. Then on the second needle plain 4, purl 4, plain 4; at the end there will be 3 purls. Slip one stitch from the third needle to the second needle.

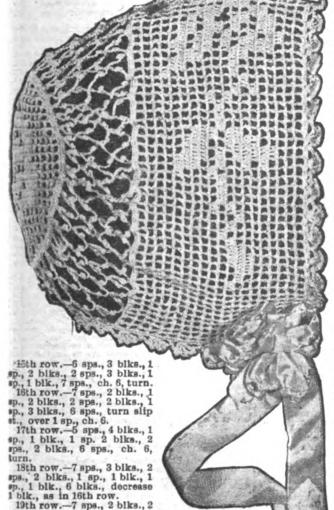
to the second needle.

Then on the third needle, 4 plain, 4 purl until the end, there will be 3 purls; slip one from your first needle to complete third needle. Then on the first needle plain 4, purl 4; this will complete the pattern. On every sixth round you move the pattern one stitch around by 5 plain on one needle and work it off this way; do this until the socks from the top neessure 19 to 20 inches. measure 19 to 20 inches.

Toe-All Plain Knitting

Four rounds plain. 5th round.—Knit eighth and ninth stitches





turn.

18th row.—7 sps., 3 blks., 2
sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1
sp., 1 blk., 6 blks., decrease
1 blk., as in 16th row.

19th row.—7 sps., 2 blks., 2
sps., 3 blks., 8 sps.

20th row.—11 sps., 2 blks., 9 sps., decrease 21st row.—20 sps., then in rows, make 18 sps., 16 sps., 14 sps., 10 sps., 6 sps.
Now work around motif, making three or

more singles under chains or spaces at the end of each row. Make another row making 1 s. c., in each s. c. This rose circle is working around with picot chains as follows; ch. 8, 1 sl. st. in 5th ch. to form p., ch. 8, 1 p., ch. 5, 1 s. c., in 5th single on circle from starting joint, repeat all around.

To join make only 1 p., in last ch., then ch. 3,



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Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them. they stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the inakeeper is not her father, and they determine to the third woman where the held, who for weeks cries for the child woman where he child, who for weeks cries for Nansie. Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures "S. H. S.," which she dimly remembers and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck, and with Raymond they seek the drawing-room, where with Lady Prescott Sibyl assists in receiving the guests. Raymond, watching and anxious, admits to his mother how beautiful Sbyl is, and that no one attracts him as she does, and that his mother has the first right to his confidence. She will like Bothling better than to keep her children with her affect of Count Egebach with the children with her affect of the shape of the count of the cou is sick. To further her scheme, Ada Therwin admits to Mrs. Stillman her anxiety to get Sibyl away from Raymond Prescott's company and the opportunity Mrs. Stillman has to make a snug fortune if she will assist one who is enamored with Sibyl. Telling his name, Judith queries why she knows so much about him.

CHAPTER XVIII. (CONTINUED.)

ISS Therwin changed color again. It was evident that Judith's questions were somewhat searching today.

But, with a little, hard, scornful laugh, she returned:

"Oh, I met him in Paris two years ago. He is a great flirt, but seems to be unusually interested in Miss Prescott, and will probably persevere in his attentions as long as there is the least hope of winning her smiles."

"How old is he?"

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"Really, Judith, you appear quite interested.

I have heard that he is over forty, but he does not look a day over thirty," laughed Ada, wondering what could have made her companion grow

dering what could have made her companion grow so stern and white all at once.

"Is—is—has he ever had a wife?"

"No: I should say he is not a marrying man. Still, the charming Sibyl may prove too much for him in this instance," was the sneering reply.

Judith suddenly arose from the table, and, going to the closet, took two or three swallows from a bottle there.

Ada noticed that her face was chalky white; that she breathed with difficulty, and held her hand pressed hard against her left side.

"What is the matter?" she demanded, somewhat alarmed.

"One of those twinges about the heart that I have told you of; they catch me frequently of

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CHAPTER XIX.

THE NECKLACE.

"Mrs. Stillman, I want you to tell me how you and your little girl happened to be on that train going from Scarborough to Bridlington at the time of that accident sixteen years ago, and whether you were traveling alone?"

Sibyl, with a grave, pale face, was in her accustomed seat by the invalid's bedside.

"I do not like to trouble you, dear young lady, with my sorrows, when you are so kind to me."

"Nay, do not refuse me, please, for I have a very particular reason for making the request, Sibyl answered, firmly.

"Very well, then; get into that easy-chair, where you will be comfortable, for it is quite a long story, well, then; get into that easy-chair, where you will be comfortable, for it is quite a long story, well, then; get into that easy-chair, where you will be comfortable, for it is quite a long story, well, then; get into that easy-chair, where well weeks on a farm near the seacoast, only a short distance from Scarborough, in England. My health had been quite poor for several months, awing to excessive grief for a beautiful boy—my willbe, five years old—who died very suddenly of croup. My physician recommended change and the sea; and, taking my little girl, and accompanied by her nurse, I went down there to the sea, as he directed?" interrupted Sibyl, with eagerness, and feeling weak to her fight was faithful as the day is long.

"Yes, her nurse, of whom she was very fond. Her name was Nancy Crawford, but my little girl and her nurse?" interrupted Sibyl, with eagerness, and feeling weak to her fight was faithful as the day is long.

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"Yes, her nurse, of whom she was very fond there a very valuable necklace, which I wore for safety, not liking to pack it in my lang, and the sea; and, taking my little girl, and a revery and the sea; and, taking my little girl and her nurse "It was composed of a setting of solid gold, having a large diamond in the center, and pearls set thickly around that. My initials were wrought in a gurious manner among the pearls, and that was why I gave my child a name beginning with the same letters—the necklace would descend to her already marked. That clasp probably was wrenched from the necklace during the shock, for I afterward found it gone, and no part of it was ever found, although it was advertised, and the minutest description given of it, and a reward offered for the return of either the whole or a part of it. It may have been, however, that my darling clasped it convulsively in her fear, and retained it on its separating from the necklace. But," continued the woman, with a deep sigh, "if such was the case, it was doubtless clenched in her hand, after she died, and buried with her, poor little dear, in her nameless grave."

Sibyl had bowed her head, and sat with both

moment's warning.

"I was holding my little girl on my lap, and the nurse sat opposite, when the shock came; but I remember nothing of what followed. I was injured, and carried senseless to a house near the scene of the accident, where I remained ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my return to consciousness, ill for weeks, and on my child.

"What had become of her?—was she dead—instantly and mercifully put out of misery—or living and maimed for life?

"Every inquiry was made, and a thorough search instituted, but not a trace of either her or the nurse could be discovered, nor a scrap of clothing found, and I was at last compelled to accept the general theory, that they both were among the number of those unclaimed bodies, mangled past recognition.

"No one seemed to remember having seen any one answering to my description of Namie, the nurse, and, strange though it appeared that both should have shared a like fate, yet I was at last obliged to acknowledge that it must be so.

"I went back to my home broken and crushed,"

Sibyl had bowed her head, and sat with both hands clasping her throbbing temples.

Sibyl had bowed her head, and return of it. It may have been, however, and retained it on its separating from the neck-stander. The word in the return of it. It may have been, however, and retained it on its separating from the neck-stander. The word in the return of it. It may have been, however, and retained it on its separating from the neck-sigh, "if such was the case, it was doubtl

name sne has always remembered as Nannie. Left to the tender mercies of those coarse people at the inn, the little one did not fare very well; but for some reason, best known to themselves, they kept her until she grew up to be thirteen years of age instead of sending her to the almshouse

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"About that time a kind lady and gentleman passed that way, and were obliged to stop a day and two nights at the inn. They saw how this child was abused and neglected, and took pity upon her. They made a bargain with the inn-keeper's wife to give her up to them. They have reared her most tenderly, giving her every advantage and luxury within their power, and bestowing upon her a love equalled by that of few parents.

"The night before leaving her miserable home in that fishing village, this child made a strange

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"The night before leaving her miserable home in that fishing village, this child made a strange discovery! She overheard the innkeeper and his wife talking of a costly jewel which the little one had in her possession when she was brought there, and believing that this would eventually lead to the discovery of her parents, the girl stole into their room the next morning, took it from its hiding-place, and has kept it ever since with the hope ever in her heart that is would some day lead her to her mother.

"Mrs. Stillman, I have that jewel in my possession now. I was that little girl whom Nannie probably saved from that accident, and them went away in her insanity, and left to that desolate life in Flamborough Head: and what you have told me today, together with the production of this necklace, proves to me that I am your child, whom you have so long supposed to be dead, and that you are my—mother!"

The word died in a whisper, and with a wild (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8.)

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ITH the coming of June and vacation time, mothers all over this wide world of ours are confronted with the same problems that our sister, Mrs. Lindsay, is wrestling with—that of teaching children to be neat and orderly (just comfortably neat and orderly) and to take an interest in work at home. It would almost seem that it is the duty of those who have met and overcome these problems to come to the aid of those less fortunate by telling us how you did it, or must we believe, as so many people do, that when it comes to an orderly child, "there ain't no sich animal."—Ed.

HENRYETTA, OKLA.

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

I have thought for a long time that I would write to this good corner but like all the others, I walted until I wanted help. I have been keeping house more than eighteen years and find it some job, too. I tried to have a certain time to do certain things and places for everything and succeeded until my children got large enough to help, then I began to get vexed. The place where they use an article is where they leave it, so I have become very nervous about many things. I have a little son, twelve years old, who lost his left foot when he was seven years old. He gets around splendidly on crutches though he generally wears a test leg. He reminds me of Rip Van Winkle for he is more ready to help other people with their work and chores than to help at home. Now will someone please tell me how to get him more interested in home affairs.

Respectfully, MBS. J. H. LINDSAY.

GEORGIA.

We have been reading Comfort several years and have derived much help and pleasure from it. Our mother has been dead tweive years; she left ten children and all are married now but four. My sister and I have been keeping house for father and two brothers for the last four years but the good Lord saw fit to take Father from us a few weeks ago. It was hard to give him up although we feel that he is much better off than he was here as he suffered severely and was under doctor's care for over three years, We cared for him and did the housework.

Will some of the sisters tell us what we can do to earn our living after this year as the old home will be sold and divided among the heirs. We are poor girls and have very little education. We have always been stay-at-homes and know very little about the ways of the world.

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We are five feet, two and one half inches tall. One has light brown hair and blue eyes and the other has dark brown hair and light grey eyes. Lots of folks take us for twins. We are very delicate and weigh from 105 to 111.

We would appreciate any advice the sisters can give us as we are sorely troubled. If anyone should want to write us a personal letter they can get our address from Mrs. Wilkinson.

Two Georgia Sisters.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

When I first began reading COMFORT, several years ago, I noticed a sentence that occurred quite often, which ran like this, "I read COMFORT from cover to cover" and I often wondered if they really did. Pardon me, sisters, for the doubter that I was for I am one of you now and COMFORT is my "favoritest" magazine and I, also, read it from "kiver to kiver."

Right here I want to express my pleasure in the little poem "Today" that headed the Sisters' Corner in the February issue. I had watched for it to "bob up" somewhere for I lost my copy of it while I was memorizing it and was delighted to find it again in our corner. It reminds me of James Whitcomb Riley's work, especially this little verse:

"Taint no use to grumble and complain,
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice,
When the Lord sends out the weather and sends rain,
Why—rain's my choice."

If we say "rain's my choice" when it does rain, and "ain't it fine today," when it is pleasant, the weather grouchers would be a thing of the past.

I like descriptive letters so will tell you about this little place. This is in the timber region and logging is the chief industry; of course that means mills too, although the mill here was burned four years ago along with most of the little town. We lost three along with most of the little town. is the chief industry; or course that it is along with most of the little town. We lost three stores, two big halls, depot, twenty residences; in fact, everything but a church, that is, on Main Street. But we have a logging camp on every side and the logs are shipped to the mills at Raymond, fifteen miles from here, and the spruce is used by the government for aeroplane stuff. We also have a shippard at Raymond where several hundred men are employed building boats to further the conflict.

Mrs. Rose Humpke Wilkes, if you see this will you write to me?

Mrs. E. W.

SPANGLE, WASH.

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DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I wonder if we all really appreciate the blessing of being allowed to air our views through this helpful department? What a pleasure it is to get at all sides of so many questions, though I fear we overwork some of them a bit.

As to the city and country question, it is certainly a good thing so many are satisfied with their own location and conditions. We can all be happy, wherever we find ourselves if we put in enough of our time trying to make those around us happy. I know a woman who cried herself sick last Christmas Day because her circumstances were so different from what they once were, although comparatively speaking, she has everything to make life enjoyable. Happiness is comparative anyway and it is often good for us to compare our lot with those around us.

"When we have climbed Life's mountain
And look through a tempest of tears
Back to the simple pleasures
We knew in the by-gone years,
Then we shall know that pleasure
Is only the absence of pain;
Then we shall realize that sunshine
Is only the absence of rain."

I want to ask advice of the sisters. We have a comfortable farm home, out of debt and even own a "fliver" but my husband objects to me giving a dollar to charity. He works very hard and provides well (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7.)

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

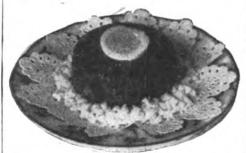
HY buy spring tonics when Nature has provided medicine that is yours for the mere taking, in the guise of greens of various kinds, and the fact that the system craves these, especially in the springtime, should teach us their value.

All greens contain iron, besides other healthful mineral salts, and especially is this true of our common dandelion, though mustard, spinach, beet tops, celery tops and even turnips and nettles, and a great many others, rank equally high. Greens of every kind must be picked over carefully and thoroughly washed by plunging into deep panfuls of cold water and rubbing each leaf to free it from all dirt and any possible insect life, taking care not to break the leaves if they are to be used for a-salad. Unless the bitter flavor of dandelions is liked, it is much better to blanch them, which can be done by tying the leaves in a large piece of thin cloth, or a basket made for that purpose, and placing them in boiling water and letting them boil for seven or eight minutes. Remove, plunge into cold water and drain. Then cook with a generous slice of pork until tender.—Ed.

Dandelion Filling for Sandwiches.—Chop dande-

Dandelion Filling for Sandwiches.—Chop dande-ion leaves and stems very fine, add equal amount of opped celery, one small onlon, and salt and pepper for seasoning. Mix with salad dressing till of the right consistency to spread between thin slices of bread.

SPINACH AND EGG.—Wash spinach until all trace of sand has disappeared. Then boil one half hour in two cups of boiling salted water. Turn into a colander and press out all the water possible. With a knife chop the spinach rather coarsely, leaving it in colander



for this cutting. Now return it to the kettle in which it was boiled, add one tablespoon of butter and salt and pepper to taste and stir until very hot. Put it in a mold just long enough to form, placing it in the oven to keep warm. Turn out, top with a slice of hard-boiled egg, chopping the rest of the egg and using it for decoration.—Mary H. NORTHEND, Salem, Mass.

SALTED DANDELIONS.—Clean and wash dandelions as for cooking, and cover bottom of earthen jar with thick layer of dandelions, wet from washing, then a thick layer of salt and another layer of dandelions and so on till jar is filled. This forms a brine, enough to cover. Cover with plate and heavy weight to keep the dandelions under the brine. Freshen a day before they are to be used, changing the water frequently. They may require more cooking than the fresh plants but otherwise are much the same.

CELERY AND PERS.—Cut into small please enough

CELERY AND PEAS.—Cut into small pieces enough celery to make one and one half cups, cover with boiling, salted water and let simmer until tender. Drain. Add one and one half cups of peas, drained and seasoned with salt and pepper. Pour in one half cup of cream, let heat almost to boiling point and serve.—R. S., Pittsfield, Me.

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PINEAPPLE SURPRISE.—Scald one pint of milk and slowly stir in five tablespoons of corn-starch stirred up with a little cold water; add half a cup of sugar and slowly cook twenty-five minutes, then pour over the



PINEAPPLE SURPRISE.

well-beaten yolks of three eggs and return to fire and cook one minute. Have ready half a can of pineapple cut into dice, which is added to custard just before taking from fire. Beat hard half a minute and pour into mold.

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CELERY AND CABBAGE SALAD.—Mix together three quarters cup of chopped nut meats, one cup of chopped celery and a little chopped onion. Add salt to taste, moisten with salad dressing and serve on lettuce leaves.

BARED CELERY AND CHEESE.—Cover two cups of finely cut celery with boiling, salted water and let cook slowly until tender. Drain. Melt four teaspoons of butter, blend in three tablespoons of flour, add one half cup of the water in which the celery was cooked, and one cup of milk; season with salt and pepper and stir until creamy. Turn into baking dish, cover with layer of grated cheese and bread crumbs, moistened with melted butter, and bake until brown.

CELERY TOPS.—Save the tops and less attractive parts of celery and put through food chopper and dry in the sun or oven. Then put away in glass jars) and have on hand to flavor soups or to sprinkle over roasts.—R. S., Pittsfield, Me.

COMBINATION TARTS.—Use equal parts of finely cut celery hearts and tart apples, and half as much English



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walnut meats. walnut meats. Toss together, fill pattie shells, cover with cream salad dressing and decorate with half a walnut meat on each.

CREAM SALAD DRESSING.—Work to a fine mash four hard-boiled egg yolks and season with a teaspoon of salt, one scant teaspoon of mustard and two dessert spoons of vinegar. When thoroughly blended, add one and one third cups of cream beaten stiff, a little at a time, till the whole mixture is smooth and stiff, and lastly add a pinch of cayenne pepper. Use puff paste for tart shells.

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MINCED CELERY WITH EGG DRESSING.—Crisp celery by standing it in cold water and cut into quarter-inch pieces. Rub the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs to a paste, with two teaspoons of salad oil, salt and pepper to taste, a little sugar and vinegar to make a thin sauce. Pour this over the celery just before serving?

CREAMED CABRAGE.—Blanch cabbage by cooking the halves fifteen minutes in boiling water; let cool thoroughly in cold water and finish cooking in fresh boiling water. Drain, break into pieces and season with salt, and add butter and cream.—Grace C., Augusta, Me. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7.)

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Corn Meal Biscuits

% cup scalded milk 1 cup corn meal 2 tablespoons shortening

1/4 teaspoon salt cup white flour teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

Save ¼ cup measured flour for board. Pour scalded milk over corn meal, add shortening and salt. When cold, add sifted flour and baking powder. Roll out lightly on floured board. Cut with biscuit cutter and bake in greased pan in hot oven 15 to 20 minutes.

Oat Meal Biscuits

% cup cooked oat-meal 1½ cups barley or rye flour 4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

% teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons shortening 14 cup milk

Mix oatmeal with sifted flour, baking powder and salt; rub in shortening, add milk and mix, forming a soft dough. Roll out lightly on floured board. Cut with biscuit cutter and bake in hot oven 12 to 15 minutes.

Potato Biscuits

1¼ cups flour 4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder ⅓ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons shortening % cup boiled sweet or white potatoes (mashed)

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Rub in shortening; add the mashed potatoes and milk enough to make a soft dough. Roll out lightly on floured board and cut with biscuit cutter. Bake in moderate oven 15 to 20 minutes.

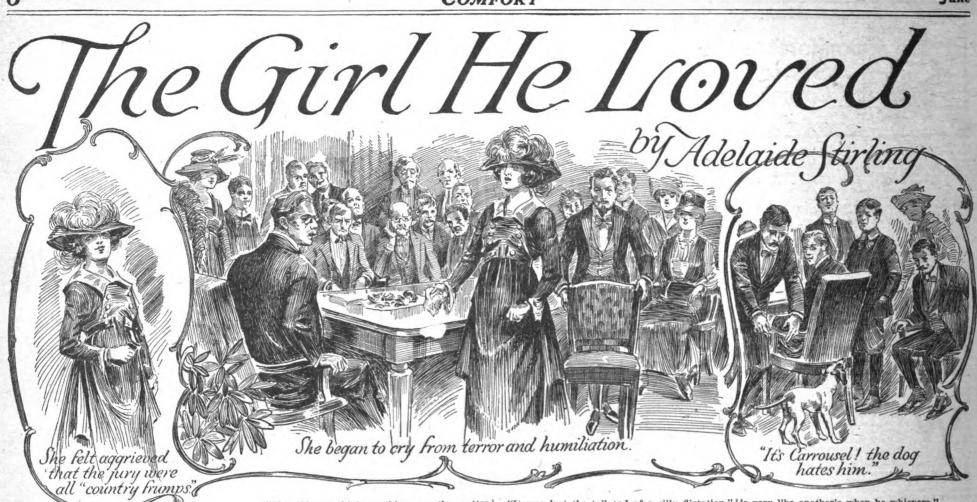
Barley or Oat Flour Biscuits

2 cups barley or oat flour
4 teaspoons Royal
Baking Powder
1 table spoon
shortening
2 cup milk

Sift dry ingredients together. Rub in shortening and add milk enough to make a soft dough. Roll out on board to about one-half inch thick and cut with biscuit cutter. Bake in very hot oven 15 to 20 minutes.

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Lady Annesley, stepmether to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bid die near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel receives a letter from Adrian that he will go to the Duchess of Avonmore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts day Ravenal prepares for her weedding and waits for Adrian, who fails to meet her. Going home she enters the drawing-room, where she finds Lady Annesley and Lord Levallion, the latter telling her of his cousin Adrian Gordon's departure for India. The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion's delight, takes Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home. Ravenal is into the Lady Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Believing Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion. Coming from the altar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported missing. Lord Levallion goes to the Vawone as easy adrian Gordon standing before her and she catches the glint of a ring on his hand. Suffering from a shattered arm Lady Levallion catches him as he falls in a faint. He is carried into the SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER XXVII. THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE.

ADY Gwendolen Brook, darkly handsome exquisitely ready, even to her hat, to leave Levallion Castle the first possible instant, took the oath with a fastidious wonder as to where the little crowd of servants had kissed the book.

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It was quite exciting to be a witness; she felt aggrieved that the jury were all "country frumps," who might not appreciate the charming picture she was making as she answered a few innocuous questions. Presently she would give a dramatic recital of Levallion's dreadful, staggering fall as he drank the liqueur his wife had brought him. But the gently spoken coroner suddenly put the drama out of her head.

"Did you go to your room when you left the drawing-room last night after dinner?" he said mildly.

Terror caught Lady Gwendelen by the threat

Terror caught Lady Gwendolen by the throat. Did the man dare to think it was she who had been to Levallion's room to poison him? "No!" she said sharply, angrily. "I went after Lady Levallion, to—to ask if anything was the matter."

"Why did you think anything was the matter—and how far did you go after her?"
The second question made her ready to say anything to clear herself—from what was not in any one's mind but her own.
"I went to the head of the stairs outside her room," she said," and she shut her door as I got there. I stood a minute in an open doorway, and she ran past me in a cloak and hat—as I on the world, "flurriedly."
"Why did you think it? And did you come down then? Did any one see what you did, or where you went?"
Lady Gwendolen glaneed wildly around the room as if for some one who might prompt her. It was a stair of the stand. But Jimmy had the last remnant of self-control left her. She caught Houghton's hard blue eyes, and her last remnant of self-control left her. "No, nobody!" she cried. "But i? you think I went to Lord Levalilion's dressing-room, I can show you I didn't. I went after Lady Levallion for fun, and to see if I could find out what her little game was. She dropped a card—a torn card—at breakfast time, and I picked it up and gave it for fun to Levallion. It had on it, "I'll come back tonight. Meet me,' and I knew there was some lark on. I had almost forgotten it, when Lady Levallion got a note in the drawing-room after dinner. She was standing beside me, and she crumpled it all up in a hurry. She said to herself quite loud, 'I'll have to go,' and she flew out of the room."

"Everything!" She was what Lacy called "utterly rattled" and frightened. "I thought would be on Levallion was going to slip out and meet "would be on Levallion was going to slip out and meet "her was a stey did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, I ran back to the drawing-room as they did, on the lady Levallion is face as she clung to the dead man. The coroner's voice steadled him to clear attention.

"How do you k

there."
"How do you know he was listening?"
"Because I heard some one behind me where I was sitting, and I knew it was not Captain Gordon and Lady Levallion, who were just in front of us. I looked through the flowers and saw Levallion. He must have heard every word they said. We did!"
"Who do you meen by we?"

saw Levallion. He must have heard every word they said. We did!"

"Who do you mean by we?"

"Colonel Scarsdale," crossly. "He heard, too. He can say what he likes, but he did!" for Jimmy would have to back her up now. This man meant to know just why she had taken enough interest in Lady Levallion's doings to follow her. Otherwise she could not prove by any earthly means that it was not she who had been prowling round Levallion's dressing-room.

"Colonel Scarsdale will answer for himself," slowly. "For just a few moments more I must trouble you, Lady Gwendolen, Were you in the conservatory by accident, or a thirst for amusement?"

conservatory by accident, or a thirst for amusement?"

"Accident—I don't know," she stammered.
"Lady Levallion and Captain Gordon had left
the room where we were dancing, and they were
gone for such ages that they kept us waiting for
supper. I went partly to get cool, and partly to
see if they were there."

"And stayed to listen to their conversation?"

"I couldn't get out," angrily. "You don't understand! They were on one side of me, and
Levallion was standing still on the other. I
could hear his heart beat and his shirt-front
creak. I couldn't go past him or his wife."

"Did what you heard repay you for your forced
stay?"

"It was just the tail end of a silly flirtation," viciously, "if that is what you mean! Rubbish about her having to forget, and not being able to get rid of Levallion to please him. And something about sending Captain Gordon back a ring."

"You were sufficiently interested to listen."

Lady Gwendolen shrugged her shoulders.
"It was interesting enough," she said. "He said that in old times he would have—" She stopped, her very blood seemed to stop in her; her callous heart to turn over with horror. If she told what Gordon said, and it was true, she was putting a rope round his neck. The thought made even Gwendolen Brook sick.

"He would have what?"
"I won't tell you!" she gasped.
"I am afraid you have no choice," said the coroner quietly; and the jury whispered together.
"He said in old times"—it was like dragging out every reluctant word—"he would have poisoned Levallion, but now he could only go away. I know he didn't mean it!" wretchedly; "It was just flirtation."

"Flirtation is apparently an elastic word," Doctor Aston said dryly. "Is that all?"

Lady Gwendolen had vices in plenty, but her blood and breeding went against lying. She thought of her oath, of the Bible she had kissed, of—and this went home—how useless it would be to perjure herself when Jimmy Scarsdale might certainly give her away.
"I forgot," she gasped. But the coroner had seen her stop another sentence on her tongue.
"I am very sorry, you naturally hesitate," he said—and even Houghton was not sure whether he was earnest or sarcastic—"but I must have the whole, if you please."

"Well, then, he said would she marry him if Levallion died!" defiantly. "It meant nothing. I know a woman who gave a man a note about the same thing. I, so and so, promise that on the death of my husband I will marry you, so and so, within a year.' But, of course, she didn't do-dt!"

The jury gasped. They were not smart, but estimable county magnates who were not accustomed to playing with the Ten Commandments.

Lady Gwendolen misunderstood the gasp, and rushed furthe

to meet Captain Gordon that I went up-stairs after her."

"Why did you think she had gone to meet him? He had gone to London."

"Because the card said, 'I'll come back tonight' and 'meet me'; it was signed A. G. What else could I think? But it was all silly nonsense. You can't think any of it had to do with—"
But she did not finish the sentence. Vain, heartless, empty-headed woman that she was, Gwendolen Brook saw suddenly what her foolish evidence had done. She had made a fool of herself, had brought Jimmy Scarsdale and herself into a nice mess—and Jimmy would half-kill her. Of the anything-but-nice mess in which she had involved her hostess, she would not think. She began to cry from terror and humiliation.

Monsieur Carrousel moved quietly forward from among the servants, and handed pretty, foolish Lady Gwendolen Brook a chair.

Colonel Scarsdale came in stolidly, and when he saw Gwendolen's face hidden in her ring-laden hands was stolid no longer.

"She made an ass of herself!" he thought swiftly, and wondered what the devil he was to do.

He pulled at his mustache as the questions

to do.

He pulled at his mustache as the questions began; he had no wish to be mixed up in the thing, but, on the other hand, if Lady Levallion had poisoned her husband—as he honestly thought she had—she could clear herself. Downright lies, too, would be no use if Gwendolen had told all she thought; which was probable, since she would not look at him.

"Will you be good enough to tell us what you heard one evening in the conservatory?" said the coroner blandly, and Scarsdale made up his mind.

"There were so many evenings in the con-ervatory," he said slowly, "I don't remember

"There were so many evenings in the conservatory," he said slowly, "I don't remember any particular one."

Lady Gwendolen's hands dropped from her face. Was Jimmy going to fail her?

"On this particular evening you had danced. You went into the conservatory to wait for supper. Did you hear any conversation, or know that any one was there?"

"I heard a couple of people talking. I didn't listen."

"How near were they?"
"I couldn't tell you. It was not very light."
"Did you, on your oath, recognize the voices?"
"I couldn't swear to them. One man's voice

is very like another's when he whispers."

"Did you know the woman's voice?"

"I thought at the time it was Lady Levallion, but I supposed she had a right to be in her own conservatory."

"In fact, you recognized her voice?"

"I may have imagined it."

"Did you hear what the man said to her?"

"I heard the usual conservatory love-making," calmly. "I couldn't repeat any of it."

"Yet the lady with you heard distinctly!"

"Women have quicker ears," hastily.
"Did you hear anything said about what might be done if Lord Levallion died?"

"Yes," said Scarsdale slowly. "But a man in love is no more accountable than one in drink."

"No! She whispered something, if it were she."

she."
"Was there any one else in the conservatory, to your knowledge?"
"There was some one behind us. I don't know

"There was some one behind us. I don't know who it was."

"Was it Lord Levallion?"

"I couldn't say," sensibly, "I certainly did not either see him or hear him speak. I knew there was some one, but it might have been two people, for all I know. Levallion was in the picture-gallery with the others when I got back. They were just going down to supper."

"No! She was standing just inside the dining-room door when we went down to supper. She was alone."

"Is that all you can recall of the evening?"

"I think so. There was nothing to stamp it on my mind. Sir Thomas Annesley's dog ate some soup and was sick," insolently. "I saw that at supper."

"Who gave him the soup?"

"Levallion. No one else took any," slowly, struck for the first time with the thought that there might have been a reason for Mr. Jacobs indisposition.

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"Did you, from that evening, see any cause to take an interest in the movements of Lady Levallion and Captain Gordon?"

"I suppose we all laughed a little at Levallion letting them fiirt under his nose. But they scarcely spoke to each other in public afterward."

"In that case, then, it was common talk that he overheard them in the greenhouse?"

"People talk of anything in the country."

But his half-truths had done more harm than good, except to get him out of any further connection with the distasteful business. A juror whispered something to the coroner; and Sir Thomas Annesley was called.

The boy's brown face was thin and haggard. He had no thought of where suspicion might go, but he had an honest misery in him because Levallion lay dead up-stairs. There was a moment's diversion as Mr. Jacobs, who came in with him, growled and bristled so fiercely that he had to be removed.

"It's Carrouse! The dog hates him," said Sir Thomas angrily, as some one said something about a "vicious brute." "The dog is as kind as milk."

"Why does he hate unoffending people, then?" inquired the coroner, who detested dogs.

"What do you mean about your dog being poisoned?"
"I mean Levallion did not eat his soup one night at supper and gave it to Jacobs," grimly. "The dog was sick, and I worked over him all ight. The vet, said it was prussic acid, and I thought he might have eaten meat poisoned for poachers' dogs, but I don't think so now. I think is twas the soup that Levallion didn't taste."

Carrousel turned livid with fury.

It was not poisoned in my kitchen, then!" he shouted. "Ask who was in the dining-room before the other guests, first!"
"Another word and you leave the room," said Aston quietly. "Sir Thomas, are you convinced that poisoned soup was meant for Lord Levallion?" "Since he was poisoned last night, I am," grimly. "It was a twenty-to-one chance against his giving it to my dog. Levallion had soup every night."

"Who do you think poisoned it?" bluntly.
"I don't know. But I do know that there was a strange woman hanging round outside the house that night, for Levallion and I both saw her. He was angry because she was spying in the greenhouse, and he went there to try and pounce on her. I think he knew who she was."
"Do you mean she could have got in and put possible."

"Not when you know that they were having a sort of masquerade in the house!" valiantly. "All the women were wearing black masks and had their heads tied up in black rags. Any one (continued on page 12.)

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for the family, and buys books, magazines, sheet music, and records for the graphophone but he insists that the poor, orphans, etc., should be provided for by the state and as we are tax payers he says we have done our share. I do not see it that way but think we should help individually whenever we can. Now should I give openly and displease him or give secretly when he does not know it or let him have his way and not give at all? I work as hard as my strength allows and feel as though the sacrifice is as much mine as his. Mrs. V. M. has received some excellent advice. I wonder if she ever thought about love being comparative, as well as happiness. Of course there is no man so attractive but we might some day meet one who would outclass him but just because this is so we haven't any right to leave the one we have fuarried. When I hear a woman boasting about 'bossing' her husband I feel sorry for her showing such poor judgment in selecting one that needed bossing. If we, like V. M., made a poor selection, or what we think is one, let's not let anyone know it.

Let me shake hands with Mrs. Poag. If there is anything I enjoy it is a Sunday School and no one should ever get too old to attend and help. We have what we call a Bible study class in our own home for the people of the neighborhood as we are not in reach of any other "meeting" during the winter months.

I hope "COMPORT" Sister and Reader" will find that little child somewhere. So many childless homes and homeless children would both be blessed if they were brought together.

Now sisters, help me with my problem.

t together.
sisters, help me with my problem.
HAPPY HEART.

PAINT ROCK, ALA.

DEAR COMFORT READERS:
Like a great many others I am coming to COMFORT

Like a great many others I am coming to Comfort for help.

John and I are dreaming great dreams of a little home we are going to build and of course we want it to be the dearest little home in the world. I know so many of the readers of Comfort have such lovely homes that I am hoping they will tell me about them. Will someone having a small house, costing around two thousand dollars, tell us of the floor plan and how each room is furnished. I don't know much about harmonizing but am anxious to learn.

The sisters are discussing the farm and the city so may I add just a word or two? I have always lived in a little country town and have taught school for eight years in the rural districts and there is a charm for me in the country that I do not find elsewhere, but the advantages to be had in the city are enough to justify one's living there. As for the girls, I agree with Mary Farmer, they can be what they wish to be anywhere.

Will someone tell me the proper way to wash clothes.

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Will someone tell me the proper way to wash clothes. Should they be washed through two waters before boiling and should the water in which they are boiled be boiling or cold when the clothes are put in? I know some of you are smiling at my questions but please do not for I am not altogether a little ignoramus. I just never had any mother to teach me.

COMPORT sisters, I love you every one and wish I could know you personally and I wish you and our Mrs. Wilkinson success.

Sunshine.

BRANDENBURG, KY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND ALL THE COMPORT SISTERS:

I like to read the letters that tell of working to pay for a home for that is what we are trying to do now and of course we are finding it somewhat hard as everything is so high and we have four little ones to feed and clothe. We are planning to build in the near future and I wish the sisters would give me their ideas on how to turnish my sitting-room so it will be pretty and pleasant without being what I call stuffy, as I have to spend a great deal of my time there. I am a partial shut-in from ulcerated stomach and would be glad if the sisters would send me old papers and books to read. I will return the favor if possible.

With love to all,

MRS. Sadesia. M. M. MRS. JAMES E. SEDORIS.

Mrs. Sedoris.—If I didn't feel sure that you would get better ideas from the sisters on home furnishing than I could give you, I'd gladly tell you what little I know about the subject, but from the pen glimpses I have had of so many homes, both inside and out, I think it would be better to wait .- Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I wonder if there are any other sisters who have experienced what I am now going through. Before my marriage and even in the beginning of it, I was called "Busy Celia" and "Old Grandmother." because I could not be idle for one moment, and now I ought to be called lazy. I do not want to be but I am. I have been known to sit for a full hour doing nothing, not even reading. I have a good husband and I love him and our little son better than my life but even that does not make me happy. Husband thinks I am not well and that I need rest but I feel well, although I do not weigh as much as I did, and I do have headaches. Others say it is baby for he weighs 22 pounds and is only six months old and the wildest child I have ever seen for that age. He is the only grandchild on both sides of the family and is very much spoiled, which makes more work for me to do, if it can be called that. As I am writing this he is pulling on the lace on the table cover and if I do not take him away there will be a collision in which he or the glass vase will be the sufferer.

I love my little home, although it is only a fiveroom flat, and I have fixed and fussed with it until Hubby said it was "just grand," but there my in-

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CALMEAL COOKIES WITHOUT EGGS. One and one half cups of sugar, one cup of sour cream, one half cup of sweet milk, one teaspoon of soda, one cup of oatmeal, one half teaspoon of salt, one half cup raisins, one teaspoon of vanilla, a pinch of cinnamon and flour to make stiff. Drop from a spoon.—Grace C., Augusta, Me.

WAR CAKE.—One half cup molasses, one half cup syrup, one tablespoon lard, one cup sour milk, one teaspoon cinnamon, one half teaspoon each cloves and autmeg, one teaspoon soda, a pinch of salt and one half cup each chopped nuts and raisins, two or two and one half cups of four. Bake in layers and cover with the following icing:

ICING.—One cup of brown or white sugar, six table-spoons milk, boil until it spins a thread, then beat, add flavoring, and spread quickly on cake.—MRS. ELLEN OBERG, Maconville, Mich.

APPLE SAUCE CAKE.—One cup of cold apple sauce, one teaspoon of soda, one cup of sugar, one half cup of raisins, one half cup butter, one and one half cup flour, three tablespoons of corn-starch, and one teasp-oon of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Cream butter, add sugar; mix soda in apple sauce; sift flour and sp-ices together and add raisins last.

GRAHAM PUDDING.—One and one half cups graham bur, one cup of milk, one cup of raisins, one half tespoon sait and one teaseon soda. Mix well and steam three and one half

SAUCE.—One half cup sugar, two tablespoons cornstarch, one cup of water, boil about three minutes. Flavor.—Mas. Agnes Jackson, Oil City, Pa.





By Violet Marsh

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RE you planning to dry, can, or otherwise preserve a large supply of fruits, vegetables, and wild meat and chicken, as a part of your food conservation program this summer? Do you realize that when we entered the war, the men of all the nations holding Germany at bay had been called from the farms and were in the trenches, and that the fields were plowed and sowed by the women who worked from dawn till dark in their desperate fight against famine? But their sacrifice will be in vain unless supplemented by the devoted service of the women over here.

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And so our country calls the women of America to stand guard over the world's commissary, which is the food supply of America. It is scant and promises but a short allowance at best. So you will guard it as precious, keeping the grim truth always before you, that all the blood, all the heroism, all the money and munitions will not win this war for us unless our soldiers and the armies of our allies and the people behind them, are fed.

Make it your war service to use all the perishable foods possible during the summer months, and to lay by a store for winter consumption. Improved methods of home canning and drying are no longer in the experimental stage, and there are now on the market several kinds of home canning outfits, appliances and apparatus, also evaporating outfits and appliances which are made in several sizes with prices varying accordingly, and are very helpful in any home where any considerable canning or dry-preserving is done, as they lessen the amount of labor, enable one to increase the output and produce more reliable and satisfactory results than can generally be obtained with ordinary kitchen utensils. 'Dehydrated' simply means dried or evaporated, or in other words preserved by drying by a mechanical process by which nothing but water is taken from the fruit or other article and without lajury to the cell structure, so that upon soaking in water when required for use, the dried product is restored with full flavor and nutriment.

False Economy of Ledving Out Sugar



is not only a patriotic act, but will insure the family a supply of meat during the shortage and high prices of another winter. Duck, grouse, partridge, pheasant, gray squirrel, hares, rabbits and venison, are fine eating and in most localities where they abound may be taken and canned during the open season. To attain the highest quality or flavor, game should be bled as soon as shot, and dressed as soon as possible. Ptomaine poisoning occurs when meat is improperly handled

and boil five hours from the time the water boils hard. If canning outfits are used, carefully fol-low directions for cooking. The skin of birds should be boiled in consider-able water and the fat clarified for a butter

Substitute.

The handling and cooking of birds applies to other meats. Freshness and clean handling forming the first elements of success and wholesomeness.

Home Canning and Preserving Methods

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In the preservation of food by canning, preserving, etc., the most essential things in the processes are the sterilization of the food and all the utensils and the sealing of the sterilized food to exclude all germs.

In preserving, canning and jelly makings from or tin utensils should never be used. The fruit acids attack these metals and so give a bad color and metallic taste to the products. The preserving kettles should be porcelain lined, enameled or of a metal that will not form troublesome combinations with fruit juices. Kettles should be broad, rather than deep as the fruit should not be cooked in deep layers.

If canning is done by the oven process, a large sheet of asbestos, for the bottom of the oven, will prevent the cracking of jars.

The wooden rack, on which the bottles rest in the washboiler, is made in this manner: Have two strips of wood measuring one inch thick, one inch wide, and two inches shorter than the length of the boiler. On these pieces of wood tack thin cross-strips of wood that are one and one half inches shorter than the width of the boiler. These cross-strips should be about one inch wide and spaced about an inch apart. This rack will support the jars and will admit the free circulation of boiling water about them. Young willow branches, woven into a mat, also make a good bed for bottles and jars.

The wire basket is a saver of time and strength. The fruit to be peeled is put into the basket, which is lowered into a deep kettle partially filled with boiling water. After a few minutes the basket is lifted from the boiling water, plunged for a moment into cold water, and the fruit is ready to have the skin drawn off.

A fruit pricker is easily made and saves time. Cut a piece half an inch thick from a broad cork: press through this a dozen or more coarse

The National Food Administration, which has absolute control over the distribution of sugar pieces and add one third the quantity of grated horse and any levers and sufference that two eggs, one cup sour milk, two cups of outment, one cup of raisius and one teaspoon cinnamon. Cream sugar and lard, add eggs, sour milk, oatmeal, raisius and cinnamon; to make a very stiff batter. Drop by teaspoons one blow buttered baking tin and bake in moderate oven.—

Browner, Corners without the control over the distribution of sugar throughout the country, in a recent bulletin gives and add one third the quantity of grated horse an ample supply of sugar to meet the requirements of home canning and preserving which the large for explanation of how to procure your should be designed and then pour the fruit is make a finned play bag, take a piece of finned about three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a finned jebul three quarters of R yard square, and fold it to make a

boiled before using.

The selection of fruit is one of the first steps in obtaining successful results. The flavor of fruit is not developed until it is fully ripe, but unless fruit can be obtained in perfect condition, a little under-ripe is preferable to over-ripe, especially in jelly making, as in over-ripe fruit the pectin begins to lose its jelly-making quality. Where syrup is to be used, have it ready before commencing to prepare the fruit. Wash hard fruits before paring. Wash berries before stemming or hulling by putting a small quantity into a colander pouring cold water over them and draining on a sieve. Do this quickly, as berries absorb water.

Three of the best and easiest ways of canning

a quality or flavor, game should be bled as soon a shot, and dressed as soon as possible. Ptomaine poisoning occurs when meat is improperly handled or allowed to "hang" too long before being dressed and cooked.

In preparing chicken or wild birds for canning. In preparing chicken or wild birds for canning. In preparing chicken or wild birds before drawn portant step is to disjoint the birds before drawn in portant step is to disjoint the birds be before drawn in grand in the following order, as it leaves the inwards intact, and allows the birds to be handled with surgical cleanliness.

Remove the first joint of the wing, and feet at the knee joint. Cut off the wings, and the legs at the hip joint and cut again into two parts. Cut off the neck, using care not too tut down the back to the vent, and remove a portion away from ribs. Use care not to break gall to ladder. Do not can liver, heart or gizzard. Rinse meat in cold water and pack into jars, salting each layer, and add sufficient cold water to fill crevices.

If ordinary canning jars are used, the self-sealing are the most satisfactory. Place filled jars on rack is boller, pour incold water until it is within two inches of the top of jars. Cover

screw tops are to the set them up several times while the fear as enough.

Over cooking is very satisfactory. The fruit retains its color, shape and flavor. Cover bottom of oven with esbestos, or put lars into the oven in shallow pans in which there is about two inches of bonds water. Sterlitze jars and uto to slis as above described. Make the sorup; prepare the fruit the same as for cooking in the preserving kettle. Fill the hot jars with it, and pour in enough syrup to fill the jar solidity. Place the jars in the oven, which should be moderately hot. Cook the fruit infteen minutes; remove from oven and fill the jar with boiling syrup, and seal. syrup, and seal.

Recipes

CANNED STRAWBREERS —Prepare berries and put not over four inches deep into a preserving kettle with layers of sugar to taste. One cup of sugar to one quart of berries is ample if the berries are ripe and sweet, but if sour and a little hard, use more. Slowly bring to a boil and simmer twenty minutes, skimming carefully. Put in cans and seal as directed.

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PRESERVED STRAWBLERIES—Use equal weights of
sugar and strawberries. Put the berries in the pre
serving kettle in layers, sprinkle sugar over each layer.
The fruit and sugar should not be more than four
inches deep. Place the kettle on the stove and beat
the fruit and sugar slowly to the boiling point. When
it begins to boil, skim carefully. Boil ten minutes,
counting from the time the fruit begins to bubble.
Pour the cooked fruit into platters, having it about
two or three inches deep. Place the platters in a
sunny window, in an unused room, for three or four
days. In that time the fruit will grow plump and
firm, and the syrup will thicken simost to a jelly.
Put this preserve, cold, into jars or tumblers.

CANNAR PRECHES.—Pour three oversts of hot water.

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CANNED PERCHES —Pour three quarts of hot water over one quart of sugar and stir until dissolved. Skim the syrup when it boils and then draw back where it will just keep hot without boiling. Pare peaches, cut in halves and remove stones. Put a layer of peaches with two or three of the peach stones into a preserving kettle and cover with some of the hot syrup. When the fruit begins to boil, skim carefully Boil gently for ten minutes, then put in the jars and seal. If the fruit is not fully ripe, it may require a little longer time to cook. While this is cooking the fruit for the next batch may be pared. Put in cans and seal.

Canned Pears.—If the fruit is ripe it may be

Canned Phars.—If the fruit is ripe it may be treated exactly the same as peaches. If, on the other hand, it is rather hard, it must be cooked until so tender that a silver fork will pierce it readily. Can and seal

cannot seal color fruit to two quarts of sugar. Slowly bring to a boil and mash two quarts of sugar. Slowly bring to a boil and mash two quarts of the raspberries and strain through enamed and the sugar and bring to a boil, skimming carefully. Now add the remaining ten quarts of berries and heat slowly. Boil ten minutes, counting from the time they begin to bubble. Put in cans and seal as directed.

EARLY APPLES.—The early apples make fine apple sauce for winter use, especially the varieties that are juicy and cook up quickly. Wash the apples, cut into slices without paring or coring. Cook quickly, put through wire sieve, return to preserving kettle and sweeten to taste and bring to boil. Put into cans and seal as directed.

CHERRIES.—Three pints of sugar to one half pint of water and six quarts of cherries. Measure the cherries after the stems have been removed; stone them or not. Put the sugar and water in the preserving kettle and stir over the fire until the sugar is dissolved. Put in the cherries and heat slowly to the boiling point. Boil ten minutes, skimming carefully. Put in cans and seal.

Preserving Eggs for Winter Use

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Through May and June the egg production will exceed the consumption, and it is then that the wise housewife will preserve or "lay-down" her eggs for winter use, when not only are good eggs scarce, but the price almost prohibitive. The "water-glass" method of preserving eggs is the most common and satisfactory. Water glass, or sodium silicate, is a syrupy liquid which can be purchased at drug stores and it is also frequently found at groceries.

To prepare water glass, mix one gallon of this with nine gallons of water which has been previously boiled. This solution should be placed in some container, such as a stone crock or jar. The eggs can then be put in the solution and used when desired. They should be stored in a room which is cool and in which the air is fresh and sweet. The jar should be covered to keep the solution clean, and inspected occasionally to see that evaporation has not exposed the eggs.

In selecting eggs, too great care cannot be exercised. Only clean, unwashed, fresh, strong-shelled eggs should be used. Infertile eggs are better than those from a flock where male birds are present. If possible, the eggs should be stored the day they are laid. One gallon of water glass will make enough solution for fifty dozen eggs.

According to the latest statistics, there are at present in the Philippine Islands 102 private schools giving primary education; 67 intermediate; 37 secondary, 14 colleges. The enrollment for the past year was as follows: Primary, 15,758; intermediate, 4,551; secondary, 2,989, and collegiate, 842. There are in the schools 66 American instructors, 394 European, and 648 Filipino.

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Sibyl's Influence

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burst of tears, Sibyl sank upon her knees at the bedside, sobbing and trembling in a way that really terrified the hardened creature that was watching her every movement so closely.

CHAPTER XX.

A NEW FEAR.

Judith had passed a strangely checkered life, and it will be best, perhaps, to take a glance at it now before going on further with our story. She was the foster-sister of Ada Therwin's mother, whose maiden name was Anna Ashleigh, and having been a remarkably bright and attractive looking child, she had, after her own mother's death, been kindly cared for by Anna's parents, and allowed to share many of her advantages; consequently she had acquired quite a good education and some accomplishments. But from her earliest childhood she had betrayed a tricky, selfish nature, that made her exceedingly disagreeable to all around her; and in the days of her girlhood she went by the name of "Judith the Crafty" among her mates. She had seen something of the good and pleasant side of life, but very much more of the evil, while her inordinate love of money, and of the fine things it procured, led her into many a sin. Judith had passed a strangely checkered life

evil, while her inordinate love of money, and of the fine things it procured, led her into many a sin.

At the age of seventeen, becoming intolerant of control, she left the home where she had been so kindly cared for, and for years no one heard from or knew anything of her.

Then she returned as suddenly as she had gone away, bringing two lovely children with her—a boy and a girl.

She refused to give any account of her past life, except to say that she was married, her husband traveling, and she had come back to live near her old home until his return.

She called herself Mrs. Aubrey, and seemed to have plenty of money for a comfortable support, and was devotedly attached to her children, who were certainly very bright and beautiful, and seemed to belong to a higher order of humanity than herself.

Not long after her return to her native village, an epidemic broke out, and both children suddenly sickened and died.

The poor mother was heartbroken for a while, and fears were entertained that she would lose her mind, and at length she disappeared again, and was not heard from for several years more.

But after Mrs. Therwin's marriage, and the birth of Ada, she came back once more, in a most forlorn condition, and begged for a home in her family.

This was kindly granted to her, and Mrs. Therwin's health being delicate, the care of Ada fell to her, and she soon grew to love the child devotedly, and seemed to spend the affection on her which she would have given to her own children had they lived.

She remained with Mrs. Therwin until her death, and then Ada being adopted by the Countess of Shirley, she was left to shift for herself once more.

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Ada confided the fact to the countess, and obtained the money; but Judith was from that moment forbidden to hold any further communication with her former charge.

But Miss Therwin shrewdly turned the affair to good account for herself; henceforth she would have a strong hold upon her, and having discovered some other things of a very suspicious nature about her previous life she used them to intimidate her, and made her a cats-paw to perform many mean little services and intrigues in which she was engaged.

She paid her well, and Judith having no other means of support, eagerly availed herself of this opportunity.

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Bad as the woman was, and had been all her life, she instinctively shrank appalled at the magnitude and wickedness of this last plot which Ada required her assistance and co-operation to accomplish. It was horrible, cruel, and malicious in its every detail, and more than once under the spell of Sibyl's loveliness and gentleness, her heart had nearly failed her. But the promised reward was large, and Judith longed to spend the remainder of her health in comfort, especially as her health, from an incipient heart trouble, was really threatening to fail.

But today, as Sibyl knelt solbing by her bedside, and she realized all that she was doing, and all that she would yet have to do, in order to crush her young life, she really grew frightened at the result, which, together with the excitement of working herself up to a state of emotion necessary to make her acting appear real, brought on a severe attack of palpitation of the heart.

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Sibyl was startled out of her own emotion, and, believing that she had been too sudden in revealing her identity, she became very much alarmed at her mother's condition.

"Give me some water," gasped the suffering woman, and Sibyl flew to obey; but it was not until after she had taken other restoratives, which she directed the young girl to bring her, that she obtained relief.

"Sibyl—my little Sibyl! I cannot make it seem true—I can scarcely believe it. Darling, my heart is too full for words; and yet—and yet—are you sure it is all true? It would be too cruel to deceive me now," she said at last. For answer, Sibyl took from her neck the chain which Lady Prescott had so tenderly clasped around it, on her last birthday, and laid it, with its glittering ornament, in her companion's hand. With an eager cry of delight, Mrs. Stillman seized it.

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"It is the same—the very same," she whispered. "and there can be no doubt. My child!"

She held out her arms, and Sibyl, too excited to realize what she was doing, dropped her head against the woman's breast, and sobbed afresh. "Bless you, darling!" said Mrs. Stillman, tenderly. "Can you learn to love me a little after all these years?"

"Oh mother it is all so new and strange."

"Oh, mother, it is all so new and strange, I cannot realize it!" cried Sibyl, wildly.

"You will in time, dear," returned the other, softly stroking her silken hair.

"I have prayed for years to find my mother," the excited girl went on. "I have cherished her image in my heart, and longed with unutterable longing to find her."

When Sibyl spoke of "cherishing her mother's image in her heart," a startled look had come into the woman's eyes.

"Do you trace any familiar lines in my face, dear?" she asked, with secret anxiety.
Sibyl shook her head sadly.

"No—I was so young, you know, and yet, many times in my dreams, and sometimes area."

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"No—I was so young, you know, and yet, many times in my dreams, and sometimes even during my waking hours, I have seemed to see a face which I believed must be my mother's."

"It was not like mine, then, dear?"

"No: but doubtless you have changed much since that dreadful day, when you thought you had lost me forever."

"Yes, yes," replied Mrs. Stillman, with a peculiar look and a deep-drawn sigh.

"My darling," Mrs. Stillman said at length, reaching out and taking her hand, "do you know that in the midst of my great joy at finding you, "And why?"

Our Flag Its Famous Story-Marks of Respect Due "Old Glory"

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ESOLVED, that the flag of the thirteen United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white on a blue field, representing a passed on the fourteenth of June, 1777, by which the Stares and Stripes became the flag of the United States of America.

The first model of the flag was made by Mrs. Betsey Ross, of Philadelphia, at the request of General Washington and a Congressional Committee. At Mrs. Ross' suggestion, five-pointed ones, which had been proposed. The original Stars and Stripes consisted of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, to represent the thirteen original states; and thirteen stars, one for each state. The red denotes valor; the white, loope, truth and purity; and the blue, justice, loyalty and sincerity.

The Stars and Stripes were first raised in battle on August 30th, 1777, by New York soldiers, over Fort Stanwix. A British attack was expected, and the garrison was without a flag, but hurriedly made one by cutting up and stitching together white ammunition shirts, a captain's blue cloak, and a red petticoat belonging to a soldier's wife.

Delaware floated the flag in battle on September 3rd, 1777.

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On July 4th or July 12th, 1777—the date is not certain—Commodore John Paul Jones hoisted the Stars and Stripes on his vessel, the U. S. frigate Ranger, which set sail in November, and on his arrival in France, Jones requested and received from the French fleet the honor of a salute of nine guns for his flag—the first salute received by the American flag from a foreign nation. On the 24th of April, Jones compelled a British warship to "strike her colors" in token of surrender to the Stars and Stripes. On January 28th, 1778, American troops captured Fort Nassau, in the Bahamas, from the British, and raised the Stars and Stripes. On January 18th, 1784, the flag was first displayed in China. Im August, 1790, it completed its first journey around the world, having accompanied the vessel "Columbia" from Boston. On January 13th, 1794, an Act of Congress was passed, adding two more stripes and stars to the flag, one each for Kentucky and Vermont, which had entered the Union. On April 4th, 1818, another act was passed, decreeing that the number of stripes should be reduced from fifteen to the original thirteen, and that for every new state that entered the Union, another star should

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Certain established marks of respect are due our emblem of National sovereignty and our National anthem from civilians and are compulsory on the part of our military. In war time they should be observed with especial care by our people as a public expression of their love of country and devotion to its cause; for which reason it is necessary that the prescribed formalities should be universally known. The following is taken from the War Department Regulations:

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"But, dear, your life is so different from mine—you have been brought up to have every luxury, you have known no care, no sorrow, no pain you cannot labor, and I have nothing for your support—no, not even enough for my own," was the bitter reply.

"But there will be some way provided. My duty is with you hereafter," Sibyl answered, but with a very white face.

"Mother," she said, and the tones, though low, were clear and steady. "I cannot deny that there are many things which it will be very trying at first for me to relinquish. I have had every luxury, as you say, and I have been cared for in the tenderest manner. But my duty is, as I said before, with you. I shall come to you at once, and try to see if I cannot make life a little brighter for you in the future. Have you suffered very much? Have you been alone in the world so very long?" Sibyl concluded, with wistful sympathy.

"Yes, many years, and I have suffered very much; but I will tell you more of that another time," was the somewhat moody answers to her questions.

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"Ah, how selfish I am," Sibyl said, reproachfully, "to give even a thought to what I must leave, when you have endured so much, and perhaps been deprived of even the necessaries of life! How thankful I ought to be—yes, and am"—the shadow lifting a trifle from her face, and a beautiful spirit of self-forgetfulness taking possession of her—"that even at this late day God has sent me to be a comfort to you!"

"You are a dear child," Mrs. Stillman said, regarding her with secret wonder, "but I cannot bear to take you away from all your joys; and they, I know, will not be willing to part with you. It will be better for you in every way to remain where you are, and you can come to me, perhaps for a while every day, as you do now, though I know I shall long for you every minute while you are away."

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I murmur because He does not add all other things also? God is very good. Do you not recognize His hand in giving us back to each other?" she added.
"God!" cried the woman, thrown off her guard for the moment at that name: "there is no God."
"Mother!" cried the startled girl, aghast.
"You need not be so shocked," she returned, more gently, yet with great bitterness; "my lot in life has not been so favored that I have any reason to attribute it to the care of a kind Providence."
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Sibyl thought best not to pursue the subject further then, so she said, gently:

"You must be very weary after all this excitement: will you not rest a while? and then," she added, hesitatingly, after a moment's thought, "perhaps you will tell me something about my father and your husband."

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"Your father!—my husband!" cried the woman, starting up in sudden anger, her face flaming all over a vivid scarlet. "Girl—girl! the less you question me about him the better for your own peace of mind as well as mine. Ah, this is wretched business!" and she fell back upon her pillow, muttering flercely to herself.

Sibyl was amazed at this outbreak, and a new terror took possession of her heart.

But she saw that Mrs. Stillman was very much excited, and, after speaking a few soothing words, she left her to herself and retired to the other room, hoping that after she had slept she would be more calm, and be willing to unburden her heart to her.

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CHAPTER XXI.

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But it was a fierce, savage-looking face, marred and distorted by bitter pain, anger and shame. A perfect war of hate was raging within her. It seemed as if all the bitterness and evil passions of a lifetime had been aroused by those two innocently spoken words, "your husband;" and she lay, not quietly sleeping, as Sibyl desired, but muttering to herself in wild and incoherent whisperings.

Sibyl knew, by an occasional movement, that she was not asleep, and at the end of an hour she returned to her bedside.

Her manner was very quiet and restrained, and, though she instinctively shrunk from the sullen look which Mrs. Stillman turned upon her, she spoke very gently and sweetly, but firmly:

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"Child, you don't know what you are trivial about when you ask me to tell you regarding all my past life," she said, in ferce, low tones. Sibyl's sweet lips were drawn into a tight line of pain, and her eyes shadowed with a look of dread, but she only said, with pitying gentleness:

"Ah! you must have suffered very much!"
"Suffered!" with a bitter laugh; "that is me name for what has come into my life."
"Poor mother!" and no thought of sin came into the pure girl's mind in connection with her, as she tried to take her hand and longed to confort the confort her.

But the woman snatched it quickly away, and tried out, with pained impatience:
"I'm not fit that you should call me mother? I wish you never would speak the word to me again, nor even touch me."
"Surely, you cannot mean what you my. "My do you speak thus?" asked Sibyl, deeply pained.
"Because your lips and hands are pure—mine are polluted. You have neither sinned nor done a wrong act—I am blackened with guilt!" was the reckless answer.

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Crushed she might be, but she would fall facing her enemy; and when next she spoke, it was calmly, firmly, even authoritatively.

"Mother—for, since you are my mother, it is proper I should address you as such—you have already told me enough to make me miserable all my life; to leave it thus, this horrible unsertainty, this dread fear, would kill me in a little while. I must know all you have to tell; I must insist that you reveal to me everything; connected with your past. Who was my father? What became of your husband? Is he living or dead, and why, if you once lived in affluence, do I now find you thus?"

Those two words, "your husband," seemed to enrage the woman beyond endurance.

She started to a sitting posture, her whole frame shaking with anger, her face hottest scarlet, her eyes blazing with fury.

"Never dare speak that word to me again while you and I bear company, do you hear?" she cried, hoarsely; "never! it arouses a very devil within me, for—girl, I never had a husband!"

As if impelled by a galvanic battery, Sibyl sprang from her chair, and confronted her companion with a gaze, the like of which she had never seen in her life before upon human face; it seemed to freeze her very blood; it stopped the words upon her lips, and deprived her of the power to move.

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For one moment only, though it seemed an age to that wretched woman, she stood looking down upon her without motion or breath: then, with a wild cry, which rang in her ears as long as she lived, Sibyl sank, without sign or warning, in a senseless heap upon the floor.

With one spring, Mrs. Stillman alighted be side her.

"This is a fine piece of business," she was tered, gloomily, as she pulled a pillow from the bed, and laid the beautiful face upon it: "a pretty mess you are compelling me to make of it, Miss Ada Therwin—bah! I wouldn't have believed that she'd have felt it like this. It's too bad to kill her so by inches, for kill her I believe it will in the end. The sensitive, high minded thing's heart refuses to own me as her mother, but her fine sense of duty and honor makes her yield, and try to submit cheerfully to her fate."

This the woman muttered to herself while she worked over the senseless girl, sprinkling water upon her, chafing her hands, and rubbing her limbs. It seemed a long time before she showed aigns of recovering, but finally her eyes unclosed and wandered around the room in a bewildered way.

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But the sight of Mrs. Stillman working over her brought her quickly to herself.

"Oh, how did you manage to me?" she asked, forgetting his own and sitting up on the floor.

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OP up ento my lap and read the letter that follows. The writer, Dr. Frank Bohn, who has devoted his entire life to the uplift of humanity and the cause of the plain people, has a message to deliver to you. Dr. Bohn was a lecturer on economics for years at one of our great Eastern universities, and the most forceful and illuminating articles on the subject of the War that have been contributed to the great New York dailies, and the most damning indictment of Germany and her methods, have come from his brilliant pea. Dr. Bohn is now in Switzerland doing his best to convey a message of democracy to the oppressed workers of the Central Powers. If you are interested in his views, you can address him, care of the American Embassy, Berne, Switzerland. Dr. Bohn was American delegate to the great international socialist congress at Stuttgart in 1907, and is a personal friend of Liebnecht, Germany's only real socialist, who is now in prison for opposing the Kaiser and his bloody war policies. He is also one of the founders of the Friends of German Democracy, an organization which is doing splendid work in Americanizing Germans, who, though they have sought these shores to escape military service and have received all the benefits of our free institutions, are still loyal to the land that has no use for them except to throw them into a bleed bath, break them on the wheel of militarism and use them for cannon fodder. Take Dr. Bohn's burning words to heart and profit by them, you workers of America who have been emped by German lies, and you sleepy souls who have yet failed to grasp the frightful menace to dails country that lies in Germanny's attempt to cominate the world and crush the free peoples of the earth under her merciless iron heel.

While visiting Uncle Charlie he showed me a banch of letters from people who didn't like his ideas about the war. Some of you actually accuse your Uncle Charlie of "selling out to the enemy." Now he and I are pais, and when he showed me the letters I said: "You've got to let me answer these letters."

I know intimately the workers of America from Maine to California, and as I never made any money out of writing or in any way connected with human uplift, and nobody can accuse me of "selling out." So here goes to all you comrades of mise, on the farms and in the mines, in the hill country and in the swamps. You are going to get it pretty straight. I don't want to have this war stopped until the German working people have revolted, overthrown their masters and hung the Kaiser and a hundred handpicked Junkers to the tail trees of the central park in Herlin.

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Listen to this: Every German socialist and
revolutionary working man, who really is revolationary, agrees that this is the right way to
de the job. I know them because I talked confidentially with hundreds of them in 1915, when
I traveled in Germany and Austria to find out
what in thunder was the matter with the worklag people there. They said to me time and
again: "We can't do this job alone. There are
not enough of us who are against the Kaiser.
He has got us by the throat. Our own capitalists,
editors, college professors and preachers over
here are a lot of crawling worms. The Kaiser
relies us through his officials, his army and his
police, and at least a hundred thousand carefally educated spies."

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Listen to this, you miner in West Virginia, you lumberman in Oregon, you farmer down in Texas! As I was about to leave Herlin, one of the oldest veterans in the cause of the working class pulled me into a quiet corner of the Reichstag building and said: "You are going back to America. Will you take a message to the American working people for me? Don't tell them who I am until after the war because they'd hang use over here. Tell them this: That the Kaiser and his Junkers will fight America at the drop of the hat. They won't stop a minute for anybody or anything. They really believe that they can lick the world, and you bet they are going to try it. Don't go to sleep over there in America. When you go back, wake them up! The Kaiser will be on your necks the first thing you know." I refused to believe what this old gry-haired leader of the German working people teld me. I didn't think it possible the Kaiser would dare make war against the whole world. I thought that surely the German defense would break down or that there would be a German revolution in May or June. I was dead wrong. It was not Germany that went to pieces, but revolutionary Russia. If we let the Kaiser eat up the rest of Europe, Asia and Africa today, he up the rest of Europe, Asia and Africa today, he will eat up North and South America at his met meal.

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Let me tell you furthermore, that we make a mighty big error when we let the feelings in our hearts run away with the brains in our heads. Let's use our hrains first. Then when we hate we can hate to some advantage. This is the difference between Rockefeller and the Kaiser. Rockefeller is mot really dangerous to us, because the end of Rockefellerism is near and sure. Hut in Germany the great mass of the people, including at least half of the socialists, leve the Kaiser. Their mothers teach them to leve the Edge. Their mothers teach them to leve the Big Boss when they are bables. The first leason taught the children in every school at the beginning of the school year is a lesson in Kaiser worship. All the newspapers are full of it. It is preached by all the preachers and priests in all the churches. Kaiser worship is a religion in Germany. I know the outit well, because my parents left Germany to get away from that sort of thing. I speak German and have traveled all through Germany many times. The great mass of the German people—business people, professional people and working people, are exactly like Mohammedams a regards this religion of theirs. Metapherically speaking, they full down on their knees and lick up the dirt in the Kaiser's tracks. And they are quite ready to kill every living soul in the world who is not willing to accept their religion and put the Kaiser in the place of God Almighty. You say, "this is toe much! This must be exaggerabed!" I tell you, no! I t is not too much. I, a man of German black of God Almighty. You say, "this is toe much! This must be exaggerabed!" I tell you, no! It is not too much. I, a man of German blacker class. Now you fellows all ever this clearing and examiner. I tell you I know what is not make the dust against Uncle Charlie and me as massed as you please. In the end you must I

If Germany wins this war what will happen? Every natios in the world will arm to the teeth and militarism will hold away. For Germany will have nearly two hundred millions of seople from Belgium to Bagdad. The Kaiser will develop an army of twenty-five millions of men within fifteen years. The bigger he will build his navy the bigger ferat Britain and America will have to build theirs. The world will forget all about progress, about the interests of the working class and about labor unions. All of humanity will be slowly turned into armed devils, clenching their fists and licking their chops for the next fight. The only way to abolish militarism and imperialism from out the world is to lick the Kaiser first. Then Germany will have a revolution and create a republic. Them the working people of Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy and America, can force disarmament and lead the world toward peace and human progress.

Now don't waste all your hatred on John D. and all your love on yourself. Pass some of your gangrene along to the Kaiser and some of your love along to the poor, blind German working people, who will wake up some of these days and help us pull the Kaiser down from his throne and put him over a barrel. I am going to make one final request. Before you answer me, read all this over carefully and think one solid hour self a fair chance to see this whole thing as Uncle Charlie and I do. If you still want to take a bite out of any of your working class friends, take one out of me and not out of Uncle Charlie whom you have known so long and who deserves nothing but your confidence and affection, for no man ever loved his fellow-men or worked harder for the interests of the masses than I chel Charlie has done, and he is doing more valuable work for you now than in all his life, but some of you, lacking his knowledge and vision, are too blinded by ignorance and prefundice to realize it. Alas! The masses have always preferred to follow their enemies than remain true to their friends, and that is why we have t

main true to their friends, and that is why we have the Kaiser today.

Don't forget that Uncle Charlie's four wonderful books may still be had. Start in at once to obtain them—they cost you no money, only a very little time and effort—and keep at it until you have the entire set. The book of Poems is beautifully bound in ribbed silk stiff covers; the Story Book is bound in two styles, the one in ribbed silk stiff covers like the Poems, the other in paper covers; the Song Book is bound only in heavy paper covers, and the Picture Book in handsome stiff covers. Poems or the Story Book in ribbed silk covers, either one for a club of four subscriptions; the Song Book or the Story Book in handsome paper covers or the Picture Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions. These four books are a library of endless joy and merriment, the best medicine to drive away the blues and the best Christmas gifts in the world.

My picture book, too, has started a deluge of

Christmas gifts in the world.

My picture book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter, is Maria her ma? Is there an Aunt Charile? Is the big boy in the picture book my only baby? I have had a little leaflet specially printed answering all these questions fully, and those who are interested will find the same in every copy of the four Uncle Charlie Books sent out this season.

Now for the letters.

FORREST CITY (R. B. 1), ARK.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am eleven years old and in the seventh grade. I live in the country ten miles from town and my father runs a store. I have one brother in the war and the other is an experience farmer. We have about fifty mules, ten house and killed twenty-seven hogs last hogs killing day. I live on a farm of about three thousand acres and I want to know if sheep raising would be profitable here in Arkansas.

Yours sincerely, DENNIS HORTON.

sixth grade. I have begun taking music lessons to Your loving niece,
BEATHOR BERGLUND.

Three cheers for Beatrice Berglund. While most of you girls are asking whether at fourteen years of age you should accept engagement rings from boys and marry a year later, and a lot of other nonsensical rot, in which the prosecution of the war and the preservation of our national existence and the upholding of right against might and tyranny plays no part, here is a little lassie only thirteen years of age devoting all her spare time to the producing of the most necessary of all things for winning the war—food. God bless those far-seeing, patriotic men and women who go into our country districts and encourage the boys and girls—the seed corn of the nation—to make the best possible use of their time in this great hour of national and world crisis. Teaching young people to be useful and rewarding them, for their efforts not only increases our food supply, but it builds character and lays the foundation of those all-necessary virtues, thrift, ambition, industry, the ability to create and produce, all of which are the fundamental essentials of a happy, prosperous, successful, worth-while life. The average boy gets more fun out of tending a garden and producing a bigger potate than his competitors than he gets in hammering a bail or shooting a squirrel. It just all depends on how the boy is trained and how his youthful energies are directed into useful instead of useless channels. I won't preach any longer, Beatrice, but will thank you on behalf of the whole Comport family for winning that prize for bread baking and getting that delightful trip to Minneapolis. If you keep on, maybe you will be able to can the Kaiser and sew him up in a sack when maybe there will be more prises for you. All I hope is that the gentleman who presented you with the forty-nine pound sack of flour did not make you hau it home on your back. If you had won in the pig contest you and the pig might have walked home together. Billy the Goat once won a sack of flour in a competition, and he got so tired hauling his prise around that he finally

DEAR UNGLE CHARLES:

I am twelve years of age and am in the sixth grade.

I went to school four years without missing a day.
The school board gives a dollar to those who go a whole term without missing a day. I have four dollars from the school board. All together I have thirty dollars in the bank, I feel like I am rich. I have three sisters and a brother. The oldest is sixteen. I have brown eyes and red hair and a bunch of freckles. I would like to know how to take them off. Please don't let Billy the Goat have this letter as it is may first one.

Your loving micec. Your loving niece, EMMA ANDERSON.

Let me congratulate you, Emma, on the two excellent qualities your letter reveals,—thrift and punctuality. The man who is always a dollar short and the guy who is always an hour late are the despair of all reformers, the exasperation of their friends, who always have to make up for their shortcomings. Functuality and thrift are two of the great cardinal virtues. On these we build character, and on character we create all that makes both individuals and nations great. That is a wise school board that rewards punctuality, for many a life has been wasted, many a career ruined and many a battle lost and a nation humbled in the dust by people who dithered and dailied and failed to appreciate the value of time instead of going on a wild jag egardless of everything, indulging in unrestrained accesses, forgetting their duty, the Kaiser would be crushed today, Germany would be a republic and we would be on the way to universal and perpetual peace. Alas, there was no wise school board to offer them money to be on time when duty was to be done, and so a continent was lost to an enemy who does what he is told and does it to the minute, and that is Germany. Keep your money in the bank, dear, and watch it grow. It will work for you while you sleep and protect you from care and worry in time of trouble. A bank book is the best book a child can possess. Billy the Goat says he was promised a dollar to be punctual at school for a whole term. He had just one more day to win the dollar, but to his disgust when he got on the scene he found a cyclone had blown the school away and he has never had the heart to save since. Don't draw your money out of the bank, but a good way to invest your future savings during the war would be to buy Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

Now for the letters.

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Make Rootbeer at Home IT IS really very easy. One bottle of Hires Household Extract will make five gallons of rootbeer. The cost - including sugar and yeast—is less than a cent a glass. And what wonderful rootbeer it is! How sparkling—how effervescent—how delicious! Hires HOUSEHOLD EXTRACT is the original - the genuine—the kind you have known all your life. No strings of wire to cut the hand. Basy two and kee clean. Fit a most an bottle. Can b Hires Extract is made direct from the pure juices of Nature's roots, barks, herbs used again and again. Will hold great pressure. and berries. Make Rootbeer at If your grocer cannot supply you, order direct from us. home again this summer—even as your mother used to make it when you were a child. HOUSE HOLD EXTRACT If you cannot get Hires
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package. It brings
you the genuine
Monschold Extract.

Little children were wrested from mothers' hands and hurled against the walls of buildings. The misery and suffering of the unfortunate populace are ladescribable. It is beyond human power to relieve the grief, the mental anguish, the tortures of those afflicted by this calamity. Many die of wounds, many are driven mad. Some in agony destroy themselves while protesting against the evil that overwhelmed humanity." But the Lithuanians and other inhabitants of conquered Russia brought this calamity on themselves by turning pacifists and making peace with Germany instead of continuing in the war.

THE CHARLES E. HIRES CO.

DEAR UNGLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:

I am a small girl twelve years of age and am in the sixth grade at school. I go every day and my teacher's name is Miss Regina O'Connor. I like her fine. I enjoy reading the cousins' letters. What do you want old Santa to bring you next Christmas? I want a fountain pen. We have two old Jersey cows, six head of horses and two head of mules, and I can sweep the floor and wash and iron the clothes, wash and wipe the dishes and sometimes I help Papa clerk in the store. We are going to have an entertainment on the Fourth of July at the schoolhouse, I am going to be in a piece. The name of it is "The Lady Knitting For the Soldlers." I will close with a ridde. Why does a cat eat the mouse's head first of all? If you know tell me when you answer in the Comport paper.

LILLIAM M. DAVIS.





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Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM FAGE 8.)

"I crawled out to bring you to, dearle, when you fainted," was the softened reply.

"Did I faint? Oh, yes, I think I must have fainted, for I remember nothing after—after—"

She could not go on, but a shudder shook her from head to foot.

"I never fainted before in my life, and I'm sorry I troubled you so," she added, apologetically, and leaning her head against the side of the bed for support.

She was still very dizzy, and could not see plainly. Mrs. Stillman made a great effort, and crept back to bed, in great contrast to her agile movements of a few moments previous. She must still keep up appearances, though she resolved that her improvement should be very rapid as soon as Sibyl was once caught in her toils—this playing the invalid was becoming very irksome to her.

Sibyl also soon arose with difficulty, and

money from one pair of birds which come from really aristocratic stock than from ten inferior of the control of

dured after he left me alone with my shame, and my nameless children," the woman continued, with such an expression of stony despair on her face, that no one could doubt that she was speaking the truth—that this part of her story, at least, was no fiction—"for he did leave me without the hope that he would ever return. He had the decency, however, to leave me well provided for—I had three hundred a year, which gave, us a very comfortable living, and I was very saving, resolving that my darlings, notwithed ducated and brought up.

"But when you were two years of age, my boy died. But I had one left, and on her—you—I built all my future hopes, and I had just begun to become a little more cheerful and content, when that accident swept you from my arms, and left me utterly desolate and alone.

"As if that even was not enough to fill my cup of sorrow, my yearly allowance suddenly ceased, and I had nothing on which to depend save the labor of my two hands. And so I have lived ever since, working for my daily bread, earning the pittance that was to keep me from starving, parting, from time, with my trinkets and treasures, until my health began to give out and I came to where you at last found me."

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"No."

"Who was he? What was his—name?"

Hed consists of a dry mash, ten pounds of beef scraps, well in medidlings, one pound of white middlings, one pound of white middlings, one pound of white middlings, one pound of whet bear and cracked corn—two mell in addition to that, they receive at light a feed of wheat amd cracked corn—two help that feed of wheat amd cracked corn—two help that set for one of the latter. Nearly half a pint is scattered in front of each coop at attention to that, they receive at large of wheat amd cracked corn—t

"No."

"Who was he? What was his—name?"
The woman's face grew dark and fierce.

"That I shall not tell you," she said, curtly;
t is enough for you to know what you dou will have enough to bear, as it is; his name
iall never pass my lips."

"Is he living now?" she asked.

"Yes."



BY KATE Y. SAINT MAUR.

Partridge Wyandottes and Young Stock

EN and women who have been keeping Wyandottes, Rocks and Reds, and like the heavy American breeds, will find in Partridge Wyandottes just what they want for a novelty, for though they have been a recognized breed way until about three years ago, since when they have been a ning in public favor steadily, and have been carrying off blue ribbons at most of the shows. So it seems safe to predict that there will be a good demand for eggs for hatching and good breeding stock for several years to come, and for utility birds they are quite as good as the white variety.

The Standard of Perfection describes them as follows: Neck, red, with distinct black striping extending down each feather and tapering to a point near the end. Back, dark red; saddle, same as neck; breast, greenish black; body and fluff, black, slightly tinged with red. Wings: primaries, black on inside web, with bay etching on outside web; terminating with greenish black at end of each feather. Wing coverts, greenish black, forming a well-defined bar of that color across the wing when folded. Bows, red; fronts, black; may be edged with red. Thighs, black, or slightly tinged with red. Legs and feet, yellow; beak, dark horn; face, wattles and earlobes, bright red. Rose Comb: Weight is the same as all other varieties of Wyandottes; roosters, eight and one half pounds; cockerels, seven and one half pounds; hens, six and one half; pullets, five and one half. The whole plumage must be glossy and intense in color. The under color should be gray or slate.

Four large breeders have assured me that the Partridge Wyandotte is as good a laver and table

or slate.

Four large breeders have assured me that the Partridge Wyandotte is as good a layer and table bird as her white cousin. Eggs for hatching are now being sold for from two to ten dollars a setting according to the excellence of the breeding

stock.

In taking up a breed that is coming into popular favor, it is always advisable to buy the very best birds you can afford, for you will make more money from one pair of birds which come from really aristocratic stock than from ten inferior birds.

subject.

"Abroad—not in England. I shall tell you nothing more, and I desire this subject dropped now and forever. What I have told you I could not very well help telling, in order to prove to you that you are my child, and to make you understand why I thought it best for you not to leave your present home. Years of suffering and wrong have hardened me so that I cannot pretend to any great depth of affection, and I suppose you will despise me so after this that I need not expect much from you."

The woman spoke coarsely, bitterly, and every

need not expect much from you."

The woman spoke coarsely, bitterly, and every word was like the torture of the rack to Sibyl's ton was curtly, almost rudely, asked.

chicks that are grown most rapidly return the most money. We would not force the pullets to lay before they have secured their growth, by the use of stigniants, condiments and enumenations, but pillets that are quickly grown on a good healthy diet will mature their bodies before ripening their egg organs.

Pullets that are grown in the open air consume a larger amount of food and put it to good use. The body will reach full development before she drops an egg. The ovary (the egg producing organ) is largely dependent on heat for its growth, and sometimes by keeping chicks long in heated brooders, close housing, and feeding a stimulating, heat producing ration, we can cause them to lay before the body has matured, and in that case the body will not mature to large size, or even full size for the breed. The ovary has ripened before the body has matured. Such pullets will never make good layers for any length of time, and their eggs are usually under size. It is probably on account of having grown such pullets that writers have warned us not to force birds intended for breeders or layers.

When pullets are grown right—given room, airy coops at night, free range or a large yard, and fed a wholesome ration, there is no danger of their developing too fast.

Pullets grown in confinement should have a well littered coop of good size and having large openings. That is, the greater portion of one side should be wire. The pullets should not be crowded nor should they be grown in large flocks. Pullets in confinement should be fed practically the same as those on free range. They should have the dry mash before mentioned, grit, charcoal and shells, and be fed grain and green food. Where the green food is lettuce, lawn clippings or garden refuse, they should have two grain feeds a day, and this should be scattered in litter, not too deep. Where sprouted oats are used for greens, one feed a day of hard grain is sufficient. Cockerels and old hens should not be allowed to run with pullets. When cockerels are allowed to run with

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor, free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

M. H.—As the two hens ate their grain without trouble, their habit of picking up and dropping wh must be an individual dislike. Don't worry about it they will get used to it and eat it when they

must be an individual dislike. Don't worry about it—
it hey will get used to it and eat it when they are
hungry.

D. B.—From your description I should say the hens
had infiammation of the crop, as you are sure it is not
limberneck, and their crops are enlarged. Birds which
have free range are very liable to crop troubles in the
spring. They are so anxious to get the young grass,
that they are liable to eat much of the dead grass,
which covers it, which packs in the crop and prevents
the food passing through to the gizzard. Another cause
for such troubles on farms is the use of lime and
strong fertilizers on the land, for the birds are apt to
pick it up, and such strong irritants cause inflammation. First, give the birds a tablespoonful of sweet oil.
After a few minutes, hold them by the feet, head
straight down, and gently manipulate the crop, pressing
downwards from the breast bone. In this way a great
part of the contents of the crop can usually be forced
out through their bills. Every few minutes, hold the
bird with its head uppermost, to allow it to recover its
full breathing power. Repeat the working and pressing several times. If the crop can't be empited in
this way, get some one to hold the bird on its back
on a table, and with a clean, sharp knife make a cut
about half an inch long in the skin over the crop,
and then through the crop itself. (It is advisable to
pull out a few feathers, and then thoroughly wet those
around the spot to be cut, as it is easier to work when
the feathers lay soft.) Hold open the cut, and with
the handle of a feaspoon remove as much of the contents as you can. Thread a fine needle with white silk
or cotton, and sew up the cut; first the crop, then
the outer skin. Hemember, the crop and the outer skin
must be sewn separately, or they will tear and break
loose. Keep the bird in a small coop for a few days,
and feed very lightly on mash three times a day. At
the end of a week it can be returned to the flock.

H. H.—The chicks haven't been fed correctly, and
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and feed very lightly on mash three times a day. At the end of a week it can be returned to the flock.

H. H.—The chicks haven't been fed correctly, and the digestive organs are causing the trouble. Do you know that chicks should not be fed for thirty-six or forty-eight hours after they are hatched? The yolk of the egg is absorbed just before the chick breaks through the shell, and must be digested and ejected from the intestines before anything else enters, or the delicate machinery is upset. Instead of corn bread, moisten corn meal and feed as follows: Chop a hard boiled egg without removing the shell, mix with twice the amount of stale bread crumbs. (Put dry bread in the oven; bake until crisp, then crush.) Feed very little five times a day for two days; then you can add a little cottage cheese. After the fourth or fifth day feed finely cracked grains—corn, oats, barley, Kafir corn, mustard seed, millet—all, or any two or three you may happen to have on hand. Give them sour milk to drink from the first day, plenty of fine grit, and cottage cheese whenever you may have it.

E. B.—I don't think this is a case of disease—rather

E. B.—I don't think this is a case of disease—rather some accident. Have you been using lime, or strong spraying, or disinfectants about the premises? If so, the birds may have got some in their eyes, and, if blind, soon die for want of food and the fright caused by loss of sight. I can only advise you to try and locate the trouble and remove it, or keep the rest of the poultry confined in yards.

L. L. G.—The hen has chronic bronchitis, and though it may never get any worse, it is safer to get rid of the trouble. Chronic cases depend more on a tonic to build up the system than on any local treatment.

half a pint is scattered in front of each coop at about 4 l'. M.
Grit is supplied in large quantities. Being near a stone crusher, we buy the screenings by the cart load and dump it in heaps near the outskirts of the orchard, where it does not show, but is quite accessible to the chicks.
On these rations, without any variation, the pullets are kept until September, when they are transferred to their winter quarters.
Some say, "Don't force the chickens intended for breeders and layers," but I have found that

She reached out her clasped hands with an appealing gesture, and, scarcely knowing what she said, cried out:

"Oh! mother—mother, don't! You have ruined my life."

my life.

my life."

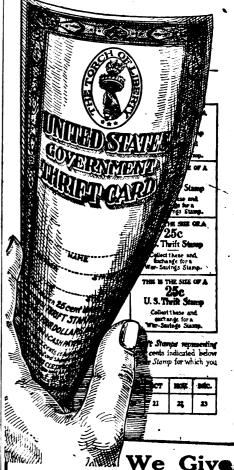
"I know it; it would have been better if you had been kifled instead of living to see this day; but you'll have to bear it as best you can."

Sibyl sat and looked at her in blank amazement, in spite of her pain.

Could it be possible that she was the child of this cold, and heartless woman, who repelled her more and more by every word that she uttered, who seemed devoid of all natural affection, and who seemed to have no desire to cultivate either the love or sympathy of her long-lost child?

For a moment her whole soul rose in rebellion against the fate that had decreed anything so monstrous and unnatural.

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War Thrift Stamps!

For Every Club Of Two We Send You One 25-Cent Stamp Free!

D O you want to help win the war but feel financially unable to buy Liberty Bonds or War Thrift Stamps?

Here then is your opportunity to do your bit and yet not invest a cent of your own money. COMFORT is willing to buy 25-Cent War Thrift Stamps and give them to you in place of a premium or cash commission. By following our easy plan you will soon have enough Stamps to fill a Thrift Card. Then you can start all over again and fill another Card—and so on. In this way you can without expense to yourself, help furnish your Country with the money it needs in order to feed, clothe, arm and equip our soldiers and sallors and win this righteous war in defense of American honor and the cause of democracy throughout the world.

Thrift Stamps—What Are They?

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United States 25-Cent War Thrift Stamps are the best investment in the World. They are the equivalent of War Savings Stamps, also called "little beby bonds." which—like Liberty Bonds—have behind them the entire resources of the United States.

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You Can Help Win The War By Starting A Thrift Card Today!

Every 25-Cent Thrift Stamp which you buy, or secure free on this offer, strikes a blow at our enemies and hastens the victorious ending of the war. And at the same time you are investing money in the best and safest security in the world. We consider it our duty to describe this War-Savings Thrift Plan to our subscribers and offer the Thrift Stamps to our club-raisers instead of premiums or cash commission. We have made our offer as liberal as we possibly could in order to make it easy for all to earn the stamps. By accepting our offer you can obtain all the 25-Cent Thrift Stamps you want without paying any money yourself. We shall buy the Stamps and give them to you in return for subscriptions to COMFORT.

Our Offer. For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each, we will send you one 25-Cent War Thrift Stamp free and prepaid. For four one-year subscriptions we will send you two Stamps. subscriptions we will send you two Stamps, for six one-year subscriptions we will send you three Stamps—and so on. In other words, for every two subscriptions you send us we will send you one 25-Cent Thrift Stamp free. Premium No. 3662.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

In and Around the Home

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3.)

11th round .- Knit sixth and seventh stitches together at regular intervals of 6 to end of round.

Then two plain rounds.

Sth round.—Knit fifth and sixth stitches together, etc.; then two plain rounds...

17th rounds.—Knit fourth and fifth stitches together, etc.; then two plain rounds.

20th rounds.—Knit third and fourth stitches together, etc.; then two plain rounds.

together, etc.; then two plain rounds.

23rd round.—Knit second and third stitches together, etc.; then two plain rounds.

24th round.—Knit two stitches together every stitch until 8 remain in all. Then draw thread through all 8 stitches and fasten off.

Onlines concerning the practical value of

through all 8 stitches and fasten off.

Opinions concerning the practical value of the socks differ. One British authority praises them highly, while others who have used them claim they are inferior to the old heeled variety. It is claimed for the spirals that they wear much longer, since the heel does not always come in the same place; that they are more soft and pliable and pleasanter to the feet.

—Government Printing Office. -Government Printing Office.

Rickrack Edging

No. 1. Narrow braid crochet cotton, No. 40.

No. 1. Narrow braid crochet cotton, No. 20.
Steel hook No. 12.
Fasten thread in first point * ch. 9, 1 s. c. in
next point, ch. 7, 1 s. c. in next point (ch. 1 and
1 s. c.) in next 5 points, ch. 3, 1 sl. st., in 4th st.
of ch. 7, ch. 3, 1 s. c. in next point, ch. 3, 1 s. c.



RICKRACK EDGING. NO. 1

in 6th from the beginning of ch. 9, ch. 5, 1 s. c.

in next point.

Repeat from • until work is required length.
This forms a row of scallops.

Working on other edge put hook through point each side of one in which 1st row was begun, fasten thread, ch. 3, join next 2 correbegun, lasten thread, ch. 3, join next 2 corresponding points between scallops, ch. 3, join next two points, fasten and break thread.

No. 2. Any width braid can be used in following this pattern.

Pull thread through first four points of braid, make 1 sl. st., ch. 6 * pull thread through next



RICKRACK EDGING. No. 2.

four points on other edge of braid, make 1 al. st., ch. 6, pull thread through next four points en first edge of braid, make 1 sl. st., ch. 6. Repeat from * to end of row.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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lerest for it stops. Sometimes I wish he would eat
his meals in a restaurant although I love to cook, but
I would never hurt him by telling him this. He works
simost every night and on Sundays thinking perhaps
there is something I want that he cannot buy. I tell
him he is mistaken and to care more about his rest
and health; he still insists on working saying that
some day he can buy for me, whatever it is. He is
earning a very good salary and we three could live
comfortably and put away something for a rainy day
without his overtime salary.

I think sometimes I want more friends to call on
me. And then again I wish I knew no one. There is
see thing I would like very much to do and that is
travel, but with my husband's occupation I know that
is impossible for a while at least.

Sometimes I crave for wisdom and wish to be someme great, to have people talk about the wonderful
things I do because I am so young, but when anyone
suggests anything \(\frac{1}{2}\) say, "How can I, with baby so
young."

I wonder have I given the sisters an idea of what

joung.' I evonder have I given the sisters an idea of what I as happened to me within the second year of my lappy and unhappy married life. I hope some of the sisters will answer my letter as I feel that I must evercome the selfish disposition which I have obtained

suddenly.
Best love to the sisters and Mrs. Wilkinson

Mrs. H.—If you weren't so young I'd be tempted to scold you, but I won't because I don't know the circumstances and there may be a reason for you feeling as you do. But unless there is a reason, the world today has no place for slackers and surely you could do something to aid the war sufferers, and at the same time help yourself. What do the sisters suggest?—Ed.

HUTCHINSON, KANS.

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DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

My husband, children and I are going to take a trip to the western coast this summer, for my health, and I would like so much to hear from others (through the Sisters' Corner) who have made the trip by automobile and sleep out of doors. We expect to cook our meals and sleep out of doors on our trip and I would like to know how to prepare for such a trip and how to pack. We shall allow six to eight weeks for the trip.

I admire the bravery of Mrs. Gaestet, of Washington state. She is a woman that will win on a farm. I have worked like a man for nearly twelve years, on a rented farm and have nothing to show for it but broken health which I am going to try and gain back and then go to a new country where prospects, climate, etc. are better.

I would like to get information direct through the paper as I haven't time to write letters.

A COMFORT SISTER,

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Mrs. S.—Don't thank me for Dublishing your letter, for I had a reason all my own for doing to. Some time I'd like to take just such a trip as you describe and would like to know what to do and how to do it. Even if I am never able to carry out my plans it is a pleasure to read about the trips others have made. I should need longer than six or eight weeks for the trip, though, for I want to call on many Comfort sisters in almost every state.—Ed.

EAST OAKLAND, CALIF.

BEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

It did seem good to me this morning to listen to the lusty song of a robin as I opened my back door, and I wondered how far back east the cheery singer would betake himself about the first of April. Anyway, the 'land of the flea and the gopher' has its of two persations when it comes to our truly matchless dimate, neither too hot nor too cold'.

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Your Teeth and Mine

HE pretty girl bent critically over the assortment of tooth-brushes laid out by the drug-store clerk.
"But I want a soft one," she said, trying first one and then another, only

trying first one and then another, only to lay it aside.

"Beg pardon, miss," said the clerk, reaching into the case; "most people want stiff brushes, so I get in the habit of showing them. But here's a soft one."

"Why, Polly," said a second girl who had been standing indifferently by, "why on earth do you get a soft tooth-brush. They re only good for babies."



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"They're good for what I want them for," answered Polly mysteriously, putting down a quarter and taking the brush the clerk had submitted to her.

And Polly knew what she was talking about. A soft tooth-brush is a most convenient thing, and should be on every girl's toilet table, but not to brush her teeth with—oh, no! For that, she needs only a fairly stiff brush, the bristles of which will find their way into the crevices between the teeth and not bend against the hard surfaces, failing to cleanse the cracks and crannies. But the soft brush has its uses, too, for all teeth need an occasonal whitening, and here the stiff brush is of no avail.

To whiten the teeth, use the pulp of lemon. Instead of a tooth-brush, a small wooden toothpick wrapped in cotton batting may be used, the cotton acting as a miniature mop with which to apply the lemon.

Not only the beauty but the health of the teeth depend upon punctilious care being taken of them. Brush them on rising, that any secretions of the night may be disposed of and leave your mouth fresh and sweet. Then after every meal wield the tooth-brush again to remove any particles of food which may have lodged between the teeth or on the gums. Brush from the gums toward the tips of the teeth—not across them. This lets the bristles cleanse the crevices thoroughly. Brush also the inner surfaces of the teeth, and the grinding surfaces of the back teeth. When you think you have quite completed your toilet, add a postscript by reaching for your spool of dental floss. Cut off a piece about three inches long, and holding one end in each hand insert it between the teeth. Do not press it down hard toward the gums, but after it is held between the teeth work it up and down, drawing it firmly against first the side of one tooth and then the other.

Take a fresh piece of floss and treat the next two teeth in the same way, and so on until all the crevices have been cleaned. Then give a last brush to the

after a moment or two with a quick brushing in clear water.

And, girls, don't underrate the value of beautiful, white, healthy teeth. They can make even the silliest smile attractive, and what can they not do for the girl whose smile is naturally sweet and delightful?

Healthy teeth, too, mean that you will escape a great many other bodily fils, for rheumatism, swollen joints, headaches, and numerous other ailments, can oftentimes be traced to ill-kept teeth. So don't forget to use your tooth-brush five times a day, will you?—morning and night, and after each meal.

Answers to Questions

MRS. PEARL C.—I am sorry that you will not receive this answer as soon as I should like to have you. The letters come to me in one big batch just before time to write the answers for Compor, and that is usually a couple of weeks after the letter is written. Then, you see, it is three or four months before the magazine can be mailed to you, because in printing a magazine with such a big circulation as Comport it has to be started a long time beforehand. Under the rules of this department, all letters have to be answered in these columns, instead of by mail. While your answer is late, I hope you' will follow the suggestions I give you. First, you should take the unskimmed milk, when you are on the milk diet, in order to get the benefit of the nourishment in the cream. Of course the milk will make you feel "awfully full," as you say, but that is natural. Be sure not to eat solid food but exactly follow the instructions given. Yes, indeed, I think your bust will develop. As you gain on the milk diet, your bust will gain as well as the other parts of the body. Arm exercises will also help to develop the bust, and deep breathing exercises, but I appreciate what you say about being a busy farmer's wife, and know that it

is difficult to work anything in the way of special ex-ercises into such a busy life as yours. Try to make a practice, however, of holding the back erect, and the chest somewhat forward, while the arms drop easily at the shoulders, and breathe in as deeply as you can.

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Miss D. M.—Too bad you couldn't give some of that too large bust to Mrs. Pearl C., isn't it? You say your waist is too large, also, but you do not give me the size, so I am not sure just how much advice you need. The waist should be ten inches smaller than the bust and hips, and the bust should be the same size as the hips. I hope no girl with a slim bust will read this, and start right in trying to reduce her waist! Of course what she should do is to increase her bust until it is ten inches larger than her waist. As for you, are you a little over weight all over? You do not tell me, and that is the first thing I ought to know, for if you are, then it is your diet which should be changed as quickly as possible. Cut out sweets, and do not eat many potatoes, much rice, macaroni or white bread, avoid gravies, rich desserts, cream and milk. In the meantime, practice the following exercises:

To Reduce the Waist

Standing with heels together, hands at sides, body erect, bend forward from the waist, without bending the knees, and try to touch the floor with the fingertips. Don't struggle over this, but lift the hands up over the head, and bending only at waist throw them forward toward the floor. You will probably be a long way from touching it, but don't be discouraged; practice this fifteen or twenty times, and at night do it again, and the next morning, start all over again. In other words, practice twice a day for fifteen or twenty times. After a few days it will be easier for you to make the necessary movement, and little by little your fingers will get nearer and nearer the floor.

To Reduce the Bust

Standing in the same position, raise arms in front of you, and let the palms meet, elbows rigid and arms on level with the shoulders. Now throw the arms back violently as if seeking to make then meet in the middle of the back. Keep them on a level with the shoulders. Throw them forward, again, then back; and so continue for fifteen or twenty times.

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GOLDEN ROD.—You say you have crooked legs, but you do not say whether they are bowed or whether the knees turn in. You can do a great deal for "crooked legs" by exercise. Look at yourself in the mirror and see what the matter is—that is, which way the legs curve. And at the same time, be generous with yourself and don't make matters seem worse than they are. Lots of women have a little curve to their legs, but you see them wearing the smart short frocks and high boots, not at all disturbed about it. So don't take your little defect too seriously. Be careful to have your stockings trim and smooth, and your shoes well fitting and always carefully polished, and above all things see that they are never or your over at the heel. The moment they begin to run over at the heel. The moment they begin to run over, take them to the cobbler and spend twenty-five cents having them straightened. It will make your shoes last longer and they will always look well. I wouldn't wear too long dresses—they are apt to look slouchy and not at all "smart." Unless your legs are terribly bowed—and I'm sure they are not—wear your dresses a nice trim length, and, as I have said above, be careful to dress your feet well. Lots of people are careless about keeping their shoes trim, with neat laces or with buttons always on, and freshly polished. If you will only take pains, you can make your feet very good to look upon. Next, practice these exercises, if the legs are bowed—that Is, if the knees turn out.

For Bowed Legs

Stand with the feet about eighteen inches apart, and the hands on hips. Now turn the weight of the body on the inside of the feet, and bring the knees together without lifting the feet. This means that you will dip the body toward the floor. Do not, however, bend the back, but keep your spine straight, and let the only dip be that you descend a few inches toward the floor as you bring the knees together. Resume first position, and repeat, learning to do this continuously and rapidly. Practice until your muscles feel tired. Do this at least twice day.

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Another exercise is to stand erect, hands on hips, and turn the toes in and heels out, so that they form a V with the toes making the point of the letter. Now walk across the room with your feet in that position. Rest a moment, and walk back. Rest again, and walk across the room again. Practice this frequently. You see the principle of the exercise, do you not? Any position which brings the knees in and exercises the muscles on the outside of the legs will help you.

M. C. C.—Yes, five feet, six inches and a half is a

M. C. C.—Yes, five feet, six inches and a half is a pretty good height, but it is not an inch too much. Be glad you have achieved an almost perfect height. It may be that you are a little thin for this yet,



SLIPPING THE DENTAL FLOSS BETWEEN THE TEETH

but that won't be for long, and when you begin to fill out you will be so delighted that you aren't even an inch shorter. Just be careful to eat nourishing food, and to drink lots of water, and to sleep eight or nine hours every night—even ten won't hurt—and to exercise in the open air as much as possible.

Address all letters containing questions to
KATHERINE BOOTH, CATE COMFORT,
AUGUSTA, MAINE.

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I wonder if there is not some eastern mother's son out here in one of the training camps whose mother would like a soldier's mother to look him up and try to make it pleasant for him while near San Francisco? If so, we would gladly have his name and address and add him to our list (quite a long one with our own dear boy at the head) of soldier boys, and over own dear boy at the head) of soldier boys, and we regret much that Uncle Sam has not seen yet that the cigarette belongs in the class with the saloon, and should be prohibited among our soldiers, along with work.

Why will a railroad company or telegraph company of the stations within a few miles of Oakland. One dear fellow from the south, son of a prominent Baptist minister, with whom we became acquainted while he was at the Presidlo, came up from Camp Fremont, forty miles distant, to spend Saturday night and over the Lord's Day with us. Many of the boys we meet

are motherless, and often homeless and it has meant at least a little break in the monotony of the soldier's life to spend an occasional evening in a home, among young people like himself.

We find many Christians among our soldier boys, and we regret much that Uncle Sam has not seen yet that the cigarette belongs in the class with the saloon, and should be prohibited among our soldiers, along with booze.

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IDA G. AULD.

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PREBLE, N. Y.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMPORT READERS:

This is my second letter to dear old COMPORT but I thought if it wouldn't be too crowded I would venture to write again. My first letter was published last July and I have received letters from all over the United States. At present I am corresponding with a dear lady in W. Va., my own age (twentyfive) and I wouldn't want her to discontinue writing. I hope I am not intruding by writing again so soon, but, bnoest, I'm so lonely. At present my husband is in Indiana buying a carload of horses and won't return for another week. My elight-year-old daughter is lots of company, but she is at school most of the time. We have bought a piano for her and she is taking music lessons of a Conservatory graduate, and doing splendidly.

I am going to ask the sisters a question that no doubt will make some of them smile, but how many have tried to burn tin cans? I do and it works like a charm and I think I am real smart in doing so as fuel is so scarce. One must have a bed of red hot coals (I wouldn't recommend a wood fire) and drop in two or three and in a few hours they will be red hot and in time they will crumble up and go out with the ashes. A furnace is best of all for that purpose but I have only a coal stove.

I haven't much to say on the country and city discussion: I have lived in both places and prefer the city because of the educational advantages. My country life wasn't very pleasant; we lived fourteen miles from the city and the roads were most always bad so we seldom went anywhere.

Mrs. J. E. Knight, if you see this, don't think I've forgotten you. I received so many letters it was impossible to answer all of them.

A few have written how they help their husbands. I help mine by doing all my own work, sewing and try to run my home as economically as I know how. Mrs. R. T. W., I used to stammer and was so bad I couldn't read or talk to anyone and when I was called upon to read or

Mrs. M. B. K. wanted Indian names for her home.

Red Wing."

Can anyone recommend a sure cure for indigestion?

I am troubled a great deal with it. Sometimes I go on a diet and sometimes I try starving myself but I still have "the old wedge" in my stomach. Have never consulted a physician. If "Peachle" sees this I hope she remembers me. She surely couldn't forget "Dandy Cute."

I won't offer any recipes to this good paper till I try them myself, besides I could hardly offer a new one, the paper is always full of em and some mighty good ones, too. I like Comfort from beginning to end and wouldn't be without it at any price for it is my most valuable paper.

Best wishes to your whole magazine, and you, Mrs. Wilkinson.

A Comfort Sister,

Mrs. C. F. Gardner.

LOWVILLE, N. Y.

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Here comes a northern New York sister to enter
your happy band.

Lowville is the most beautiful little place in this
part of the state. Everybody seems to delight in keeping their property in A 1 shape and that helps make
our town attractive.

I wonder if the sisters really understand the great
work which Uncle Charlie has accomplished? If we
do appreciate what he is doing for us and for others,
let's prove it to him by each contributing to his Home (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18.)



The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6.)

might have walked in, for the doors were all open, and all the plates of soup were standing ready on the dining-table because we kept supper waiting. Any one who'd looked in the window enough to know where Levallion sat could have easily doctored his soup."

"But the servants would hardly have let them?" incredulously.

The butter asked permission to speak, a ray of hope in his face.
"If you please, your honor, Sir Thomas is right," he said. "After placing the soup on the table, I went to announce supper, and sent the other men off to attend to various things, so that, when I got back five minutes after, the room was empty. I didn't wonder his lordship did not eat his soup, for it was cold and uninviting looking. Her ladyship waited quite amother five minutes for the party at the dining-room door."

door."
"Her ladyship—Lady Levallion—was in the dlning-room when you got back?" evenly.
"No sir! but outside the door," respectfully. But for one long instant Sir Thomas Annesley stood speechless with rage and surprised horror. Would they dare to think it was Ravenel who had done it?

CHAPTER XXVIII.

"I SAW-NO ONE !"

"No one dares to insinuate," he broke out the second he got his breath, "that——"
"No," said the coroner quietly. "Be good enough, Sir Thomas, to tell just what you saw of this woman outside. Did you observe her on that oversion only?" that occasion only?

"Your dog appears to be ubiquitous!" dryly.

"You know the man?"

The room was breathless with interest. Every soul in it, except Carrousel, leaned forward; but the question had apparently such that the man is considered the park. The such that the man is considered the park. The such that the missed him—" He stopped something on the end of his tongue, as if he remembered there was no need to tell more than he was asked.

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"The man," said Sir Thomas unwillingly, "was, to the best of my belief, Captain Gordon, though I thought him in bed at the castle. Levallion said he'd gone to bed, as he was leaving early in the morning."

And if he had known the deadly gist of his evidence taken with Lady Gwendolen's, he would have perjured himself ten times over.

"The woman was no one of the house-party? You are sure?" searchingly.

"She was a stranger, so far as I could tell. All the other women were in the drawing-room but my sister, and she and Levallion went in there while I was hanging out of the hall window watching the woman in the garden."

"You are sure it was Captain Gordon in the wood?"

"I would be, but for one thing. My dog was furious when he saw him, and he was fond of

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"I would be, but for one thing. My dog was furious when he saw him, and he was fond of Gordon. I thought afterward perhaps it was some one stouter than Gordon, but dressed like him!"

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"How was he dressed?"

"In a Norfolk jacket and loose knickerbockers. I saw them against the moonlight."

"You say Lord Levallion seemed to know who the woman was?"

Tommy nodded.

I'm sure he did! He said afterward that it must have been a kitchen-maid; but maids don't wear trains and long evening cloaks. I meant to tell him I'd seen her again, but when I went to his dressing-room last night before dinner he wouldn't talk. And I drank some of the liqueur that he died of four hours afterward. It was all right then!"

WHY AM I SO THIN?

Wrong Eating and Bad Digestion the Cause

By Dr. J. W. Campbell

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Y "too thin" I mean people who do not weigh as much as they should in accordance with their height and to be normally healthy. The table of heights and weights appended to this will help you to decide as to whether you weigh enough. There are some exceptions. If your parents were both slight, you may be normally healthy and yet somewhat under weight according to the table.

These sound somewhat disconcerting to the layman. If your doctor, upon examining you, tells you that some one or two of these things are among your afflictions, do not become frightened. Remember that hyperacidity is nothing more or less than old-fashioned "sour stomach" Intestinal congestion is constipation, mal-assimilation may cover several stomach ills, as it is a general title for "bad digestion," while intestinal fermentation means that the food still contains too much acid after it has left the stomach and passed into the thirty odd feet of intestinal tubing.

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Of all these, the old-fashioned "sour stomach (so called because our grandmothers and great grandmothers used to refer to hyperacidity in these terms) is probably the worst. It is a true disease and brought about by too much acid in the stomach, which causes the food to digest imperfectly and leave the stomach too quickly. From this condition the other ills of the digestive organs just named will arise. Hyperacidity causes intestinal congestion, and this, in turn, brings on "sick headaches," torpid liver and other complaints of a similar nature.

The nutrition from our food is absorbed through millions of little tubes in the mucous membrane or lining of the stomach. Too much acid in the stomach causes irritation of this lining, the tiny tubes begin to close and our bodies begin to get less and less of the necessary nourishment from the food. This impoverishes the blood and a persom may eat and eat, but if there is an excess of acidity in the stomach they will not get the benefit of the food, and thus become thin.

Hyperacidity brings on other ills, ills that make people thin, even to the semblance of "living skeletons." The presence of too much acid causes the starch atoms in our food to become crystallized. Especially is this true of cereal starches. This makes blood crystals which causes gout, rheumatism, lumbago, hardening of the arteries, stiffness of the joints, rheumatoid and other more or less serious allments. Another result is that the excess of stomach acid causes fermentation in both stomach and intestines. This distends them and they press against the arteries, causing irregular heart beats, known as valvular heart action.

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The most common reason why over-eating may cause one to be thin is that the excess of acid irritates the mucous membrane or lining of stomach and intestines and causes an abnormal appetite. This leads to so much over-eating that autointoxication or food poisoning takes place. This may result in several forms of illness, one of them being emaciation or underweight. People who eat heartily and yet remain extremely thin cannot understand why this should be. The little canals and nerve fibers leading out from the intestines also become irritated, causing worry, nervousness, insomnia, loss of memory and, of course, loss of weight.

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course, loss of weight.

If you are too thin, the logical thing to do is to relieve the hyperacidity or sour stomach as practically all other ailments of the stomach result from this. This stomach acidity may be caused by one of a number of errors in the things you eat and the manner in which you eat or combine them, or it may be caused by a combination of these errors, which include the following:

The coroner nodded, knowing it already.

"I won't trouble you any more," he said. "Except to ask you if you would know that mysterious woman if you saw her again?"

Even Carrousel waited for the answer.

"I don't know," reluctantly. "I'd know her if she wore those clothes, but I never saw her face. Only I'm sure that she had something to do with the thing."

"You were not in the house at the death of your brother-in-law, I think?"

"I ran out the back way after Jacobs. I thought he was after the cook, and I tore upstairs and then down and outside till I found Jacobs, trying to get back into the house again.

"To overcome this, first of all limit the quantity of food you eat to the actual needs of your body. Endowing:

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Omit, for a while at least, white bread and the soft, sticky cereals. Omit the sour fruits and all sweets. If your case of thinness is a severe one, give up tea and coffee, tobacco and liquors. When I have told this to many of my patients they have exclaimed: "But what may I eat?" Include in your fattening diet plenty of milk and ergs, plenty of fish and fresh vegetables. The best vegetables are potatoes, carrots, parsnips, onions, cabbages, squash, corn and beans. By omitting white bread I do not mean to cease eating all bread. Eat the plain wheat bread or bread cooked with a little wheat bran in it. Eat wheat for cereals, boiling it five or six hours, and serve it with butter or cream but no sugar.

Drink an abundance of water throughout the water with meals, but do not gulp down the water with meals, sip it, for if you wash down the food by copious drinks you spoil much of the mastication of food and without good mastication there cannot be good digestion. The water drinking is important, quite as important as the remainder of the diet. The human body is largely water more than fitty per cent, and in order for water to enter the blood, which is necessary, it must pass into circulation with the food. This water drinking not only dilutes the acid of the stomach but it relieves irritation and, with the irritation from acid stomach relieved, the difficulty is half overcome.

"I have a perfectly good stomach, doctor, and can eat anything without becoming distressed, yet I am as thin as a rail and I'm sure it must be through some other cause than digestion," declared one of my patients.

"You have a bad stomach," I contradicted him. Still another patient made bitter complaint of his stomach to me. He was a wery fat man, away beyon that condition politicly called "stout," "You have a good stomach, and stout feel in the workst

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Then I sent for you, as soon as I found out what had happened."

Tommy moved to Houghton's side as one after one the house-party came in, and had, except Lord Chayter, to acknowledge that they had all heard and talked of Lady Levallion's flirtation with her husband's cousin. Houghton laid a quick hand on his shoulder, for the boy was livid with fury and outraged pride. Each guest in Levallion's house had given his or her version of his wife's flirtation with Adrian Gordon, come by either from sight or hearsay; of Levallion's knowledge of it; of his quarrel with his wife half an hour before he died.

"My God!" whispered Tommy, half-choked, "Do they mean—"

"Hush! Wait!" said Houghton, in his ear.

"There is only Chayter left."

And Lord Chayter, to Tommy's surprise, had other things to say. To his knowledge, and Lady Levallion's, some one had been in the habit of spying round the house after dark. He had twice seen a face at the dining-room window, and had once pointed it out to Lady Levallion. Had also told Lord Levallion, who said it was nonsense. But Lord Chayter was of the opinion that Levallion had not meant what he said. "There were plenty of people, men and—well, more especially women, if you like! who had a grudge against Levallion." (With which the jury agreed.) "In my opinion, that loiwere was probably one of them," ended Lord Chayter abruptly. "That's what it seems to me."

And Sir Thomas could have hugged the ugly little man. Aston called the last witness.

The room was packed by this time. Every one in the house but the boot-boy being in it, and no one had remembered him. Alone, through the silent, deserted house, Lady Levallion came to the shut door of the library, and, as if she saw none of the familiar faces, walked into the hot, close room.

She wore the coarse, blue serge Houghton had seen her in at dawn. Levallion had hated black. She had not a black gown to wear, and did not try three times before she could answer the first question.

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"Yes," she said huskily, "it was I who went to my husband's room for that bottle of liqueur."

"Before that," said the coroner unexpectedly, "what had you been doing?"

"I was down in the hall talking up to him. I wanted to go out and he would not let me. He was annoyed with me because of something he imagined, till I told him why I wanted to go out."

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"Why was it?"

"A woman whom I had known was dying. She sent for me. I showed Levallion her letter, and he said we would both go after the others had gone to bed."

"He was not annoyed, then?"

"Oh, no!" lifelessly.

"Why had he thought you wished to go out?"

"I dropped a card with some writing on it. Levallion thought it referred to last night, whereas it was one I never got, and four months old."

"How did it reach you, then?"

"My stepmother's maid had it. It was she who was dying and wanted to explain something to me that I knew already."

"What—exactly?"

"I don't think I need say. It concerned," she twisted her hands hard together, "no one but me and Levallion," she finished unexpectedly.

"Was it the card, a four-months'-old card, that was taking you out?"

"No. The woman who sent it to me was dying, and wrote me two letters begging me to come to her that night and let her tell me something before it was too late. She had behaved badly to me. She was sorry."

"And Lord Levallion would not allow it?"

"On the contrary, he was going to take me, but—" she could not finish. With a sharp breath, an uncontrollable passion, she cried out: "Oh! Doctor Aston. I think, now that I've had time to think, that perhaps the woman knew something, knew some one meant to poison Levallion. That it was that which made her send for me. And I didn't go. I can't forgive myself that I didn't go!"

"Where are her letters?"

"I can't"—Carrousel looked really affected—"I can't find them. I thought Levallion had them. Weren't they in his pocket?"

"No. They have never been heard of till now. But I can easily send for the woman."

"She died last night," said Lady Levallion slowly. "Some one must have her letters. Some one might have picked them up when—he fell." The last two words seemed to choke her."

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"Lord Levallion was annoyed about a card?"
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Some men are like hand-organs and play all their tunes at the first meeting.

Do not teach children to conceal your secrets, for you teach them to conceal their own.

Polished steel will not shine in the dark, and the reason is useless without the light of God.

The best and noblest conquest is that of a man's own reason over his passions and follies.

If you have no passion but what you can conquer, you will have no grief you cannot bear.

Health is too often like money; we wait until our stock diminishes before we give it attention.

If we wish to know the political and moral condition of a State, we must ask what women hold in it.

Our first care should be to avoid the approaches of our heart; the next to avoid the censure of the world.

The sweet small courtesies of life can make smooth the road of it, and can open the door and let the stranger in. True courage has so little to do with anger, that there ies always the strongest suspicion against it when this

Our dependence upon God ought to be so entire and boolute, that we should never think it necessary, in any aind of distress, to have recourse to human consolations.

Emazella's Prophecy

By Joseph F. Novak

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"There is a history in all men's lives,
Piguring the nature of the times deceas'd,
The which observed, a man may prophocy,
With a near dim of the main chance of things
As yet not come to life."
Shakespeare:—2nd Henry IV.

HE dignified old street leading from the college buildings of Eaglehurst Saminary to town, lay dosing indolently, abeltered from the sun by the immense linden trees which arched their graceful branches across it.

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For a long time not a soul appeared upon it, then from behind a beautiful mansion which had been closed during the winter, the figure of a girlemerged and stood looking cautiously about. She gazed down the street toward the college buildings, then seeing that the classes had not been dismissed, she went back of the house again, and sat down on the steps.

The girl's name was Emazella. Emazella—what? Simply Emazella, for she was a Gipsy, hence the single name. She belonged to a band of these wandering people. They had pitched their camp outside the confines of the small college town, and had been warned to keep out under pain of arrest for vagrancy.

The warning had been given to the Gipsy chief, and as he didn't wish to take chances on being arrested and locked up, he respected the wishes of the town authorities, but nevertheless determined that, if his people could not ply their trade of selling lace scarfs, mantilias and various merchandise that was warranted "made by hand in Spain." but was more likely run out by machinery in some factory on this side of the ocean, he would chance sending Emazella into the town and sending Emazella into the town to tell fortunes, at which art the girl was an adept. She could read fortunes in paims, in cards, in the stars, and was expert at crystal gazing.

And so Dancairo, the Gipsy chief, decreed that he was, would fall for the girl's skill in such matters merely for the amusement of the thing. However, Emazella was told to be seen as little as possible, for though they had been bidden to desist from canvassing houses with their familiar introductions of "laidy, vant your fortune thoid?" nothing had been said about doing it on the street. She was a picturesque figure to look upon as she sat there, her rich, abundant black hair gathered up in careless fashion, but which had, nevertheless, a certain attraction that was enhanced by the wild flowers fastened in it. Her dress cons

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For some time she sat there, utterly oblivious to the fact that at a window above, but standing so that he could not be seen from below, a man, somewhere between twenty-five and thirty years of age, was looking interestedly down upon her. Emazella now made another trip to the sidewalk. But this time, down at the college buildings, there was a steady exodus of daintily gowned young women, which grew larger and began to surge down the street.

Emazella, thereupon, partially hid herself behind one of the big gate-posts, and waited. A young woman went by, then another, then a group of three, then another couple. But these girls had purposeful looks, ones who would not indulge fortune telling. Emazella could read human faces as well as human palms, and so she passed these up and waited eagerly for a group which she now espied, a half-dozen brilliant girls, who, from their dress, manner and general carefree air, she at once "spotted" as the daughters of rich men.

So when they came up, she stepped from her partial concealment, swung down the street toward them with her athletic, yet graceful carriage, with its movement so suggestive of the wild czardas which she danced so well with her Gipsy brethren, and accosted them with her formal statement:

"Laidies, vant your fortune thold?"

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"Laidies, vant your fortune thold?"
"Ye Gods, what an apparition! No, child, I don't want my fortune told. I'm too satisfied with the prospects of the future to delve into it now!" exclaimed Diana Belmont.

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She was a tail, well-formed blonde, exquisitely dressed in a soft, pale-pink gown, with a cluster of lilies-of-the-valley at her belt. She wore a broad-brimmed Panama hat with a silken scarf around it, not because it was quite the fashion, but because a certain somebody had sent it to her from the Canal Zone and so she wanted to show it off, even as she did the diamond la vallere which she had about her throat, a graduation present from her father.

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She was a beautifully featured girl, yet there was something about the lines of her mouth that affected one unpleasantly, a slight sarcasm perhaps, which boded no good for anyone who came

affected one unpleasantly, a slight sarcasm perhaps, which boded no good for anyone who came under her disfavor.

"Oh, come, let us listen to what this Gipsy creature can tell us! It will be tremendously amusing!" guahed Alice Fenton, who, with the exception of also being extremely well dressed, was all the opposite of Miss Belmont, being short and piquant, with baby features that laughed always. She was always full of mischief and about as dignified as a dandellon.

To Miss Fenton's exclamation, three of the group, Clara Greer, Sadie Rendeau and Flo Section, agreed it would be "altogether too lovely and most econderfully romantic!"

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"I don't believe I have the time," she said, but they insisted that she stay, and accordingly she did.

It was not really the fact that she hadn't the time that Miss Clayton objected. It was the cost of the prank. Money, to her, was always a bugaboo. She was decidedly poor, and entirely dependent upon herself for her education and maintenance, and naturally did not have any spare deliars for the romantic pastime of fortune-telling.

teiling.

In spite of her poverty, she kept up with the rich girls of the Seminary. They liked her; she possessed personality. Beautiful she was, beauty she had, but no one suspected it, though everyone agreed that she was the "finest looking" girl of the Seminary. She had not the clothes is set off her beauty, and was always obliged to make her appeal by her exquisite neatness. And yet, she had that vague something we call "tyle," and always was a dominant figure among righer gewined girls.

Her temper was even, her tact great, and her good humor endless, and that, perhaps, was why she kept up with those her superiors as moneymade social standards go. And they, in turn, were anxious to keep her good-will, for, while she was in no sense a "grind," her mind was open and susceptible to impression, and many hard lessons were made plain to the girls about her through her simple explanations.

Again, in matters of dress, she was clever; she had to be, and no one realized that her graduation gows, such a terror to those who cannot go to a fashionable modiste, order a creation and "send the bill to father!" was being fashioned by her own hands and those of her boarding-house keeper whom she often helped in many little matters.

She wanted to work on that, since the afternoon was to be free, and so did not care to waste any time, but the importuning of the girls kept her.

her.

"Come, Carmen is getting impatient," Alice laughed. "Your name is Carmen, isn't it?" she rattled on, turning to the Gipsy.

"No, Emazella, laidy," the girl answered.

"Very well, come on, girls," cried Alice.

Emzselia would not allow this. "No, cannot tell fortune where more two is," she explained.

"Well, let us group up," said Alice, and accordingly they did, Diana pairing off with Evelyn.

Evelyn.

Emazella led Alice and Miss Greer to the little summer house in the rear of the big mansion. The shrieks of laughter that emerged, teld of something amusing, apparently, and after a wait of some time, the two girls came forth.

"Oh, gracious, girls!" Miss Fenton exploded, "after I crossed her hand with a silver dollar, she promised me a widower with seven children! "Seven kits," Emazella said!" and off she went into a paroxysm of laughter nigh onto hysteria.

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"Laides, sit down," Emazella said, waving her hands to the seats within the little summer house, and the two girls did so, while Emazella seated herself opposite.

"Tell me something nice, Emazella," Diana admonished, as she cut the cards.

The Gipsy looked up with professional dignity, not untouched with scorn.

"I tell what zda cards tell, zdat's all," she replied, and began spreading them out, her looks darkening as she saw the ill-omed lay-out.

"Zdat's bad," she murmured, "zdat's fierce! Laidy gonna lose lover to brown hair laidy. She nearly engaged to nice man who t'ink she lovely, but laidy got bad temper, so zda cards say! La Virgen! Zdis fierce!

"Thrilling," commented Diana sarcastically.

"I see letters zdat laidy get an' no——"
Diana's face grew white.

"Nonsense! How dare you tell me amything of the sort? I don't believe a word of it! There's your money. Come, Evelyn, don't let us listen to her foolish stuff! The idea! I, ill-tempered! I'm not an angel, thank heaven, but I hardly relish being told that I am not. Come," and she rose in a passion.

Emazella tried to pacify her. She placed her hand timidly on Diana's shoulder. "Don't go, laidy," she pleaded, "all fortune can no be all good. Maybe nicer in zda palm."

Diana almost struck the detaining hand from her shoulder and marched away, followed by Evelyn.

But she did not notice that in her angry movements.

Diana turned upon Evelyn with fury in her eyes.

"The idea!" she almost shricked. "Will you take this vagabond's part against me? Humbilate me before her? You," and she turned to the trembling Emasella, "I've got a good notion to turn you over to the police.

The mention of the police nearly frightened the girl out of her wits.

"No, no," she cried, "call me t'ief, call me anyt'ing, no hand me police! I no steal, no, laidy, no seworita, I no steal!"

"Don't be angry, Diana," pacified Evelyn, "but really you have no proof that the girl stole the la vailiere. The evidence is circumstantial, of course, but the jewel is recovered, and whether she intended to steal or not, we cannot say. Come," and her volce grew pleading, "I don't wish to take the girl's part against you, and I wagree that you have grounds for your suspicions, but there's nothing absolutely sure, you know."

"Oh, very well. Comfort your Gipsy friend if you prefer," and Dlana stalked away.

"Oh, laidy got ver' bad temper like cards say," observed Emazella. "I so sorry. She your friend, an' now she mad 'cause you say I no steal:"

"Don't mind that, Emazella. I've overlooked

"Don't mind that, Emazella. several little tempests that Dlana indulged; she'll probably get over this one, too."
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"No, Emazella," Evelyn said.
"But I want," she persisted, and as she was so anxious, Evelyn allowed her to do so, and cut the cards as per direction.
"Everyt'ing look nice for you. Lots of money come you, an' zda men! Valgame Dios! You can haf all kinds! But you gonna get zda lover of zda laidy what call me t'lef," she continued, her brow darkening.

For some time she rambled on in the midst of the most extravagant dreams, to which Evelyn listened with good-natured indulgence, placing about as much faith in that sort of thing as she did in the omnipotency of Buddha.

"Verily, Emazella," she laughed, "you have a terrific imagination. We should have discovered you sooner, and had you for class prophet. How much more attractive is your prophecy compared to what they have foretold for me, a life spent in the classic drudgery of teaching,"

"What I say, true laidy, true," Emazella averred solemnly, "No laugh, laidy, it come true."

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"If it should, Emazella, I should be the happlest person in the world, especially were I to win the wonderful man you say I shall. But that is impossible, though had I a man of his callber for a husband, to love, cherish and protect me, how little would all the wealth, the glory and honor which you promise me tempt me. Foolish children we, to think that we can pierce the veil of the future! But I cannot linger, Emazella. Be a good girl, dear. I believe you are honest, and I should be very sorry to hear that you were not. Good by."

And so saying, she pressed the Gipsy girl's hand lightly, and left the little summer-house, not observing that Emazella shortly followed her, unseen, as far as her boarding-house.

That place reached, she went up to her room, and for the rest of the afternoon, busily sewed Revelyn.

But she did not notice that in her angry movements, the beautiful la valliere had unfastemed and slipped to the ground.

Emazella looked sorrowfully after them; she had read the cards as they should be read, as their lay-out warranted, and had offended the lady. Now there would be little chance of telling fortunes for any of the other girls of the Seminary.

With a sigh she put away the money she had received, and was about to go, when suddenly she noted the la valliere. Her eyes widened in wonder as she picked up the costly thing and gazed at it in amazement, while from behind the

vine-covered trellice work which formed the wall of the little summer house, the same man who had looked from the window above watched the whole affair. At the mention of the letters, his eyes had flashed, but immediately he forgot that in what followed and now he watched to see what the girl would do with the necklace.

But whatever Emazella's thoughts might have been cannot be determined, for just then, as she held the thing admiringly before her eyes, Diana rushed into the summer house with Evelyn at her heels, and beheld her lost jewel.

"You thief!" she accused, "how dared you steal that! Give it to me at once!"

Almost dazed, Emazella handed it over.

"I no steal, laidy," she protested, "I find it." "Nonsense, you took it from my throat as I went out, you know you did."

"I no steal," she presisted, "you laidy," turning to Evelyn, "you no see me steal?"

"No, Emazella," Evelyn said, a bit soberly, for she did not wish to antagonize Diana.

"Mil gracias, schorits?" Emazella said, lapsing into Spanish, "I tank you tousand times!"

Diana turned upon Evelyn with fury in her eyes.

"The idea!" she almost shrieked. "Will you ing her chance acquaintance of the morning."

ment, a thrill of terror possessed her, then the curtain was drawn aside, and Emazella aat her self down on the window ledge.

She was visibly excited.

"Why, Emazella!" Evelyn exclaimed, recognizing her chance acquaintance of the morning, "what's the matter?"

"Zat laidy, w'at call me t'ief, she I hate! I go in trance, I see she lose lover to you! But you must be beautiful, I bring you to make yes beautiful? I it no steal, laidy, I make it myself. Mantilla, laidy, beautiful mantilla, I give you it, for not'ing. You wear, you be beautiful, si?"

"But Emazella—" Evelyn began, but she got no further, for the girl interrupted:

"No talk, you kind to Emazella. She will pray to la Virgen that you get other laidy's lover!" And she was gone.

Evelyn stood for several minutes, holding the untidy wrapped parcel, then she opened it and from the rough outer cover, she took something wrapped in tissue. This opened, revealed a long lace scarf, as dainty as a fairy-web, yet so long and wide that as she held it on her arm, both ends reached the ground at the same time. A cry of glad surprise escaped her, then with a woman's deft fingers, she draped it about her dress, in the manner of the latest fashion.

It was the touch of ornament needed, and made her plain gown a creation.

And yet, for some moments, she was a bit diffident about using it. The rich lace, the tedious hand-work of the Gipsy girl, would haw commanded a great price in the shops. She felt she ought to return it to the girl, or at least, buy it from her, but to pay the actual price would be out of the question; she hadn't the money.

Again she surveyed herself, she saw that she would outshine Diana, for she had seen that girl's gown. She laughed servously, then criesiout softly to herself:

"Nonsense, Evelya, are you becoming suparstitious? Hal Bronstone is down in Panama and after tomorrow you'll go your way and never meet him, so what if you do outshine Diana? And have you ever schnowledged to yourself that

after tomorrow you'll go your way and never meet him, so what if you do outshine Diana? And have you ever acknowledged to yourself that you love Hal, and do you suppose he thinks of that little flirtation of a year gone?"

Whereupon, she blushed, and turned out the light.

The Convocation Exercises were over and the gold of afternoon was on the landscape. Out at the Seminary grounds were the customary crowds attendant upon the Graduation Day Exercises. The white-gowned young women, the adoring lovers and proud parents mixed in an inspirate bedge region.

Ing lovers and proud parents mixed in an inspiring hodge-podge.

To Evelyn it had been a day. She had made a pronounced impression. How the girls chided her, asked who her fairy godmother was, and disbelieved that it was only the scarf that made all the difference in the world.

"You have set Hal Bronstone completely off gear," gushed Alice Fenton, "he had his eyes upon you all the afternoon. To think that he put up such a surprise on Diana, by coming up from Panama in such sudden fashion. I wish his people were home, too. They know how to entertain so lavishly, and it would add so much to the town's galety this summer if they'd open up their big house," and Miss Fenton sighed an exaggerated sigh, for her home was in Sunnyvale and she was to remain there for part of the summer.

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"Diana is furious," remarked Miss Rendeau.
"Naturally, with Hal paying such attention to
Evelya, tormented Miss Fenton.
"Girls, please." begged Evelyn, toying with her

"It must be because of that gown of yours. It seems his ardor Diamaward has cooled somewhat, but not because of his having met those Panama beauties about whom we teased him,

what, but not because of mis naving met those Panama beauties about whom we teased him," said Miss Greer.
"I wonder, did he get back this morning or yesterday?" questioned Miss Secton.
"Why?" came a chorus.
"Can't I ask?" was all the comment Miss Secton made, but somehow the thought of the necklace incident behind the big mansion which was the Bronstone home, occurred to all.
Then as the young master of the place came along, the girls, one by one, melted away, leaving him alone with Evelyn, whose arm he took, and together they stroiled down the linden lined street, until they were well away from the others, chatting pleasantly about nothing in particular until Bronstone suddenly asked:
"What do you intend to do now, Evelyn?"
"Teach," she responded promptly.
"Wherever I can find a position."

"Where?"

"Wherever I can find a position."

"Shall you be sorry to leave Sunnyvale?"

"Yes, very, for I've had many enjoyable days
here. In fact," she went on, "I can't think of
any very dismal ones."

"Do you remember the night before I left for
Panama?"

A burning blush mounted to her cheek. "I do,"
she said, trying to speak lightly. "I'm afraid,
though, we flirted outrageously."

"Was it only fligtation or were you simply trying to hold me off?"

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"Hold you off?"

"You know that you did not flirt with me, or at least, I didn't think of it in that light. You were brilliant that night, and it was thea that my heart first knew what love was." He held up his hand for silence, as she attempted to interrupt him, and continued: "I had been more or less attached to Diana Helmont, and so I dared not tell you that I loved you. But after I was away from your magic presence, the fascination of your presence remained, I found out that it was love that I bore you, that you were the only woman I could love. I wrote you several times, but my letters apparently never reached you—"he stopped and looked searchingly into her face.

THE MAN WHO WAS AFRAID

By Anna S. Ells

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BOVE the mists of the land, with a whirring sound, pushing the air aside as a thing spurned, the great warbird flew up, up, its pathway cleaving the aky

bird flew up, up, its pathway cleaving the sky.

Dan Loring was its brain, its eyes, its hands, controlling, guiding with lightning flashes this thing of power whirling, swooping, curving, lifting, falling, seeking the enemy with a singleness of purpose, carrying human woe into that realm of peace nearer the stars. Dan Loring, who had said, "I could never kill a man, even in battle, no matter who he night be." Dan Loring, straight, lean, strong like fine steel, sitting now in his narrow seat, impelled by a single desire, to meet the enemy and silence him forever.

Ballie deere, to meet the enemy and sheller him forever.

Below circled other ships of war, other birdmen out to win. Dam noted well their shape and course, enemy planes, every one. A slow, grim smile failed to soften his tense face; his keen eyes watched, singled out the nearest foeman, and the firm hands acted. Up, up into the sky sprang firm the war-bird, curved, turned and sped downward with a flash of wings.

with a flash of wings.

Somewhere in the back of Dan's brain there came to him as he swept through the air, a kaleidoscopic review of the path that had led him skyward. War had cast its net of steel over his own little home town, and, with others, he had been drawn therein. Then came the day when he had faced fear, when he had known a soulloathing for the thing he had been asked to do. Back in this strange dual brain of his he remembered, while his real brain was controlling eyes and hands with undeviating purpose. Remembered! Could he ever forget the night just before he left for camp when he went to Mary, his wife, with his trouble?

"I am ready for war," he had told her. "I am

the tragic things of the hour, remembrances that had no part in today. How Mary's brave words rang above the whirring plane! "I trust you, Dan. You have never failed me

"I trust you, Dan. You have never failed me yet."

He straightened in his seat; his keen eyes never wavered in their watching.

Quick! A swift dip downward, and—ping! The shot cleft the air, and boomed through great spaces. The enemy plane curved and dropped; righted, and flung itself forward. Dan's lips drew a straighter line. A second ping spoke. A reply whistled close by his ear, and the battle was on, up there in the sky, the blue overhead, serene, undisturbed; hell beneath.

Like two great fighting cocks, the planes pranced and sidestepped, bent and reared, seeking, ever seeking the surest way to destroy. Now and then a sharp ping snapped out; ever the whir of the planes filled the air.

Still that queer half-brain repeated its messages of the past.

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"Like a bairnie twa its mither—"
The great plane swept upward, and flung down its hail of death.

"A wee birdle twa its nest——"

Ah! Only a curve missed that shot. He was not the only one out to do battle, to annihilate, to destroy.

"I can never kill a man, never!" rang through this strange sub-sense. Had he ever said that? He, Dan Loring?

"Ha! I'll show you, you beasts! Take that, you devil, and that! That got you, eh? Hipped you bad, did it? Glad to see you stagger! Come on, come on again! I've more for you if you want it. Come on, you cur!

"'I will repay,' saith the Lord.
"Surely, in His own good time: just now I am His right-hand man. A-h! Curse you! That's my shoulder, you coward. If you think you can get me that way, you are one count short. Just you wait. I can bring this old bird nearer: I can talk lead as well as you.

"Put up a good fight— Keep the faith——"
Strange thoughts rushed through his over-active brain, like wind through the treetops, but his

Home Dressmaking Hints

Forecasts for Summer Fashions

By Geneva Gladding



dresses and aprons.

These should not be cumbersome or heavy, but easy to adjust, cool and washable. Gingham, percale, khaki, galatea or chambray are desirable materials

rials.
One-piece garden and house dresses are worn by many women with bloomers,
There is every variety in pretty as fancy

dress accessories, such as fancy waistcoats, dainty guimpes, and collar and cuff sets that may be worn with Eton and pony suits and tailored dresses.

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2032.—Boys' Blouse. This model has a convertible collar, a practical feature is that the collar may be rolled high or low. Linen, drill, percale, soisette, madras, pique, flannel and silk may be used for this style.

Cut in five sizes; eight, 10, 12, 14 and 16 years. It requires two and three eighths yards of 36-inch material for a 10-year size.

2069.—An Ideal Play Suit and 'Comfortable School Dress. In cool lawn or dimity, serviceable gingham or seersucker, this model will be very desirable. It is also nice for pique, linen, drill, corduroy, repp, and poplin. The bloomers are cut with comfortable fulness and will take the place of finderskirts.

Cut in six sizes; two, four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight requires three yards for the dress, and one and five eighths yard for the bloomers, of 44-inch material.

2086.—A Dainty Dress for Mother's Girl. This design is simple and charming. The waist is in Empire fashion and finished with tab extensions which may serve to hold a smart sash or girdle. Challie, lawn, organdie, gingham, voile, repp or silk may be used for this model.

Cut in four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. It requires two and three eighths yards of 44-inch material for a four-year size.

2092.—A Smart, Seasonable Model. This style is ideal for sports material. It will make a fine outing or beach suit, in Jersey cloth, gabardine, serge, wash satin, taffeta, linea, drill, voile, gingham and chambray.

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Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. It requires four yards for the coat and three yards for the skirt, of 36-inch material, for a 16-year size.

2143.—An Ever Popular Middy Style. For linen, gingham, lawn, chambray, galatea, drill, thaki, gabardine and serge, there is no style so appropriate as this. The blouse is of the slip-on style and the skirt is joined to an underwaist.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 Jears. It requires four and one fourth yards of 27-inch material for an eight-year size.

2151.—Girls' Dress with Sleeve in Either of Two Lengths. This model is nice for dimity, lawn, batiste, gingham, chambray, gabardine, thallie, poplin, repp and serge.

Cut in four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. It requires three and one fourth yards of 24-inch material for a four-year size.

2293.—A Comfortable Garment for the Small thild. This model will make an excellent play suit. It is good for galatea, gingham, seersucker, pique, drill and other wash fabrics, also for serge, flannel and flannelette.

Cut in four sizes; one, two, three and one half rards of 24-inch material.

Waist 2399; Skirt 2411.—A Stylish Gown. Blue serge and black satin could be combined for this, or shantung with plpings of a bright tolor. Brown voile with trimming of white Georgette crepe, would be nice. The waist is cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure.

The skirt in six sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches waist measure. For a medium size, and a six shands.

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The skirt in six sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches waist measure. For a medium size, the dress will require seven yards of 36-inch material. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

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Waist 2417; Skirt 2434.—A Pretty Summer Style. For that new dress of soft cotton crepe or lawn, for foulard or taffeta, you will find this a good combination. Waist Pattern 2417 is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires two and three eighths yards of 44-inch material for a 38-inch size.

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Skirt 2434 is cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires three yards of 40-inch material. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

2419.—A Practical, Comfortable Model. This will be nice for gingham, percale, seersucker, chambray, linene, linen or khaki. It is also good for lawn, voile and crepe.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require five and one fourth yards of 44-inch material.

2420.—Just the Dress for Your Little Girl. In the new figured voiles, lawns, challies or organdies, or in any pretty crepe, this dress will be very lovely. The sleeve may be finished in wrist or elbow length.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size eight requires three yards of 36-inch material.

2423.—A Smart Spring Suit. Gingham, chamber of the size of the siz

material.

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Waist 2425; Skirt 2436.—A Smart Costume for Outing or Business. Sports goods in satin or Jersey cloth, linen, gingham, serge or gabardine rould be used. Pattern 2425 is cut in seven sizes; 4, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require two and one half yards of 36-inch material.

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Cut in five sizes; six, eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size eight requires three and one fourth yards of 44-inch material.

2435.—A Good Easy-to-Make Apron. This model is nice for percale, galatea, Indian head, khaki, chambray and gingham. The back portions button over the fronts.

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2441.—A Very Pleasing Model. This style is very nice for foulard, organdie, lawn, batiste, plain and figured voile, also for taffeta, satin and linen. The tunic may be omitted.

Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 18 requires six and seven eighths yards of 27-inch material.

2445.—A Pretty Lingerie Model. Embroidered flouncing, lawn, nainsook, batiste, long cloth, silk or crepe are good materials for this style.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require three and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2446.—Here is a New and Practical Apron. This design is good for gingham, chambray, lawn, percale, drill, Indian head, jean and alpaca.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires four and three fourths yards of 30-inch material.

2449.—A Pretty Dress for Party or Best Wear. This dainty model is nice for voile, batiste, crepe, taffeta, lawn, organdie, dotted Swiss and dimity. The skirt may be made with or without the tucks.

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E need all the food we can raise this year with which to "Fight the Kaiser," but in order to get the food ware under the necessity of fighting the "bugs" first. Here follows a list of bugs that are especially troublesome and which we must be prepared to fight to a finish. To do this we must provide ourselves with the right kind of ammunition and begin shooting as soon as the advance guard appears. If you wait until the first crop has had time to multiply, these enemy insects will have so big an army of reserves that they will win in the end. Fight early and hard and carry the first trenches by all means at hand. For Insects that Eat the Leaves there are two or three kinds of "ammunition" to use—Paris green, arsenate of lead and white hellebore. All these are poisons and must be sprayed or dusted thoroughly over the leaves. Anything that eats the leaves will get the poison. Arsenate of lead is better than Paris green because it does not "burn" the leaves and sticks better to the foliage. White hellebore is used for quick work but does not last long. Pyrethrum powder answers the same purpose.

For Insects that Suck the Sap, kerosene emulsion or sulphate of nicotine should be sprayed on the plants. All these preparations are handled ready-made by dealers and should be applied according to directions that come with the package. Remember that these remedies are not interchangeable. It will do no good to apply the poison sprays for sap-sucking insects, nor will it be of any use to use kerosene emulsion or nicotine for leaf-eating insects. Be sure to shoot the kind of "ammunition" that hits the enemy.

Potato Bugs

Get the first crop early before they have time to lay their eggs on the underside of the leaves, spray with arsenate of lead just about the time that the young beetles hatch. Be sure to get the first brood and you will have little or no trouble with a second

Striped Cucumber Beetles

Plant a trap crop a week or so earlier than the regular crop. As soon as these young plants come up, dust or spray them freely with Paris green. When the regular crop comes on most of the beetles will have been killed off.

Or, cover the hills with a box four inches deep and a foot square over whose bottom has been tacked a wire screen. Keep this over the hills until the rough leaves appear, when the beetles will do no harm.

Cabbage Worms

As soon as these appear dust with Paris green or arsenate of lead or spray with either. Pyrethrum powder dusted over the plant will do quick work.

The Squash Bug

Hand picking is about the only way to control the squash bugs found on the underside of the leaves in the early morning or late evening. The eggs which are also laid on the underside of the leaves, should be picked off and destroyed by pinching off the portion of the leaf to which they are attached.

Asparagus Beetle

The asparagus beetle makes its appearance later in the spring just at about the end of the cutting season. This tiny insect may be best controlled by letting a few stalks here and there along the row go without cutting. It is upon these that the larvæ will first appear. They can then be easily poisoned by the use of Paris green or arsenate of lead. The later plants should be watched and sprayed for this pest.

Success in the complete control of insects this year will very greatly lessen the bother from these pests next year. In fighting these enemies of our war gardens we should always bear in mind the old adage, "A stitch in time saves nine."

Grasshopper

The grasshopper must go, at least he must be held in check if our crops are to come through to harvest with heavy yields.

The poisoned bran bait is the thing with which the job may be done,—so says a new bulletin just off the press of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is made by mixing together 25 pounds of bran, six lemons (or oranges chopped fine, one pound of Paris green and two or three gallons of cheap blackstrap molasses with enough water to make a moist (not sloppy) bran mash. This is scattered over the land infested with hoppers, at the rate of from five to seven pounds per acre.

In moist climates the best time to apply the bait is in early morning. It is sown broadcast by hand as one would sow grain.

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Cutworms

The same poisoned bran mash that is used for grasshoppers is also good for cutworms. Cutworms usually do much damage to corn grown on sod land. If the bran mash is scattered between the rows, the best time to apply it is in the evening as soon as the corn begins to show above ground. Cutworms feed at night and the bran if sprinkled in the evening retains its odor and freshness, thus attracting the worms to the best

Sometimes these pests migrate from one field to the next, so that it is only necessary to sprinkle a row of poisoned bram along the side of the field to protect the crop in the adjoining field.

This is the most serious enemy of wheat in some localities. From wheat the bugs pass to the neighboring corn fields as soon as the wheat is harvested. There are three methods of keeping chinch bugs out of corn fields, so says a recent bulletin of the United States Department of

ment bulletin is similar to the first except that a furrow is plowed around the wheat field with the dirt thrown toward the field. Post holes are dug along the bottom of the furrow (which is used for the oil or creosote), the same as the wagon track, and the bugs trapped and killed in the same way as by the first method.

3. The third method described consists in plowing a furrow around the field the same as in the second method. Then a log is dragged back and forth along the furrow until a heavy dust is formed from which the bugs find it impossible to extricate themselves. They are the killed by sprinkling with kerosene or by burning them with a torch.

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1. Drag a stoneboat or a roller around the infested field until a smooth path is made. Then drive a wagon along so that one wheel track is firmly pressed down in the smooth path made by the stone boat. Fill the wagon track with heavy road oil. Next dig post holes every two rods on the inside of the tar line but just touching it. The bugs will not cross the tar but will crawl along the line and fall into the holes. These holes should be a foot or more deep and when many bugs have fallen in they should be killed with the disease found present was avian (bird).

is quite common in chickens and other poultry. It is contagious and incurable and neves-itates destruction of the affected flock, cleansing, disinfection and whitewashing of the buildings; plowing and seeding of the yards and the most scrupulous attention to the feeding and watering uten sils. Affected birds should be burned. Avian tuberculosis is not, so far as known at the present time, communicable to man, but it can infect swine and that explains why hogs sometimes have the disease although not fed factory milk, or the milk from home cows affected with tuberculosis. Hogs will kill and eat chickens now and then, and if the birds have tuberculosis it may, in that way, be communicated to the hogs. Tuberculosis of swine is very common and when discovered suggests that the home dairy herd should be tested with tuberculin and that bought milk should be pasturized. We should make sure, too, that the poultry on the farm is free from tuberculosis. Why harbor any animal that has the disease? Affected animals do not thrive and are a menace to people. Infected poultry also prove profitless. Circular No. 99 of the Wisconsin agricultural experiment at Madison deals with avian tuberculosis, illustrates the subject well and gives good advice as to prevention and eradication.

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A PENNSYLVANIA GIEL, Luthersburg, Penn.—Our advice would be to not promise to marry a soldier that you have never seen. You would not have to ask this question if you had not done so foolish and wrong a thing as to open a correspondence with a man you had never heard of before. (2) There should be no kissing before becoming engaged, and certainly, therefore, no board of the pendent of the first time. Do not cheapen yourself in this way. The boys will respect you all the more for making them behave themselves. themselves.

L. F., Webster City, Ia.—You might give something a leather to the young man to whom you are engaged, I. F., Webser City, in.—100 might give something in leather to the young man to whom you are engaged, if you wish to make him a gift upon his graduation. A bill-fold, or a card-case, bearing his initials, would be appropriate. And there is nothing better than a good book—selecting something you know he would like. (2) The invitation to visit at your fiance's home should come from his mother, and he may tell her to ask you.

M. R. AND J. S., Fort Worth, Tex.—Where are the mothers of the Lone Star State when infants of twelve and thirteen are writing about going car riding at night, and kissing young men of twenty? Is there no one to teach these girls better? Such a letter is disgraceful.

M. M., Louisville, Ky.—A gentleman is always in-roduced to a lady, and the lady's name must be men-loned first in the introduction.

D. H., Albany, Ala.—We think you are wise in post-poning your marriage until your fiance returns from service for Uncle Sam. You may kiss this young man good by when he leaves you, and your parents should not object to such a leave-taking. But it would not be right for you to "go" with another young man while your fiance is absent.

Texas Belles, Hemphill, Tex.—You will always find boys who will steal kisses from you and hold your hands if you give them the chance. But remember a man will respect a girl more who does not make herself cheap and easy, and these signs of affection should be saved until you are engaged to a man to whom you have the right to give them, and who has the right to expect them from you. Promiscuous love-making is silly and harmful.

C. McK., Curran, Mich.—It is an immemorial right of woman to throw a man over and refuse to marry him. You can safely do this, if you wish, although it is not a nice thing to do, and we are sure your lover will be justly angry. Yet it is infinitely better to have this difficulty than to marry one man when you love another better. We think the real trouble is that at seventeen you do not know your own mind. Do not marry anybody for three years, and you will be happier afterwards. And we would not join the Rebeccas yet, either.

W. G. O. K., Kalwa, Mich.—You may go to boy and girl parties in your neighborhood, if your parents do not object. (2) You may write to friends who are serving in the army, but remember you are but school girls, and there should be no foolish love correspondence.

Y. G., Tahlequah, Okla.—Certainly your brother may accompany you and the man you intend to marry wherever and whenever you wish to make him an addition to your party.

BLUE EYES, Bluff, Tex.—Etiquette prescribes nothing but a prompt and smart spanking in the case of a girl of fourteen who is "in love with a gentleman of thirty." You should never allow this man to kiss you as you say he does, and we think that you are badly in need of counsel from your mother or some other woman.

L. R., Marmaduke, Ark.-There should be no kissing L. R., Marmaduke, Ark.—There should be no kissing before becoming engaged, and a fifteen-year-old girl is much too young to talk about marrying. Tell this boy that he must wait until you are both older, and until you have had an opportunity to get an education. Your spelling is disgraceful. There is plenty of time for marriage, but only a few years in which to learn the things necessary to make the kind of a wife a man wishes to marry. Other fifteen- and sixteen-year-old girls, please take notice.

JAOK, Chandlers, Tenn.—Of course it is not right for you to correspond with a young man when your mother has forbidden it. Girls of sixteen who act in this way should be spanked—especially when they talk about marrying a young man of twenty-one or any other age.

LAUGHING MASK, Grangeville, Idaho.—Yes, you may write a note to the girl asking if you may call.

J. B., Charlotte, N. C.—We wish that all of the foolish girls that write to this department regarding getting married at sixteen could read your unhappy letter. You were too young to know your own mind, or the mistake of becoming the wife of a man so many years older than yourself. If your husband is openly cruel to you, and you are capable, as you state, of earning your own living by dressmaking, a separation might be the best solution of your troubles. On account of your children, act carefully. But there is no reason why you and your two small children—and the one to come—should submit to brutal treatment and live in misery. one to come-live in misery.

Comfort's League of Cousins

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encyclopedia, which embraces all human knowledge in concentrated form, but they just won't do it. All the terrific struggles we have had to educate people as to the issues involved in this war, and the vital necessity of crushing the German oligarchy before it crushes us, is all due to the fact that people read little and think less. And yet publishers daily, weekly and monthly search the world for news at terrific expense to themselves and place before the public at little cost in the most enticing manner, news and facts more necessary to them than food and for the lack of which they are practically dying on their feet and inviting annihilation because they are indifferent to anything but local matters and scorn to acquaint themselves with the tremendous world events which are going on about them, events in which their very lives are concerned and which are deciding the destinies of nations for ages to come. Another trouble arises with those who read,—they read only those things which agree with their viewpoint of life and so they get single-track minds. Read both sides of every question, weigh the issues and decide for warread?

have two miles to walk. My teacher's name is Myrtie Nash. I like her fine. I desk with my sister. We are in the seventh grade. We have nine studies a day. They are spelling reading, arithmetic, English, domestic science, geography, history and drawing. In the summer I take music lessons. I am fourteen years old. I live in the country, milk cows and wash dishes. In the summer I work out of doors. I like to read books. My favorite books are "The Lass Of The Silver Sword," "To Have And To Hold," and "The Little Colonel." With best wishes to you and the cousins. Your niece,

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So, Elsie, you are going to school near a villiage, are you? And what, pray, is a villiage? Make it a village, please, next time. So you "desk with sister." When I first read that somewhat illegibly written sentence, I thought you meant you dressed with sister, and had visions of a little white room, decorated with cretonne and pink bows, where you and sister roomed. I note, however, you wish to inform us that you and your sister are desk mates. So one of your nine studies is spelling reading. Spelling reading must be something of an innovation. Anything however, that improves spelling and inspires one with a desire to read books, looks mighty good to me. Domestic science should be taught to every child, but it will take a lot of science for this country to feed the hungry millions who must be fed here and abroad unless we want the Kaiser in the White House and the descendants of the Pilgrim and Puritan converted into fertilizer to produce hops and grain for German breweries, bologna ranches and frankfurter farms. I regret to hear, Elsie, that you take your music lessons in summer time. These lessons should always be taken in the winter, when the windows can be kept closed. "The Silver Sword," "To Have and To Hold," and "The Little Colonel," it seems to me, would make an excellent library for the Kaiser, who eats his soup with a sword, fancies himself a reincarnated Napoleon and intends to have and to hold the earth and all that is on it unless we break his military power. If we are to win this war, the South will have to raise enough food for its own needs as well as enough cotton for the world's clothing. I hope, my dear, you will help all you possibly can.

WEAVERVILLE, N. C. Box 49.

DEAR SIR:

I have heard that you write debates on any subject for one dollar each. If that is so please notify me at once and I will have you write me on the negative side of Military Training.

Your nephew,
HUGH LEFLER.

side of Military Training.

You are quite wrong, Hugh, in thinking that I write debates on any subject for one dollar each. To turn out a worth-while matter of this kind—and I do not care to foist junk on a suffering public—would take possibly two days and would cost me from ten to twenty times the generous sum you proffer. People wonder why we have war, famine, pestilence and hell generally the world over. It is all due to the fact that though people are ready to spend eight dollars for a pair of leather shoes made of paper, they have not reached that stage where they realize that brain and mind products have any value whatsoever. They visualize the shoemaker living in a palace with seventy automobiles at his disposal, while the poet and author live in a garret on ten cents a day and beat it when the landlady calls for the rent. When people put brains before boots, mind before matter, we will have a civilized, worth-while world and not before. Hugh, my boy, if you offered me a billion dollars I would not write you any matter that would help you to prove that military training was unnecessary. Such a debate at the present time, when the Kaiser is tearing the bowels out of Europe, threatening every American home and every American woman and child and the very existence of our nation and of liberty and democracy the world over is in execrable taste. The Kaiser keeps a lot of paid agents in this country, who will tell you that it is a crime to arm yourself or defend your country, and that pacifism and unpreparedness are the only virtues. Before Germany fights a nation, she sends her agents to lie, spy and buy, to spread discontent, to set class against class, to talk about the beauties of peace and the wickedness of war, and then when she has a nation helpless, she springs upon it as she did upon Russia, like a tiger and tears it to pieces, appropriates its country and makes slaves and cannon fodder of the poor simps and nuts and sentimentalist sapheads she has so easily duped. The Kaiser will write you the matter

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MIGHTMAN, VA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am now taking your paper and like it fine, especially your corner. I am now going to school about a fifth of a mile from a villiage called Wightman.

To be of any assistance to her. Well recommended. Would appreciate second-hand clothing, and any financial assistance you can send her. Mrs. Anna Teague, R. R. 2, Box 18, Nortonville, Ry. Badridden for 39 years. Poor, sick and her, all and the reading and send from the remendous would be gratered to anything but local matters and helpless. It is a long time since her name was listed, so be generous in your treatment of her. Elwood Farlow, R. R. 3, Randleman, N. C. Thirty-mine years of age. Has tuberculosis and is unable to leave this bed. No means of support. Very highly recommended. Send him a greenback shower and help brighten his sad lot. Mrs. Ella Case, Darwille, Calif. Widow. Paralyzed one side. Unable to work Send her some cheer. Good well have the product of the product of the product of the product of t

Be good and you'll be happy. The only way to be good is to do good. Faith without works is dead. Prayers, tracts and sympathy are all right, but it takes money to buy bread. Christianity that is not practical cuts no ice in heaven or earth. Now I've told you what to do. Open your pocketbooks as well as your hearts if you want a blessing.

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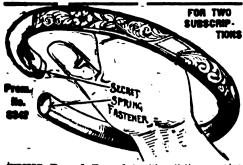
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DEATH OF HORRE.—Will equal parts of copperas, sait and sait-peter injure a horse's stomach, when given for worms according to directions? I had a mare and gave her the treatment and she died.

A.—The mixture of copperas, sait and sulphur is perfectly safe for a horse that is infested with worms but otherwise healthy. That or any other medicine might aggravate a diseased condition such as apparently was present in this case, and you should have opened the mare to determine the nature of the disease present. Thousands of horses have taken the worm medicine prescribed here without causing any disturbance other than that to the worms. Copperas is not indicated in chronic indignation, but would not be likely to cause fatal results even in that disease.

Cough.—Can you tell me what makes my Jersey

fatal results even in that disease.

COUGH.—Can you tell me what makes my Jersey cow cough and what I can do for her? It is just one short cough at a time, now and then. She came fresh last February and gives twelve quarts of milk a day. She is two years old, eats good, plays and runs when let out.

MRS. A. E. S.

A.—Cough merely is a symptom of irritation which may be due to one or other of a large number of causes, but in the case of a cow the tuberculin test always should be applied, as tuberculous may be present, and that necessitates destruction of the animal. Meanwhile it would be best not to use the milk.

GARGET.—I have a cow five years old. She was

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A.—The cow has slight attacks of garget (mammits) from indigestion, chill, bruise, irregular, incomplete or rough milking, sudden change of feed, overfeeding on protein-rich feed, or some such cause. Prevent such causes. Milk every three hours at times of attack, give a physic and cut down rich feed.

WARTS.—My mule, four years old has a wart on

attack, give a physic and cut down rich feed.

WARTS.—My mule, four years old, has a wert on her eyelid and one on her hind leg just below the hock joint on front side of leg, also one coming just below the trace line on front shoulder. Please give remedy to cure the present warts and one to prevent others coming.

MRS. G. Mcli.

A.—We know of no preventive of warts. Rub old dry salammoniac into the wart that bleeds, and repeat when required. Have the wart on the shoulder dissected out by a surgeon; he may also be able to remove the one on the eyelid. If it has a narrow neck, tie a fine cord daily about it, and once daily wet it with vinegar.

ABNORMAL UDDER.—Will you please give me advice about my cow. I bought her a short time ago, and find she gives two thirds of her milk out of one side of her udder. Is there anything I can do to prevent this?

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A.—The cow probably has had an attack of garget (mammitis) or several of them, and if that is the case will be likely to have more of them until her udder is ruined for dairying. Massage the affected quarters thoroughly three times a day and strip clean. At night rub them with brandy.

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LAMENESS.—I have a horse that appears to be road foundered. When he gets up, after lying down, he is lame in his fore feet; they seem to be numb, and for a while, he can hardly walk, and when driving on a hard road he limps and stumbles. I have been told that he had side-bones on his left hind foot. Two small knots, like gristle, have formed about an inch above the hoof.

A.—Side-bone is a lateral cartilage (or gristle) turned to bone. If founder is present, the fore fret will be thrust out in front of the body and the hind ones correspondingly advanced when the horse starts to walk. Also the animal will tend to walk on its heels. If these are the facts, put on flat, thin-heeled har shoes over pine tar, oakum and thick leather pads. Then clip the hair from the hoof-heads of both fore feet and blister them several times at intervals of two or three weeks. Blister one at a time.

Stiffness.—I have an eleven-year-old mule that

MOON BLINDNESS.—I have a horse nine years old that has a moon eye. She is a good traveler, but holds her head to one side. Is there any remedy? R. T. R.

A.—Periodic ophthalmia (moon blindness) causes cattact and blindness after repeated attacks and the disease is incurable. If the mare has had but one or

two attacks, blindness may be retarded by giving her a dram of iodide of potash twice daily in feed or water at time of attack and at such time keeping the eyes covered with a soft cloth to be kept wet with a saturated solution of boric acid

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FIRTULA.—Can you tell me what I can do for my young horse's fistula? The veterinarian here said that the fistula is so deep it could not be cured. J. D. C.

A.—You should have described the condition present, but if the pus has burrowed and caused sinuses (pipes) to form behind the shoulder blades, the case may prove incurable. Your veterinarian might care to try the new army treatment of injecting concentrated lye into the sinuses after perfect cleansing and removal of pus and dead tissues and free application of lard or vaseline to the skin around and below all of the openings. Packing the cavities with bismuth paste also is good treatment in such cases and has the great advantage of being painless.

Sibyl's Influence

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The recital of so much that had been true in her past life seemed to have stirred up all the bile in the woman's nature and she dropped all semblance of affection or kindness toward her whom she had so lately claimed as her child. Sibyl started as if in pain, and her lips quivered in a grieved way. But she answered, quietly and steadily:

"I am coming to you immediately mother"

"I am coming to you immediately, mother."
"Do you expect they will be willing to let

"I am coming to you immediately, mother."

"Do you expect they will be willing to let you come?"

"They will not hinder me from doing what I know to be right."

"How do you suppose we're going to live? Will they help us, do you think?" Mrs. Stillman asked, with a greedy, anxious glitter of her eye. Involuntarily, Sibyl's lip curled.

She had not thought of such a thing, and a feeling of scorn and almost disgust seized her at the bare suggestion of anything of the kind. But she only answered:

"There will be some way provided, never fear. I am young and strong, and can teach or work. But we will talk of this another time."

"Yes, yes; you had better go home now, and tell them about it, so as to make your arrangements and get settled as soon as possible." the woman said, anxious to be alone once more.

How the word startled Sibyl into a sense of her misery once more!

Her beautiful home was to her home no more. The tender love and care which had sheltered her for so many years, must now drop away, from her, and she would have to face the great cold world, and this trial, alone.

And this new blessedness that had come to her so recently. Ah! dear Heaven! how could she bear it?

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Raymond could never be anything to her now. His dear love must be put aside; she was no longer worthy of it; she was a nameless child, a dishonored daughter, and she could never bring disgrace upon him; he must never link his life to her shame.

She staggered to her feet, looking more like some specter from another world than the bright, beautiful girl who had entered that room so happy and free from care but yesterday.

With hands that shook like leaves in the wind, she fastened her clock about her, but on her hat

with names that shook like leaves in the wind, she fastened her closk about her, put on her hat, and tied her veil close over her face.

"Yes, I will go home," she answered, with her bloodless lips; "but I shall come again soon—and to stay."

CHAPTER XXII.

"I CANNOT GIVE YOU UP."

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She met Raymond on the stairs.
He had become anxious at her prolonged absence, and, rememberfing her illness and agitation of the previous day, had driven to Algeria street, himself to take her home.
Even through the thick folds of her veil, he noticed the deathly hue of her face, and the heartbroken, despairing look in her eyes.

"My dearest, you are ill again—what is it?" he cried, springing to her side, and putting his arm around her, lest she should fall.

All her forced calmness gave way at the sight of him, and the sound of his tender words.
It all came to her with such terrible, crushing force, as she looked into his dear face—the great sacrifice that would rend her very soul.
How could she give him up—this kingly man, who had become her heart's idol, her one love?

"Oh, Ray! Ray! take me home quick—quick!" she gasped.

mind was crazed.

He laid her gently down, and arose from his kneeling posture, though she clung to him and begged him not to leave her; she could not lose



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In less than three minutes, however, he was back again, bearing in his hands a crystal cup, containing a dark-colored liquid.

He put it to her muttering lips.
"Drink it, Sibyl!" he commanded, in a tone that he had never used in her presence before.

With her eyes fixed hungrily on his face, she obeyed; and, setting the cup aside, he took her again into his arms, and held her firmly there until the white, heavy lids at last dropped over her dark eyes, shutting their misery from his sight, and she slept upon his breast.

After a while he laid her gently back upon the couch, and, covering her with a warm shawl, he sat down beside her to watch until she should awake, wondering what fearful thing could have happened to have so unsettled her usually well-balanced mind.

Fortunately, Lady Prescott had gone out of town for the day, and would not be back until late, a circumstance for which he was very thankful, as he desired to discover the secret of Sibyl's misery before any one else should see her.

With anxious brow, and more anxious heart, he kept his station beside her for two long hours.

He feared that when she awoke it would be only to rave more wildly than before in the grasp of some fell disease which she had contracted upon her missions of mercy.

"She shall never go there again," he muttered, with stern emphasis, to himself.

Ah! he little knew what was to come, and how powerless he would be to prevent it.

As soon as the effects of the opiate began to wear away, Sibyl grew restless, and finally awoke.

Niowly her eyes unclosed and rested upon Raymond.

He smiled, bent forward, and kissed her lips, saving gently:

He smiled, bent forward, and kissed her lips, saying, gently:
"You are better, my princess."
A sort of bewildered expression was in her

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And she did, speaking quite composedly now, for that burst of tears had relieved the dreadful pressure upon both heart and brain.

For an hour she talked without his interrupting

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His face grew dark and set, his lips were compressed with pain, and his hand clasped closer those little ones which he had again drawn to his broast.

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"I do not believe it," he said, with stern scorn, when she had finished, but in his heart he felt that every word was true.

"It seems too dreadful to believe, Ray—we both can see that it is all true, and now only one thing remains to be done," Sibyl said, with a shudder.

"And that?" he cried, sharply.

"I must go where I belong."

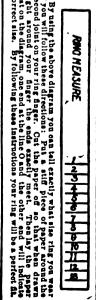
"Where you belong? Sibyl you belong to me

"And that?" he cried, sharply.
"I must go where I belong."
"Where you belong? Sibyl, you belong to me now—you have given yourself to me—you are to be my wife."
"No, Ray, not now," she answered, looking as if she would die beneath the stroke, yet speaking clearly and firmly.
"You cannot mean what you say, Sibyl! You shall be my wife!" he cried, hoarsely, and almost crushing the hands he held, in the mad torture of the moment.
"Ah! dear, how hard you are making it for me! You cannot know how I would love to be your wife—you can sever dream what I am giving up in yielding this hope," she murmured, brokenly.
"Do I not know by the pain in my own heart, when you talk of going away from me?"
"Ah, but I love you too well ever to bring such a shame upon you."
"Shame! What shame?" he demanded, with scorn. You can bring nothing but honor and glory upon me. I will never give you up!"
"But I shall have to go, nevertheless," she said, with anguish in her eyes.
"You have given me your promise—I will never give it back to you!" Raymond returned, almost fiercely.
"I shall have to take it back, then, myself, Ray," she answered, growing calmer as he grew excited, "and, dear, it must all be settled now be-

"I shall have to take it back, then, myself, Ray," she answered, growing calmer as he grew excited, "and, dear, it must all be settled now between us, for I shall not have strength to argue it again with you. I have no name but one of shame to come to you with; I have no dowry but dishonor to bring you. This woman, who is my mother, is alone in the world, sick and needy, and duty tells me to go to her—I must do my duty, Ray."

"You shall, my darling; you shall give her every comfort and luxury from this time forth; she shall have every care and attention, and you

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MRS. W. R. O., California.—Under certain conditions widows of soldiers who fought on the Union side of the Civil war are entitled to pensions from the U. S. Government; your communication does not supply enough information for us to form an opinion as to whether you are entitled to such a pension; we think you should apply to the U. S. Pension Bureau at Washington, D. C., giving full information as to the war services of your husband, and the date and place of your marriage to him.

C. C., Pennsylvania —We do not think that the supplier is the supplier of the supplier

C. C., Pennsylvania.—We do not think that an agreement to board and lodge the person you mention would include the payment of the medical and extra nursing bills of such person, unless, of course, the agreement provided that such bills were to be included.

Mrs. B. B. F., Wisconsin.—We think the rights of an employee to collect extra pay for working on Sundays and holidays would depend upon the nature of the employment, the kind of occupation, the custom of the locality and any agreement which may have been made at the time of employment.

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M. C., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that the signature of the wife is necessary for the conveyance of good title to the real estate of the husband, but that this rule would not hold good in case the husband had only a contract for the purchase of real estate, in which event we think he could transfer his contract without his wife's consent; we do not think the wife has any vested interest in the property of her husband, during his lifetime except that she is entitled and can compel him to support her, and except that under certain conditions, in case of a divorce she would be entitled to receive alimony from him.

S. C., Missouri.—We do not think that the U. S. Government is discharging the soldiers who have enlisted or who are already in the service on account of their agricultural qualifications; we think in the second draft those who are engaged in necessary agricultural enterprises and are skilled in that class of work are entitled to a deferred classification.

F. K. D., Texas.—We do not think the laws of any state in the Union prohibit minors from owning either real or personal property; we think, however, that the valid sale or management of a minor's property must be through a guardian appointed for that purpose, and is subject to regulation by the courts. (2) We think the consent of the parent or guardian is necessary, in your state, for the marriage of a male under 21 years of age, and of a female under 18 years of age.

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I. B. W., Mississippi.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that your mother has a legal right to convey her own property, by deed of gift, to such of her children as she may desire, provided she possesses mental capacity and is not subject to undue influence; we think that upon the death of your father, leaving no will, his property would go in equal shares to his surviving widow and his children, the descendants of any deceased child taking the parent's share; we think his life insurance would go to the beneficiary named in the policy.

C. E. D., Indiana.—Under the laws of your state, we do not think you have any legal right to allow your chickens to trespass on your neighbor's wheat field; we think you should pen them if it is impossible to keep them out in any other way.

J. C. P., Missouri.—We think the relationship of the children of a brother and sister, is first cousins; we think that the marriage of first cousins is prohibited in Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. Oklahoma, Pe and Wyoming.

A. W. P., Iowa.—If as your statement indicates you were born in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, you are a citizen of the United States, and it is not necessary for you to be naturalized even though one or both of your parents are aliens.

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Mas. J. A. H., Colorado.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, his estate would descend, after payment of debts and expenses, one half to the surviving widow, and one half in equal share to his children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share: we think any one of the persons in interest can compel a partition of the property, or a sale of the property and a division of the proceeds of sale in the proper action brought for that purpose.

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Mas. W. C., Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, having no will, and leaving a surviving widow and one child, his widow would receive one third of the real estate and one half of the personal estate in addition to some small allowances of personalty, the balance of the estate going to the child.

L. G., New Mexico.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that all property owned by the husband or wife before marriage and all acquired afterwards by either of them by gift, bequest, devise or descent, with the rents, issues and profits thereof, is the separate property of each respectively, and upon death, in the absence of a will, descends one fourth to the survivor and the balance to the children of decedent; that all property acquired after marriage, other than such as is separate property, as above stated, is community property of the marriage; that the husband has management and control of the community property, and can dispose of the same, except that he cannot give it away or convey it without a valuable consideration, and cannot sell or encumber the homestead while used as a home; that upon the death of the husband, one half of the community property, and if he leaves no will, one quarter of the other half goes to the surviving widow, the balance going to the children, but in case the wife died first the whole of the community property would go to the husband.

L. G., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we

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Emazella's Prophecy

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loved you since that wonderful night. And until you retract the confession you made yesterday in the summer house——"

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Fund, even if we send only a dime. Remember that Uncle Charlie may not always be with us, so let's show our appreciation before it is too late.

How many COMFORT sisters are White Ribboners? I belong to the Lowville Union, being at present the Treasurer. I don't believe there is another organization in the word that does so much good with so little money as the W. C. T. U. I know there are many against it but in spite of all we are each year marching on to greater victories. We had the satisfaction last election of seeing Lowville "bone dry," something which never happened before; also nearly all of Lewis County went dry, so we feel quite encouraged. Before I close allow me to quote one of my favorite verses, which is:

"Out of the hurt may be born a smile,
Out of the blow a kiss;
Somewhere the sun shines all the while
Could we but remember this.
Out of my tears may a rainbow shine,
Out of my struggle rest,
Somewhere God's hand reacheth down to mine,
Giving me what is best." Giving me what is best.'

I would like to hear from the sisters and will answer all I receive.

MRS. NELLIE COUNTRYMAN.

FLUSHING. MICH. DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND ALL COMFORT SISTER

FLUSHING, MICH.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and All Comfort Sisters:

I have been listening to your very interesting little discussions for some time, and now, with your permission, I wish a word.

I always believe in "sticking up for the under dog," so to speak, so a word in defense of the little wife who left her husband because she did not love him and has so far strayed from the paths of rectitude as to fall in love with somebody else. Now while I do not approve of her conduct, and such conduct might be considered unseemly from an outsider's standpoint, I believe in being lenient. Who knows what her youth and environment had been. Possibly an unhappy home and the lovable traits and longings dear to every girl's heart, crushed out, and the life embittered, until late in life came the knowledge that mere food and raiment did not mean as much as the heart hunger for affection, that would not be stifled—then she thought it wiser to leave home than live a life of deception. I think though it would be better for her to return to her husband and try to love him as he deserves, for it seems he is kind and true and the protection of a kind husband is worth a great deal. Talk about your wheatless days and your meatless days, and so on, they are nearly all meatless at our house. We have meat usually about once a week. I will tell you what I am cooking for dinner and how I am going to cook it. It is very simple but perhaps will help out some new housewife.

First, baked potatoes. I wash them thoroughly, wipe and then cover them over with a bit of lard or meat fryings. They are much nicer that way.

Next, onion gravy. Put a little fat into frying pan, into this slice two medium-sized onions, and fry. Add water and flour thickening, as usual.

Then I have steamed corn bread, made as follows: One tablespoonful of lard, one third cup of milk, four tablespoonful of molasses, one cup of yellow corn meal, two tablespoonfuls of wheat flour and one half teaspoonful of sait. Steam two hours and then place in oven twenty minutes before

Poems Requested

The following poems have been requested by readers of COMFORT and sent for publication.

Life's Mirror

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave, There are souls that are pure and true; Then give to the world the best you have And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow, A strength in your utmost need; Have faith, and a score of hearts will show Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth and your gift will be paid in kind, And honor will honor meet; And a smile that is sweet will surely find A smile that is just as sweet.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,

"Tis just what we are and do,
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

—Madeline S. Bridges.

The Soldier's Dream

Our bugles sang truce as the night cloud had lowered, Ass the sentinel star sets its watch in the sky, Where thousands had sunk on the ground overpowered, The weary to sleep and the wounded to die,

Whilst reposing that night on my pallet of straw, 'Neath the wolf-scaring faggot, that guarded slain,

At the dead of the night a sweet vision I saw,
And twice e'er the morning I dreamt it again.

Methought from the battlefield's dreadful array, Far, far I had roamed, on a desolate track, Where, autumn and sunshine, arose on the way, The land of my fathers had welcomed me back.

I flew to the pleasant fields oft traversed across, In life's morning light, when my bosom was young, I heard my own mountain goats bleating aloft, And I knew the sweet strain that the corn reapers

They pledged me with wine cups, and fondly I swore, From the home of my weeping friends never to part, My little ones kissed me a thousand times o'er. And my wife sobbed aloud with the fullness of heart.

Stay, stay with us, rest, thou art weary and worn, And fain was their war-worn soldier to stay, But sorrow returned at the dawning of morn, When the voice in my dreaming ear melted away.

—Thomas Campbell.

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you retract the confession you made yesterday in the summer house—"
"How shall I extricate myself?" she half murmed, filled with happiness and yet feeling like a brazen creature. "How shameless it was—"
"No, it was the confession of a true heart. You have a choice of two futures, Evelyn, one pointed out by your class prophet—extremely true, one bound to bring a certain independence, but humdrum at best. The other is the prophecy of a Gipsy maid, full of happiness and honor and love. Do you care to accept the latter, do you care to take me to your heart and shift the met, which will be a burden of love, and give me the joy of taking care of you? Ah, say what they may, it is a man's mission to labor for the one he loves, and so shall I if you'll but let me."
A frank heart such as Evelyn's was, could not one he loves, and so shall I if you'll but let me."
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I feel like a traitor," she murmured.
"Then it is not the school prophecy, but it is Emazella's?" he cried, his voice eager, his arm to guess we'll have to make it Emazella's," he cried, his voice eager, his arm to guess we'll have to make it Emazella's,"

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Where Are the Wicked Folks Buried?

"Tell me, gray-headed-sexton," I said,
"Where in this field are the wicked folk laid?"
"I have wandered the quiet old graveyard through,
And studied the epitaphs, old and new;
But on monument, obelisk, pillar or stone,
I read of no evil that men have done."

The old sexton stood by a grave newly made, With his chin on his hand, his hand on his spade. I knew by the gleam of his eloquent eye That his heart was instructing his lips to reply.

"Who is to judge when the soul takes its flight? Who is to judge 'twixt the wrong and the right? Which of us mortals shall dare to say That our neighbor was wicked who died today?

"In the journey through life, the farther we speed, The better we learn that humanity's need Is charity's spirit, that prompts us to find Rather virtue than vice in the lives of mankind.

"So commendable deeds we record on these stones; The evil men do—let it die with their bones. I have labored as sexton for many a year, But I never have buried a wicked man here."

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Wash your flatirons before using them. Stuff your pincushions with dried coffee grounds. Apply a red hot iron to the head of a rusty screw

Use a grater to remove burnt places from cake or food of any kind.

If you wish to freshen salt fish quickly, soak it in milk instead of water.

Use a hot brick as an iron stand and you will find that your irons stay hot longer. If the bottom of a kettle is rubbed with soap before placing it over the fire, the black will wash off easily.

MRS. WANTA BAILEY, Ottumwa, Iowa.

easily. Mrs. Wanta Bailey, Ottumwa, Iowa.

After I had worn my new sweater a few times it began to stretch crosswise and get shorter proportionally. I was discouraged until I hit upon the plan of crycheting a chain on the inside. I chained three, then caught in the sweater and continued this all around the sweater. I made a row of chains about one inch apart but did not put any across the bust, just on the back, waist and sleeves. That drew it to its original shape and held it perfectly.

Here a large saft space in which to keep saft space.

Have a large salt shaker in which to keep salt and pepper mixed in the proportion liked. Handy when frying anything. I always keep mine in the warming closet.

MRS. WM. WITERO, Green Bay, Wis.

Remedies

Coughs may be relieved by glycerine and lime juice taken at night, before retiring. The glycerine should be diluted.

For ivy poisoning, paint the affected parts with strong wood lye. Let it stay on a moment and then wash off with lukewarm water. When dry, rub with vaseline

For burns or scalds, apply cloths well saturated with cool alum water, keeping the air from the injured parts. Scraped potato or white of an egg also gives relief.

REMEDY FOR BOILS.—Take one half cup corn meal, fill cup with hot water, not quite boiling, stir thoroughly. Let settle a few minutes and drink. Do this three times a day until boils disappear.

MRS. JOSHUA VANCE, Leadwood, Mo.

MRS. JOSHUA VANCE, LERUWOOR, sign.

MILK LEG.—Bathe the limb from waist to toe in
water as hot as can be borne; then bandage from
hip to toe and soak in extract of witch hazel.

Bathe
twice a day and three times with witch hazel.

A. R., Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Requests

Remedy for little black flies that get on plants. How to make old-fashioned "sweet pone" like our randmothers used to make.

Miss Cecile Schiller, Argyle, Minn., would like Jan-uary number of the Illustrated Companion. Will return

Mrs. Fred Wallace, Lodi, Ohlo, would like the December, January and February numbers of Comfort. Will return favor, and postage.

Mrs. A. B. Dodd, Oleson, Colo., Box 12, would like the following songs: "Life Is Like a Mountain Rail-road," "The Drunkard's Doom," "The Frozen Girl."

I would like to hear from someone who has the stories, "Tess of the Storm Country," and "The Secret of the Storm Country."

MRS. I. E. CHRISTIAN, Olaton, Ky. Mrs. Dell Wheeler, Taylorsville, R. R. 4, Ky., would like poem beginning:

"I will paint you a sign, Rumseller, And hang it over your door."

Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall only require you to get a small club of subscribera to COMFORT for each request printed; so in sending your notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives' column, include a club of three one-year 25-cent subscriber, send only two are already a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two one-year 25-cent subscribins. This amount limits the notice to twenty-two words, making three lines; if longer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent one-year subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

Miss Jennie Phillips of 308 Orange St., Oil City, Pa., desires to know the whereabouts of her father, William H. Phillips, who left his home near Cooks-burg, Forest Co., Pa., in 1898. Please write me a letter.

Information of Grace Johnson (Ruth's mother), last heard of in Cleveland, Ohio, 1885. Mrs. Wm. J. Bryan, 230 Trowbridge St., Pittsburg, Pa. News of Walter E. Atkin, last heard of in Fairmont, Minn. J. D. Atkin, Thompsonville, Ill.

Wanted—Information of Henry Mattman, dead or alive, or his relatives. Age, forty-six. Bart Kingsbury, Eyremore, Alta, Canada.

Comfort Post Card Requests

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Say Anaemia-Lack of Iron is Greatest Curse to the Health, Strength, Vitality and Beauty of the Modern American Woman

Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, says physicians should prescribe more organic iron—Nux= ated Iron—to supply the iron deficiency. Opinions of Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and the Westchester County Hospital; Dr. A. J. Newman, former Police Surgeon of Chicago, and other physicians who have thoroughly tested the value of Nuxated Iron.

Any woman who tires easily, is nervous or Irritable, or looks pale, haggard, and worn, should at once have her blood examined for iron deficiency-administration of simple Nuxated Iron will often increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, careworn women in two weeks'

"There can be no strong, healthy, beautiful, rosy-cheeked women without iron," says Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York Physician and Medical Author. "I have strongly emphasized the fact that doctors should prescribe more organic iron-Nuxated Iron-for their nervous, run-down, weak, haggard-looking women patients. Paller means anemia. The skin of an anemic woman is pale, the flesh flabby. The muscles lack tone, the brain fags, and the memory fails, and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women the roses go from their cheeks.

"In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished

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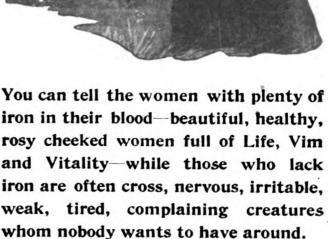
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S. J., Texline, Texas.—Bleeding piles can only be cured by operation—clamp and cautery. This is a simple procedure and can be done by your local physician, and you will be relieved of the condition, cause, etc.

cause, etc.

Miss E. J., Danville, Wåsh.—You should have your teeth carefully cleaned, tonsils removed, if necessary, and take a good cathartic. A good antiacid mouth wash is Dobell's solution. Use full strength.

Mrs. A. C., Oakland, Cat.—You may be getting some disease of the kidneys. Diabetes is one of the causes of becoming fat suddenly. Have your urine examined by the local chemist, and report further.

MRS. E. Z. T., Canuto, Okla.—The use of a one to ten thousand solution of bichloride of mercury will remove the brown spots from the face. This, however, must be used with care and only on the prescription and advice of a physician. The trouble or cause of the trouble is some error of nutrition due to your condition.

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Miss R. H., San Franciseo, Cal.—The cause of your neuritis must be got at before any remedy can be suggested. Many cases of neuritis are not neuritis at all in the last analysis, but some dislocated muscle or bone that can be remedied only by replacement or operation. The lime juice will do no harm. Better drink a hot lemon juice tea one hour before breakfast.

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Talks with ₩Girls

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IRLS, don't let this bewitching Junetime lure you away from the real work that is to be done for our soldier boys. There will be other Junes and other moons and other roses and everything else that goes to make June the most delightful month of the year and your conscience will let you enjoy it all much more if you do your share now and show others how to help. And now for the letters.

The first letter is from "Anxious to Know" of Utah, though that name is very inappropriate as she seems to know what to do and, better still does it. So many people know what they should do but lack the courage to do it. No, of course, I didn't mean you. A certain young man insisted upon kissing her and got his face slapped three different times. Persistent, wasn the? Then he bet with her and made the stakes a kiss against a kiss. He won. She pald the bet by sending him a candy kiss, accompanied by a bright little verse explaining that that was the only kind he could have and now she wants to know if it was fair. As our home lawyer says, "we are of the opinion" that it was perfectly fair, since he didn't specify the kind of a kiss. But don't make bets like that again. It is lots easier to stay out of trouble than it is to get out.

Marian, Washington.—You are a regular human in-

kiss. But don't make bets like that again. It is lots easier to stay out of trouble than it is to get out.

Marian, Washington.—You are a regular human interrogation point, aren't you? Write just an ordinary, friendly letter to your seldier friend, telling him all the things you would be interested in if you were in his place, but don't write anything silly or sentimental. What would I do if the boys winked at me after I told them not to? I never had anything so delightful as that happen to me. I suppose I might throw a brick at them, but I think I'd just ignore their winks, and by and by they would get tired of such a silly performance and stop of their own accord. Ask your mother about the dances. She ought to say no. Comb your hair the way it is most becoming, only don't use rats, puffs and false hair. I know lots of girls that can't blush. You'll get over it in time, and in the meantime, don't think any more about it.

RUBYLIPS AND DIMPLES, Missouri.—That's a regular peaches and-cream name, isn't it, and descriptive of what every sixteen-year-old girl should be. Next time your girl chum tries to persuade you to keep company with the boys, tell her she has been elected a life member of the M. Y. O. B. Club, and maybe that will give her something besides boys to think about. Wait two or three years, anyway, and then be reasonable about it.

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BLUE-EYED RUTH AND BROWN-EYED VIVIAN, Texas.—
If your sweethearts are the kind that want to "go" with other girls more than they do with you, I don't see how you are going to prevent it, since this is a free country, and I shouldn't think you'd want to. It is just your prides that is hurt, so let the other girls have them and get served the same way later.

Lydla, Cherry, Minn.—Write to the principal of the high school you wish to attend, and if your letter is as well written and as promising as the one you wrote to me, and he is at all human, he will be glad to render you every assistance in his power toward working your way through school. Don't give up the idea for a minute. Come again and tell me all about it.

THREE GIRLS, Little Rock, Ark.—No, I don't think it wrong for a man to address his fiancee as "dearest" and "darling" in his letters to her, but I do think it wrong for a sixteen-year-old girl to be engaged. (2) I fail to see why you should not be good friends with the man you were engaged to, even if the engagement is broken now, and even go automobiling with him. That's lots more sensible than not speaking. (3) Do I think it very bad for a girl to allow her fiance to hold her in his arms and kiss her good night? Well, no, I never thought it was so very bad, only don't keep on saying good night for an hour or so. Twice is enough.

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DIMPLES, Olympia, Wash.—If you care as much for this man at the end of two years as you do now I think it would be safe enough to marry him, even if he is a foreigner; and perhaps your mother will have changed her mind by that time.

M. YUMA, Ariz.—Can't you "wish" him onto some other girl and thus rid yourself of his company? The poor fellow is probably lonesome, so try and make the best of it. A sense of humor is worth more than anything else I can think of and here's a beautiful chance for you to develop yours.

M. E. B., Jackson, Mo.—When a man says "I have a trade last for you," it means, or used to when I was a girl, that he has heard something nice about you and will tell you what it was if you will tell him something of equal importance.

HEARTEROKEN, Glendora, Calif.—Marry him if you are so afraid of losing him, but you are too young to get married. Personally, I shouldn't like the idea of a man telling me if I didr't marry him before he went to war that he wouldn't marry me when he returned. I wouldn't then anyway, but doubtless you have a better disposition than I have. My sympathy if you herefsetly lovely for the factors.

Two Twin Sisters, Houlka, Miss.—I think it is perfectly lovely for twin sisters to marry twin brothers but not when they are seventeen and eighteen years of age. Wait five years, as least.

B. A., Decatur, Texas.—Since forewarned is forearmed, there is no excuse for you falling a victim to this man's blandishments, as you fear you will. He has shown that he doesn't really care for you, so drop him just like this—bing!

Many, Great Barrington, Mass.—I know of no reason why a girl of twenty-one should not correspond with a man of twenty-eight, provided he wants to and writes first. And don't get silly and sentimental over it.

MAPLE FLOWER, Greenwood, Texas.—Why not turn over a new leaf and refuse to let any boy kiss you, even those you have heretofore allowed that privilege, or habit, as it seems to have been in your case. After a while you will have better luck in keeping a beau. You are too easy.

C. T., Omaha, Nebr.—Boys of fifteen haven't so very much sense and girls of sixteen aren't, usually, much better off in that respect, but you really should know better than to do as you are doing. I hope your respective fathers find out about these secret meetings and spank both of you.

BEOGEN-HEARTED CHUMES, Foremon, Ark. — Suit yourselves, but if you mean chums, why not spell it that way, or did you mean chumps? That's what you will be if you don't study more and spend less time thinking about boys.

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M. B. of Newport.—Here's a girl of thirteen who writes that she is "desperately" in love with a man of forty-eight. I thought she meant her father, but she goes on to say that her father approves of her marriage to him but that her mother seriously objects. I am glad your mother has common sense even if your father hasn't. What would we do without mothers? As for you, well, you must be desperate, desperately foolish, to even think of such a thing. Wait until you are twenty years old and then if you want to marry him I won't say a word.

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"A card I never got, about something that was over long ago," bravely. "That card referred to last May. Some one had told Levallion it was last night. I told him the truth—and he believed me. Whatever that eard had to do with me once, it was not now."

"Then you were on good terms with Lord Levallion when he sent you for that liquent?"

"One better terms than ever in my life," hardly able to answer.

"Describe what you did when you left the drawing-room."

"I took the bottle off the shelf, and I thought it felt warm in my hands, like a ring some one has been wearing. And then my brother's doc, who was with me, barked and startled me. I nearly dropped the bottle. I wish I had."

"What did he bark at?"

"Lady Levallion swayed where she stood.

"I don't know." she muttered. "I—he flew it. I—thought'—Carrousel put a hand to his mouth as if to hide his pity for his mistress." "I thought it must be a cart in the hall. I caught it it. I—thought'—Carrousel put a hand to his mouth as if to hide his pity for his mistress." "I thought it must be a cart in the hall. I caught it acobs by the collar and he got away from me and tore back through my rooms and out into the hall."

Some one who had no business there, since had not been cailed as a witness, had come softly in behind her, but where he stood could see her face plainly in a mirror. The face he knew every line and curve of, just as he knew thing i both of them caught at his heart.

"Did you see the cat."

"But you see the cat."

dressing-room?" said the coroner, after what seemed a year.
"Yes," listlessly. And then the faces of the jury seemed suddenly to leap into her eyes; live men, not automatons. She started, as if to back away from the dreadful thing that was written in those faces. But she stood dumb before them.

And every man of them thought it was the dumbness, the confession of guilt.
The coroner held out a rag of tweed toward her.

The coroner new see a suit of clothes of this her.

"Did you ever see a suit of clothes of this stuff?" he said. "Had Lord Levallion one?"

There was that desperate terror in her eyes now that Houghton knew. She looked from the jury to the coroner and back again.
"I don't think he had," she gasped. "I would not know."

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Six Wheel Chairs in May

467 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The six May wheel chairs go to the following shut-ins, and the figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Miss Edith Sass, 125 West North St., Rome, N. Y. 200; William Elma Williams, Quitman, Ark., 165; Wade Hipsley Riggs, Hartford, Ky., 144; Gladys Hines, Rockford, Ala., 132; George Leonard Williams, Post Hospital, Fortress Monroe, Va., 125; Ruby Pearl Clopp, R. R. 3, DeLeon, Texas, 123.

Miss Edith Sass, age 28, is badly crippled and much in need of her COMFORT wheel chair. This information, which is all I know about her comes from her devoted friend, Miss Mary Zieman, who sent the entire 200 subscriptions for this chair all in one bunch the first of May with 28 extra subscriptions for premiums which she ordered sent to Miss Sass. Surely Miss Zieman is an energetic worker and her achievement shows what can be done for the shut-ins by friends who have a will; for there is always a way for those who have the will to be helpful.

William Elma Williams, age 8, has no use of his legs and has been in this deplorable condition all his life. Mrs. Ella Bumpers, his nearest neighbor, who has "chaperoned" the movement to obtain a wheel chair for him, writes that he is a bright little fellow and, as he has good use of his hands, will be able to manage the chair himself.

Wade H. Riggs, age 9, a cripple from birth, can not stand nor even sit up, and has no use of any limb except his left hand. His mother, who has been active in getting subscriptions for him, will be much pleased to have the help of the chair in taking

Gladys Hines, age 11, has never walked. She is crippled in both legs by infantile paralysis which attacked her in infancy. She is growing fast and her hands and arms are strong and she writes a nice letter describing herself.

George L. Williams, age 20, is paralyzed from his hips down. Eight months ago he fell from a rail-road car and broke his back, which is the cause of his crippled condition. He is, or recently was in the

hospital under treatment for his injury.
Ruby Pearl Clopp, age 17, an invalid from baby-hood, has never been able to walk. Her mother was very desirous of obtaining the wheel chair for her and has been active in getting the subscriptions.

Many poor shut-ins are confined to the house or even to the bed for lack of a COMFORT wheel chair. Do your best, my good friends, to help provide them with the wheel chairs to get them out into the glorious summer air and sunshine.

Sincerely yours

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 25 casts each, sent in either singly or in clabs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friend at to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

Such a Pleasure to Be up and Move Around in Her COMFORT Wheel Chair

WAELDER, TEXAS. APRIL 29, 1918.

EDITOR COMFORT:

DEAR FRIEND:
I have just received my Comfort wheel chair, and to say it's nice would be putting it mild. I am so pleased with it and it is so easy for me to wheel myself around and such a pleasure to be up in a chair. Every one that sees the chair thinks it is so nicely finished. I thank you and those that were so untiring in their efforts to get the chair for me. May God bless you all.

I also want to thank the one that wrote to me recently and sent me so many nice flower seeds and poetry and such a nice comforting little letter. She signed no name and gave no address so I cannot write to her personally. Thanking you again for the chair I remain,

Your sincere friend,

MES. CAROLINE ALFORD.

Thinks Her COMFORT Wheel Chair the Finest Thing Ever Was

BLUE SPRINGS, MISS.

Mrs. Nathe Jones has received her chair in good order. She thinks it is the finest thing ever was. She had not been in her kitchen for over a year and now she can roll herself all over the place. She went in the kitchen and helped the woman that lives with her cook the breakfast. Now isn't it a great thing that she can go in her kitchen once more in her life? And Mr. Gannett, may God help you in your work of obtaining those Wheel Chairs for the Shut-ins.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Lillie Price.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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Miss Mary Zleman, N. Y., for Miss Edith Sass, 200; Irene Hicks, Ark., for Elma Williams, 69; Mrs. H. G. Killgore, Ala., for Gladys Hines, 56; Mrs. Lille Price, Miss., for Mrs. Nathe Johnes, 46; Mrs. M. Blanche Jamieson, Maine, for Eastern Maine Gen. Hospital, 37; Mrs. Mary Whitenburg, Ala., for Johnnie Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Williams, 27; Mrs. C. E. White, Tenn., for Johnie Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La. Sor Mrs. Joules Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La. Sor Mrs. Joules Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La. Sor Mrs. Joules Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La. Sor Mrs. Joules Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La. Sor Mrs. Joules Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 25; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, La. Sor Mrs. Joules Watson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for Miss Ethel Tyson, 26; Mrs. D. A. Matheny, K.y., for May Dozler, 12; Mrs. S. A. Son, 13; Mrs. Son, 14; Mrs. Son, 15; Mrs. Son, 15; Mrs. Son, 16; Mrs. Williams, 16; Mrs. John Dozler, Oregon, for Alice May Dozler, 21; Mrs. Roy Wilson, Ga., for own wheel chair, 20; Lizzle Goheen, K.y., for Nooma Goheen, 20; Mrs. Esther Hazen, N. Y., for Anold De Watson, 15; Johnie Watson, 16; Mrs. John Dozler, Mrs. John Dozler, Mrs. John Dozler, Mrs. John Mrs.



J. W. D., Loami, Ill.—Illinois and Missourl are in the sixth district out of the twelve into which the country is divided according to the workings of the new Federal Farm Loan law. Write to the U. S. Farm Loan Board, Washington, D. C., asking to whom you should apply in your district to obtain the loan you desire. Or you may obtain quicker results by asking your bank cashier, who should be able to tell you where the nearest office to your town has been established.

established.

B. M. J., Lansing, N. C.—If there is one thing certain, it is that Uncle Sam is not paying \$1.22 each for white mice, but, in these times, is using the proceeds of Liberty Bonds for other purposes. If white mice, or even the common garden variety, could be sold for this price the raising of them would be extremely profitable, and we would have mice farms from Maine to California.

M. D., Broadway, Va.—There are second-hand book stores in every big and little city. (2) We cannot tell you what the premium would be on your coin of the date of 1822. Write to some of COMFORT'S coin advertisers.

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L. V. N., Dungannon, Va.—Pure gum rubber in thin sheets may be purchased at any modern drug store. Try and see if this is not so the next time you are in a city.

T. J. T., Autryville, Ga:—There are several different names for sets of china, and they differ as to the number of pieces. The usual standard dinner set consists of 112 pieces. Some breakfast sets contain but 56 separate parts.

rate parts.

E. B., P., Bernstatt, Ky.—We are sure you do not know what time and work is required to dye by our grandmothers' methods of raising madder and indigo and preparing the roots and berries for use as dyes. It is a long and tedious process, and in untrained hands not at all certain of success. We advise you to purchase your dyes at the corner drug store. (2) Try writing to the Rockefeller Institute, New York City.

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B. S. C., Memphis, Tenn.—If you have five hundred acres of land underlaid in part by a strata of fron ore, you have a valuable property. Nevertheless, as you cannot aford to work it yourself, you would have to accept what an outside company might offer you, or else keep it unsold. Why not, if a stock company should wish to buy it, accept a certain portion of the stock as your price for the land—requiring a small part of the payment to be in cash if you preferred. You might write to your State University at Knoxville, regarding the value of ore such as your land may hold.

W. W. J., Rosebud, Ark.—Once more an inquiry for

W. W. J., Rosebud, Ark.—Once more an inquiry for a "reliable instrument" to locate gold and hidden treasure. Although this subscriber wants to purchase such a so-called "diving rod or needle," we have to answer that there is no article of this sort for sale except by those who are "locating gold" by selling a worthless fraud to credulous buyers.

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H. H., Suring, Wis.—There is absolutely no market for mounted butterflies. They are of use only in the collections of museums—and these institutions do their own collecting and mounting.

L. S., Fife Lake, Mich.—There is plenty of vacant public land in the states you mention. For Arkansas, write to R. D. Newton, Camden, Ark. For Washington, write to J. L. Wiley, Spokane, Wash., and for Oregon, which has over thirteen million acres of public lands, write to N. Campbell, Portland, Ore.

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Sibyl's Influence

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shall not fail in a single point that could be required of a child toward a parent. But you owe me a duty, also—I am your promised husband, Sibyl, we can never sacrifice a whole lifetime of happiness to a mere notion."

"It is not a notion, as you term it; it is a question of the most vital importance, and one which will affect our whole future. Do you think I could live to see the finger of scorn pointed at you—you, whom I glory in as above all other men? Do you think I could bear the looks of pity, the sneers and shrugs, which would everywhere follow you, if you should marry me? Your father would not wish it; auntie would not like it, and I could not bear to bring this trouble on those whom I love best in the world. No, Ray, it must not be."

"Sibyl, hear me," Raymond returned, folding



very center. She had only to be passive in his hands, and the greatest joy she could ask in life would come to her without any effort of her own. "It is very noble in you, Ray," she said, with a wan little smile that smote his heart with keenest pain. "My soul glories in you for your fidelity; but I cannot accept it from you." "Sibyl, just so sure as the sun shall rise tomorrow morning, I shall send for Dr. Edgeworth to come and marry us," he answered, the veins standing out like cords on his forehead. "Then I shall have the added pain of telling

standing out like cords on his forehead.

"Then I shall have the added pain of telling him 'no' also."

"You would not dare, Sibyl!"

"Ray, I would dare anything for your sake, I can even dare to crush out every atom of joy from my own life, and turn my back upon the blessedness which you held out to me. But, oh! my love, it is hard. I can never tell you how hard, nor make you know how dear you are to me. Do not think I am yielding you lightly, Ray. Your love is the most precious gift God ever bestowed upon me, and yet He has shown me that we must part."

She laid her cheek against his; she twined her

me, and yet He has shown me that we must part."

She laid her cheek against his; she twined her fair arms about his neck, and dry, tearless sobs heaved her bosom.

"Never!" cried Raymond, through his set teeth. "We shall not part. I will never yield you while I live. Do you hear me, Sibyl? You are my betrothed wife. I will never release you from your vows to me."

"Not if I wish it, Ray?" she pleaded, with white face and quivering lips.

"You do not wish it," he said, crushing her passionately to him. "Every fiber of your being is reaching out to me with a mighty love that will never die. God does not demand such an unatural sacrifice. He would never have given us to each other only to have parted us thus; but wait—"

"He put his fingers into his vest pocket, and

wait—"

He put his fingers into his vest pocket, and drew forth a tiny morocco case, and his face was as set and immovable as the mountains themselves, which were visible through the windows opposite which they sat.

While he was speaking he had slipped a ring upon her finger, and his eyes searched her face eagerly to see whether she would recognize this new bond.

"I thought to give you this before, but have not been able to find what I wanted until today; and now with this I bind you anew to the troth which you have plighted to me."

It was a circlet of diamonds, the stones all of a size, and set close upon one another in a delicate line of gold just sufficient to keep them together.

gether.

He meant to marry her in spite of herself or the world, and protect her from every ill or sorrow, which would otherwise come near her.

"Ray," she said, trying her powers of persuasion, "my mother is very poor, and it will not become me to wear such things as this now. Take it off, please," and she held her hand toward him.

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"No, Sibyl, as my wife it will become you to wear anything that I may choose to give you. To-morrow I shall bring you another to bear it company, and until a stronger seal is set upon you, this must be the thrall that binds you to me. Darling," he added, with infinite tenderness in his look and tone, "do you see the line of light it forms about your finger? It is not brighter than I will make your life as long as we both shall live—it is not brighter than will be the glory

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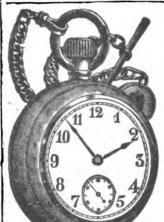
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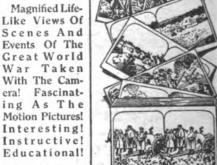
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thereon the words: "Lord, she was Thine." But, unfortunately, the stone was rather narrow and the engraver, though doing his best, was unable to put the whole sentence in. So it came as somewhat of a shock to the bereaved husband when he saw the tombstone in completed form bearing the words: "Lord, she was thin!"—Chicago Herald.

"What is a non-combatant, Uncle Ab-

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Well Whitewashed

"I don't object to your marrying that young representative, Emily, but I'm

afraid he doesn't stand very high in the political world." "Oh, yes, he does, mother. He's already been investigated by five committees."—Boston Post.

The Truth

Master—"If a customer comes and wants to look at a piano, flute or madolin while I'm at lunch, you know what to show him?"

Boy—"Yes, sir."

Master—"And if a customer should want to see a lyre—"

Boy (interrupting)—"I'll send for you at once, sir."—Boston Post.

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Dealer—"Well, you said you wanted a dog that was fond of children, didn't you?"—The Bits.

He—"I understand that rich old maid married a struggling young man." She—"Yes, he struggled, but he couldn't get away."—Exchange.

Literally Speaking

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Wishbone Not Needed

They were dining off fowl in a restaurant. "You see," he exclaimed, as he showed her the wishbone, "you take hold here. Then we must both make a wish and pull, and when it breaks the one who.has the biggest part of it will have his or her wish granted."

"But I don't know what to wish for," she protested.

"Oh, you can think of something," he said.

"No, I can't," she replied; "I can't think of anything I want very much."

"Well, I'll wish for you," he exclaimed.

"Yes."

"Well, then, there's no use fooling

"Yes."
"Yes."
"Well, then, there's no use fooling with the old wishbone," she interrupted with a glad smile; "you can have me."—
Wisconsin State Journal.

Good Advice

The seedy looking man took his seat at the table and scanned the menu. "Waiter, I've only 11 pence on me. Now, what would you recommend?" The waiter gently removed the card from his would-be patron's grasp. "Another restaurant," he said.—Boston Poet. Post.

Tommy—"Did you do much fighting during the war, pa?"
Pa—"I did my share of it, Tommy."
"Did you make the enemy run?"
"You bet I did."
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The Tree It stays by the house
It leaves in the spring;
I know well its bark;
I know it can't sing. A Literal Shopkeeper—"What have "you in the shape of cucumbers, this morning?" asked the customer of the new grocery clerk.
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She Didn't Feel Flattered



would cease to care for me."
"What nonsense you talk," said husband. "What do I care for youth or What do I care for youth or You suit me all right."—New

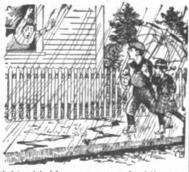
Mistress—"Mary, don't let me catch you kissing the grocer's boy again." Mary—"Lor', mum, I don't mean to but you do bob around so."—Boston Tran-

Unsystematic Now

There ought to be more system in Russia. Rebellions should be permitted to start only on Mondays and Wednes-days, with all surrenders on Saturday at noon.-New York Sun.

More Precious

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tighter his blue-paper parcel, while very carefully he sheltered his tiny sister. Suddenly their mother thrust her head out of a window a few yards up the street. When she spied the children she waved her arms frantically.

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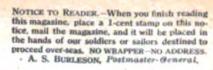
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No More Important War Work than Child Conservation-Don't Neglect the Children

HE stern necessities of war have brought us, as a people, to a realizing sense of the wastefulness which has been our besetting sin, and under pressure we are making a struggle to overcome this habit of prodigality. We are urged as a patriotic duty to practice economy in every form and those recreant to this obligation are restrained by government regulation of the necessaries of life. Conservation has become the watchword of the hour.

But of all the wastefulness which we have tolerated the worst is the wastage of child life and health. Not until in recent years has the public recognition of this fact resulted in the establishment of the Children's Bureau by the Federal Government at Washington under whose auspices Baby Week was inaugurated for the first week in March, two years ago, as a nationwide crusade for the better care and conservation of very young children. The chief features of the movement were educational along the line of instructing the mothers how to take better care of their babies and thus reduce the shockingly large ratio of infant mortality equaling one infant death to every eight births and amounting to an annual total of three hundred thousand deaths of children under the age of one year for the entire country, fully half of them from preventable causes. Which means that the lives of one hundred fifty thousand babies have been sacrificed yearly to ignorance or neglect and might have been saved by proper care.

Such was death's harvest of infants in normal times of peace, but under the privations and abnormal conditions of war it is likely to increase and even extend its ravages to older children unless special efforts are made to counteract these deleterious influences. For this reason those interested in child welfare have undertaken a national movement to make this a child-saving year as a part of the great war work of the country. And this applies as well to the conservation of the lives and health of older children as of infants. The future welfare of the nation depends on the rising generation's health and vigor both of body and mind. Therefore let every mother remember that her first and highest duty of patriotism is to see that the physical, mental and moral needs of her children are properly cared for and she must not be beguiled into neglecting this service for any other form of war work. It is preeminently her war service and one that none other can perform so well. If after her duty to her family is done she has time and strength to spare she may well assist in the lighter kinds of Red Cross work, leaving the arduous war work to those who have no family responsibilities.

Working Mothers Imperil Child Life

THE employment of women, as a war expedient, in place of men to do laborious work is regarded with grave apprehension of consequences to health by those best qualified to judge of results, and they strongly remonstrate against the growing tendency in this direction. In regard to women volunteering for farm work Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Clarence Ousley, in a recent address said:

"We have not yet reached the point where it is necessary for the women generally to undertake heavy work on the farms, but they can pender inportant service in helping to produce big food crops this year, especially in connection with the lighter farm tasks. I can imagine no finer thing, for a city woman to do in this war emertiance, the tarrest or for some other period of labor strain to help her country sister bear the burdens of kitchen and farm.

"There are thousands of men in the towns and cities doing things that women can do as well. There are men cooks, men waiters, men

clerks, men bookkeepers, whose places might well be filled by women. I will despise American manhood if the great body of our men permit our women to be drafted for the hard tasks of agriculture until we have sent every able-bodied creature in breeches to the trenches or driven him to the fields, but women are to be encouraged, so far as their physical condition will permit or the circumstances surrounding them will advise, to engage in the lighter tasks of the farm, particularly in dairy work, in vegetable cultivation and in fruit harvesting.

"I have seen them," he said, referring to the farmers' wives, "hoeing in the hot sun while their babies lay in the shade of near-by trees. They are truly, and to the limit of their strength and their marvelous patience, the helpmeets of their husbands."

Certainly this last is not properly women's work, it is beyond their strength and at a sacrifice of their health and that of their children. The shortage of farm labor that necessitates it should be relieved by drafting the male idlers that loaf about the saloons and city streets to fight or work.

Infant mortality is closely related to women in industry, according to opinions of trained investigators who are preparing to safeguard human life during the period of war-time demands on labor, and this field labor is of the most arduous

Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto, head of the Department of Child Welfare of the Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, believes that mothers should be kept in the homes so far as possible. She discourages day nurseries, because of the greater danger of contagion when many children are together and for the reason that nurseries tempt needy women to 'wean their children in order to enter wage-earning occupations. "You can not save babies if you can not give mothers advantages."

When the Care of Baby Should Begin

RS. Max West, of the U. S. Children's Bureau says: "Mothers are just beginning to realize that if a million babies are to be saved during the children's year, better care should begin before the baby is born. The first and largest number of deaths among little babies is due to what are called prenatal causes. The essential features of good care for expectant mothers are proper and sufficient food, rest, freedom from overtaxing forms of work and from worry, medical supervision of her general condition, and prompt attention to small ailments as they arise.

"An expectant mother needs a light, nutritious diet of digestible foods, such as she likes and her appetite demands. Fried and greasy foods, puddings, and all heavy or underdone pastries, or an excess of any article should be eliminated from her diet. It is also important that an expectant mother should drink a sufficient quantity of water each day. The mother should be under the care of a good doctor as long before the birth as possible in order that he may watch for and correct any untoward symptom that may arise."

The Children's Bureau, Washington, D.-C., will send to anyone asking for it a pamphlet giving simple directions to mothers-to-be. The bureau will, upon application, furnish information to associations or communities as to starting prenatal clinics or consultation centers for mothers where the services of a good doctor are readily available. We advise our readers interested in child welfare to send for these and other publications issued free by the Children's Bureau. Not only in infancy but through the period between that and school age children need especial care, and in this connection we call attention to the valuable article by Dr. Overton on

"Bettering the Bodies of Children Under School Age" printed elsewhere in this issue.

Don't Shoot Pigeons—They May Belong to the Army

T the urgent request of the War Department we caution our readers to refrain from shooting and trapping pigeons, the reason for which appears in the following notice issued by Colonel L. D. Wildman, of the U. S. Signal Corps, which states that:

"Owing to the great need of homing or carrier pigeons in the conduct of the war, the Pigeon Department of the Signal Corps has been expanded to large proportions. Throughout the United States the training of these pigeons is in progress on an extensive scale.

"Considerable interference has been met with in this work on account of the shooting of pigeons being trained for service. Many persons have thus impaired the service of homing pigeons, being innocent of the fact that these were birds being trained for the Army.

"A law was recently passed by Congress making it unlawful to knowingly entrap, capture, shoot, kill, possess or in any way detain an Antwerp or homing pigeon, commonly called carrier pigeon, which is owned by the United States of bears a band owned and issued by the United States having thereon the letters U. S. A. or U. S. N. and a serial number. A maximum penalty of \$100 fine, or imprisonment for six months, or both, is provided for conviction under this law.

"It is intensely unpatriotic to shoot or interfere with pigeons of any kind, inasmuch as the person indulging in this pastime has, no means of differentiating between the ordinary pigeon and the homing or carrier pigeons."

Strange as it may seem, considering the telegraph, telephone, the wireless and various other scientific inventions, there are conditions in war under which all human means of communication are unavailing and in such emergencies the army and navy have to rely on their trained pigeons to carry messages of the utmost importance over the heads of the enemy and above the smoke battle. A cage of carrier pigeons is a necessary equipment of a front-line trench or advanced observation post in France, and our battleships also carry these winged messengers. If one of these birds bearing the Government band comes into your possession through any chance you should give immediate notice by registered mail to the nearest military or naval authorities. The law so requires.

National Thrift Day

THE practice of the utmost thrift is so vitally sential to our success in war that June 28th has been appointed National Thrift Day and President Wilson has issued a special appeal to the American people urging them to put forth their best energies in useful production, to forego luxuries and reduce their expenditures to the purchase of such articles as are necessary for health and efficiency, and to save their money and invest it in Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps. The Government needs and must have the money, but he also explains that the increased production and saving of food and other products and materials necessary for the army and navy which will result from universal thrift and economy will far exceed the financial benefit. Money will not buy what does not exist and if the people consume what the army needs the army will go short. The use of time, labor, money or material for an unnecessary purpose is unpatriotic wastefulness.

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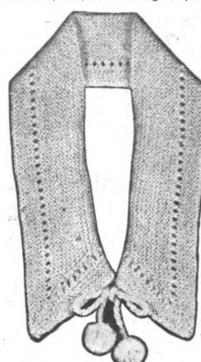
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IN @ AROUND The HOME

Pick up an even number of stitches on ends of the collar, turn, knit two together, thread



IMITATION ANGORA COLLAR.

Terms Used in Crochet

Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on book, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops; thread over, draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, there dover hook twice, then work off as in dorble crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl.s., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st., st., roll stitch, throw tha thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown, over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of sts. in preceding row; p. c., padding cord; *stars mean that the directions given between the m should be repeated as indicated befor HIS pattern worked out and used as

shown in our illustration makes a very handsome nightgown.

The pattern will be given for one figure which is clearly shown in the beading, the only difference between this and the edging for the fronts and sleeves, is that the edge is blocked.

Materials. No. 40 white mercerized crochet cotton and No. 12 steel crochet hook.

Ch. 75 sts., turn. 1 s. c. in 9th st. from hook.

Wild Rose Filet Lace

Terms Used in Crochet

cotton and No. 12 steel crochet hook.

Ch. 75 sts., turn, 1 s. c. in 9th st. from hook,

ch. 2, skip 2 chs., 1 d. c. in next, repeat from

making 23 spaces in gil, ch. 5, turn.

2nd row.—23 sps.

3rd row.—5 sps., ch. 39, 1 d. c. on 6th double
from end, 5 sps., ch. 5, turn.

4th row.—5 sps. over sps., 13 sps. over ch. 5

sps., ch. 5, turn. This makes an opening for
running in the waist ribbon.

Next four rows all spaces.

Next four rows all spaces.

9th row.—5 sps., 7 doubles or 2 blocks over
the next 2 sps., sp. over sp. to end.

10th row.—14 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps.
11th row.—6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps.,

2 blks., sps.

3 blks., sps. 12th row.—6 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp.,

2 blks., sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 6 sps., 14th row.—5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps.,

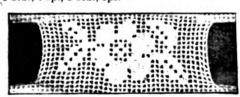
14th row.—5 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps.
15th row.—10 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps.
16th row.—5 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp.,

16th row.—o sps., 1 bla., 2 sps., 4 blks., sps.
17th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., sps.
18th row.—8 sps., 9 blks., 6 sps.
19th row.—6 sps., 8 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., sps.
29th row.—5 sps., 5 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., sps.,
21st row.—6 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps.,

22nd row.-5 sps., 4 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps.

22nd row.—5 sps., 4 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., sps.
23rd row.—5 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., sps.
24th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 3 sps., 5 blks., sps.
25th row.—6 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 8 blks., sps.
26th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., sps.
27th row.—9 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., sps.
28th row.—10 sps., 1 blk., sps.
29th row.—The same as last.
30th row.—7 sps., 6 blks., sps.
31st row.—9 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., sps.

blks., sps.
32nd row.—5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps.,
1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., sps.
33rd row.—8 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps.,
1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., sps.



WILD ROSE BEADING.

34th row. -5 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp.,

35th row.—7 sps., 2 blks., sps.
Next five rows all of blocks, then make another opening for ribbon.

For Block Edge

Make 5 rows 18 sps., wide, then 7 rows 20 sps. wide and in both cases make edge of 4 double crochet as shown instead of spaces.

Knitted Imitation Angora Collar

Collar and cuffs sets of white cotton angora

are being used this summer on sweaters, waists, dresses and coats of all kinds.

The cotton has a soft wooly look and washes so nicely it is almost prettier after it has been leaveded then before

so nicely it is almost prettier after it has been laundered than before.

These collars can be made in a variety of ways and shaped to suit one's fancy.

For the long shawl collar, which is really newer than the sailor shape, begin by casting on from 80 to 100 stitches, on No. 5 knitting needle. The collar illustrated is of plain knitting. Work back and forth easting on one stitch at the end of each row, until the work measures three inches, then add one row of hemstitching made as follows.

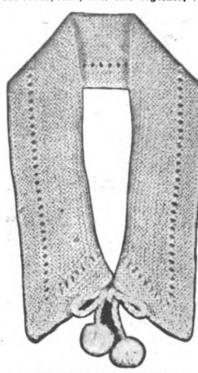
Hemstitching

Knit two stitches together, thread over needle, two stitches together thread over and

repeat to end of row.

2nd row.—Knit each stitch and each loop
made by casting over as a stitch. Three rows
of plain knitting until border measures one
and one half inches. Bind off easily so edge will not be drawn.

To Border Ends



over and repeat, knit plain until one has same number of ribs on completed border, casting on one stitch at the end of each row to form corner of collar and on opposite of neck end slip or bind off one stitch at end of each row.

Bind off, leaving thread long enough to join the corner. Cuffs may be made in the same

12th row.—1 d. c. on 2nd double, 2 sps., 1 blk., 3 sps., ch. 3, turn.
13th row.—3 d. c., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., ch. 1, 1 d. c., ch. 4, turn.
14th row.—1 d. c., 3 sps., 4 d. c., ch. 3, turn.

d. c., ch. 3, turn. 15th row.—1 blk., 2 sps., ch. 1, 1 d. c., ch. 4,

16th row.—1 d. c. 1 sp., 1 blk., ch. 3, 1 d. c. on each double and 2 or 3 d. c. under each chain or in each space down the bias side of the

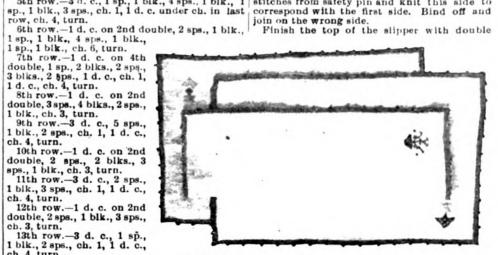
corner.

Single crochet all around the edge of napkin, insert the filet corner and crochet around it also in this way; 17 s. c., ch. 5, turn, 1 d. c. in 3rd s. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in next 3rd s. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same sp., 3 s. c. in last space, ch. 3, form picot 3 s. c. in same sp., 3 s. c. in next sp., ch. 5, turn, 1 slip st. over 3rd double, turn, 3 s. c., 1 p., 3 s. c., 1 p., 3 s. c. all under ch. 5, then 3 s. c., 1 p., 3 s. c. in last or third space, 17 s. c. and repeat this point.

On the corners after working around a corner for 10 sts., turn and make 3 sps., working last double in corner st., ch. 5, 1 double in same st. with last, 3 more sps., turn, 3 s. c., 1 p. 3 s. c. in corner sp., 3 s. c. in each next 2 sps., 3 s. c., 1

2 more sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 5 sps., 1 blk., stitches without increasing until one has 12 stripes of light and 12 stripes of dark. Slip stitches from safety pin and knit this side to sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., ch. 1, 1 d. c. under ch. in last correspond with the first side. Bind off and row ch. 4 turn.

Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson



SUMMER BREAKFAST SET.

crochet for running in ribbons and then top

crochet for running in ribbons and then top
with a scallop or knit a band which can be
sewed on and turned over.

To make a turn over. Use either the lighter
shade or white as preferred.
Cast on 22 stitches. Knit 80 ribs or 160 rows,
bind off, crochet around top of slipper making
1 d. c., ch. 2 and repeat, sew strip onto it.
Finish with a twisted cord and tassels of
wool or ribbons.

Vegetable Bags

Useful vegetable bags, which can be very easily made, are a great convenience.

Any white material, such as linen, crash.

Indian head or

something similar is suitable. The bags for lettuce, tomatoes, etc., can be made of any size to suit but should be broad,

while a long cel-ery bag will be needed. A touch of outlining with the words worked as

worked as shown adds to their attractive-Other bags for

the same purpose can be cro-cheted of No, 6 Dexter cotton if one prefers. Begin in the center with ch. 4, join in ring, 9 d. c. in ring, with ch. 1, between each, work round and round, increasing in each row, until circle is large enough, scallop edge and run in drawing strings.

Wall Paper Portieres

A reader gives the following directions for making the paper beads, which are atterwards strung together with glass beads. Cut a pattern from pasteboard, triangular in shape 3 inches wide and 61-2 inches long. Place this pattern on your paper and outline with a pencil. Then cut to shape. Roll on a large firm hat pin beginning at the three-inch side, when almost rolled put a bit of glue on the end, roll up, press into place and hold between the fingers until fast.

It is best to make a box of beads first, then



1st row.—Top; 2s. c. under narrow part of braid, make loop of braid, 2 s. c. under next narrow as shown illustration, 12, 2 s. c. under each of 2 narrows as before, repeat from *, ch. 3, 2nd row.-4 d. c. over

between

ch. 2, *4 d. c. under ch., ch. 2, 4 d. c. ch. 2, 4 d. c. over 4 s. c., repeat to end of row, ch. 6, turn.
3rd row.—1 d. c. on last d. c. of group, 2 d. c. under ch., 1 d. c. on first d. c. of next group, ch. 2, repeat.

1st row.-Lower edge; same as first row



SHELL EDGE BEADING.

2nd row.—1 treble over narrow ch. 5, picot, repeat 3 times, * ch. 7, picot, ch. 3, skip 1 knot, 4 trebles with picots over next narrow, 4 tr. c. with picots over next narrow, repeat from * and fasten end securely. Gracia Shull.

A square can be used for the center of varying size to fit the table and four or more individual mats or doilies about 12 by 16 inches

Draw and cut each piece by a thread, then a quarter inch from edge draw out another thread or two. Crochet all along each piece of crash, working into the space, with a mercerized perie cotton and suitable hook. Single crochet for about one inch space then mak picot, wood green, golden brown or old blue make a very pretty edge.

To one corner of each piece add either a cross-stitch design, a monogram or initialeas preferred.

Knitted Bedroom Slippers

Requested

Material. Use either Scotch knitting yarn r fourfold Germantown in two shades and No.

or fourfold Germantown in two shades and No. 14 steel needles.

For vamp. With darker yarn cast on 17 stitches and knit plain for 5 rows.

6th row.—Knit 3 stitches with dark yarn, now with light yarn insert needle in 4th stitch, * wrap the light yarn around needle and forefinger of left hand 3 times and work this off as a stitch, then a plain stitch with dark yarn.

Repeat from * to end of row, ending with 3 plain, stitch with the dark yarn.

7th, 9th and 11th rows.—Knit plain with dark yarn, knitting every stitch.

8th and 10th rows.—With dark yarn increase in center in this way. Knit to within 3 stitches of center, insert needle in front of stitch, make a stitch, then make a stitch in back of same

a stitch, then make a stitch in back of same stitch. Knit 1, now slip the stitch off the needle; this gives an increase of 1 stitch, then knit the middle or center stitches, increase again in the next stitch.

Repeat from 6th to 11th rows (until there are 12 strippes of light and 13 dark strippes) for the

13 sts., ch. 2, skip 2, 13 d. c. in near 15 sts., ch. 2, skip 2, 15 turn.

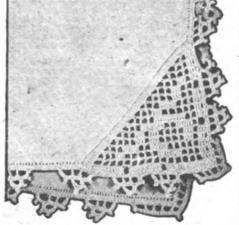
2nd row.—1 d. c. on 4th d. c., ch. 2, skip 2, 1 d. c., repeat making 15 spaces, then 4 d. c. on last 4 doubles, ch. 3.

3rd row.—3 d. c., 3 sps., 10 d. c. or 3 blocks 3rd row.—3 d. c., 3 sps., 5 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., ch. 1, 1 d. c. under ch. 5 in last row, ch. 4, turn.

4th row.—1 d. c. on 2nd double in last row, stitches on safety pin and knit on remaining 27 and fasten end securely.



Begin with chain 52 stitches, turn, 1 d. c. in 3rd st. from hook, 18 d. c. in next 18 stitches,



NAPKIN WITH CROCHETED EDGE.

ch. 2, skip 2, 1 d. c. in next st., 13 d. c. in next 13 sts., ch. 2, skip 2, 13 d. c. in next 13 sts., ch.

Intluence by Mrs Georgie Sheldon

She had expected them, and was

At last he let her go and hurried away to hide the tears in his fine eyes.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them, they stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that the hinkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wail she detects the place where an invaluable trinker, belonging to her, is concealed. The next most three letters in the secretary of the sec

CHAPTER XXIII. "RAY, IT CANNOT BE."

HEN at last Raymond heard his mother's voice below he rose, saying, tenderly:

"Sibyla I am going down to tell my father and mother what you have just told me—you are not to lie here and rest until I come back to you. My princess—my darling! do you know how very dear you are to me? No power on earth shall ever take you from me."

He took her face between his hands, and

ever take you from me."

He took her face between his hands, and pressed kiss after kiss upon her pale lips, trying all the while not to see the fixed purpose which still shone in her eyes.

Then placing her gently back upon the soft cushions, he left her, and went down to tell her sad tale.

herself, over the humiliation

herself, over the humiliation that had come to her darling.
Sir Athelstone, however, at.
cunningly constructed tale.
"Only a singular coincidence," he persisted,
with a frown, "or possibly the woman is in league
with those people down at Flamborough Head,
who have taken this way to get money out of
us."

with those people down at Flamborough Head, who have taken this way to get money out of us."

"But the necklace, how do you account for that?" again demanded Raymond.

"It is doubtless paste, or some other clever initation. You know they had that ornament which Sibyl wears for years, and they could easily have had a necklace made to match that," he argued stubbornly, yet very cleverly.

Raymond's heart leaped.

"What possible object could she have had, then," he asked, thoughtfully and doubtfully, "in telling such a story of shame? Surely she could not expect that would help her to gain either money or protection."

This argument seemed unanswerable, and Sir Athelstone was silent, although he bitterly rebelled against every stern fact.

Lady Prescott stole away after a while to comfort Sibyl, and found her burning with fever, and sadly in need of both sympathy and attention.

Raymond and his father discussed the matter until after midnight, without settling what was best to be done.

The next morning Sibyl was too ill to arise, but Raymond and his father paid an early visit to Mrs. Stillman.

She had expected them, and was accordingly prepared upon every point which they brought up. She told her story calmly, and in a very concise manner. It was exactly the same as she had related to Sibyl the day before, and no amount of cross-questioning could make her contradict herself, and both her visitors were compelled to acknowledge that her story had every appearance of being true. She showed them the necklace, and Sir Athelstone's theory regarding its being an imitation fell to the ground at once; for he saw that it was composed of gems of the most costly nature, and must have been purchased by a person of unlimited wealth.

On one subject alone she utterly refused to enlighten them.

She would not tell them who had been the father of her children, and no amount of reasoning or entresty could bring her to the point.

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In vain Sir Athelstone promised that justice should be done her, even at that late day—the man should either be compelled to marry her, or provide handsomely for her in the future. She grew sullenly silent, and they had to relinquish all hope of ever learning that secret, and left the place with sad faces and heavy hearts.

"I shall marry Sibyl at once—she shall never leave us to suffer the scandal of such a revelation," Raymond said, on their way home.

"Wait, wait, my boy—if you marry her in such a hurry as this everybody will imagine that something is wrong; for many have been, and still are, very curious regarding the circumstances of her birth. I am not going to give up all hope that this is a cunning lie yet; I shall run down to Scarborough tonight, and see if I can find that family who took care of Mrs. Stillman during the sickness that followed her injuries."

Raymond gladly caught at this straw, and saw the wisdom of his father's advice.

Sir Athelstone was as good as his word.

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He could not find the family with whom Mrs. Stillman professed to have spent so many weeks; they had moved away many years previous, and no one knew where they were; but there were some living there yet who remembered a tall, dark, handsome woman, with black hair and eyes, who had been injured and remained there sick some time, and who had become nearly frantic, on being restored to health, at the loss of her child.

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He then sought the farm, where she said she had spent a number of weeks to regain her health before the accident.

He found it, but the man and his wife who had owned it at the time were both dead, and no one remained but a younger daughter, who had just married and settled there. The elder children had all gone away.

She remembered the beautiful lady with her little girl, and the nurse, but had forgotten their names entirely, and so Sir Athelstone went back to Dunfries with a very heavy heart, but convinced beyond a doubt that Sibyl's sad history was true.

He took her face between his hands, and pressed kiss after kiss upon her pale lips, trying all the while not to see the fixed purpose which still shone in her eyes.

Then placing her gently back upon the soft cushions, he left her, and went down to tell her sad tale.

Pen cannot describe the consternation which his news created. Lady Prescott was shocked beyond measure, and nearly heartbroken as Sibyl

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Her answer was ever the same:

"Ray, it cannot be."

To his reiterated assertion that he should obtain a special license, and send for Dr. Edgeworth, she only said, with a look of pain:

"That would only make it much harder for me, dear; I could not bear it, I am afraid."

"Do you mean, love, that you would refuse in Dr. Edgeworth's presence to be Raymond's wife?" asked Sir Athelstone, wondering at her resolution.

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"It will not do, Raymond to press the matter now," he said; in an aside to his son. "It would take but very little to throw the child into a fatal brain fever. Wait a while until she is calmer, and then perhaps she will be more reasonable."

The next few days were full of pain and anxiety for the whole household.

Sibyl was so prostrated that she feared it would take her a long time to rally, but her will was very strong, and at the end of a week she began to mend and make preparations for removing to Aigeria street.

"Sibyl, can you love me and yet persist in this thing?" Raymond cried, in despair, on the last day she was to be with him.

"You know that I love you, Ray, better tham all else in the world."

"Will nothing make you yield? Be my wife, and I will take you and your mother anywhere—to the ends of the earth if you say, where you can have no fear of the world's scorn for me," he pleaded, as the carriage drove to the door to take her away.

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He wound his arms about her as if determined she should not go; he bowed his head upon her bright hair, and shed such tears as a man can only shed once in a lifetime.

But the answer came sweet and low, though firm, while the slight frame shook like a reed:

"Nothing, my beloved! and God give you comfort. Oh, Ray," she added, nearly breaking down now that the moment of parting had come; "try not to think unkindly of me—try to believe that nothing but my great love for you, and the knowledge that it is right and best for you, could ever have given me strength for this hour."

"Sibyl, my darling, I know it; I know that you are sacrificing yourself and all your future hopes to a mistaken idea that it is for my good; but, love, you will see things differently by and by, and"—taking the hand that still had the diamond circlet on it, for he would not comsent to have it removed—"remember I do not release you from your promise to me; I shall never release you until you tell me you have ceased to love me; and this is the seal I have set to it. If I cannot have the right of a husband to care for you, I will remain true to you as your betrothed, and as long as we both do live we belong to each other. You will not forget my words?"

"I could not forget if I would. Oh, Ray! Ray!" and she went forth from her happy home with a mearly breaking heart.

Lady Prescott accompanied her; she had been there before several times during the last few days, and hired two more rooms adjoining those occupied by Mrs. Stillman, and had them furnished with all the beautiful things which had been in Sibyl's own room at Sir Athelstone's—her piano, her books, pictures, ornaments, and a hundred things that had grown very dear to her. Sir Athelstone, deeply agitated at her departure, had taken her in his arms and blessed her. calling life his "dear child still." and when

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Thus Sibyl's trust that "some way would be provided," had been verified.

CHAPTER XXIV.

A. STRANGE VISITOR.

The spring following Sibyl's departure from the fisherman's inn at Flamborough Head, a strange woman was seen for several days prowling around in that vicinity.

She passed the inn again and again, peering curiously in at the wide door, stretching her neck to look in at the windows, and even slyly visited the stables, prying into every stall and corner with restless, eager eyes, and great anxiety of menner.

manner.

At last the woman entered the inn, and, without waiting to be shown the way, walked directly to the receiving room, and seated herself in one of the stiff-back chairs, with as much assurance and composure as if she were accustomed to coming there every day in the year.

After one quick, searching look around, she kept turning her head from side to side in a listening attitude, while her lips moved continually, and her eyes had a strained, yearning look in their clear depths.

Presently Nell Sloan made her appearance, looking much the same as at the opening of our story, only a little more obese in her proportions,

Without another word to

darted from the room.

her guest, she turned and

and not at all improved in the tidiness of her attire or personal aspect.

"Well," she said, planting herself in the middle of the doorway, her hands on her broad hips, and looking her visitor over with her keen, bright eyes, "Jane said you wanted me."

"And so I do, Mistress Sloan. How do you do after all these years?" the stranger returned, coolly removing her bonnet, and turning her face upon the landlady.

Mrs. Sloan gave a sudden start.

"Well said! Ye hain't grown handsome since ye cut sticks from here," she began.

"I've come for the child; where is she?" was the next startling remark from the stranger.

"A pretty time this to come for the young one ye left squalling on my hands near about eleven year ago. Did ye expect to find her here, I sh'd like to know?"

A gray pallor overspread the woman's face, and her eyes filled with fear.

"Is she dead? did she die?" she gasped.

"Die! I guess not. She lived to be the spunkiest, laziest brat that ever drew breath; and a pretty penny she cost me, too, mooning around here from morning till night with a book in her hand, for ten long years."

"Yen? It's going on eleven now; isn't she here now?" and the strange creature caught her breath quickly.

"No, she ain't, and plaguey glad I was to get rid of her, too."

"Well, now, that's cool! Did ye expect ye could go off and leave a young one like that, and then come back after all these years, and put yer hand right on her again?" Nell demanded, with an ugly sneer, as she sank into a chair near the door.

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"I could not help it; I did not know what I was about. That knock on my head took all my sense away."

"Where have ye been all this time?" demanded Nell, with considerable curiosity.

"Sick; stretched on my bed with inflammatory rheumatism, in a foreign country, for nine years."

"Ye might have writ."

"I could not hold a pen in my hand. See!" and she held up her right hand all cramped and drawn out of shape.

"Well, ye might have got some one to write for ye, then."

"Nobody believed my story. They thought I was crazy. They did not speak the same language; and besides, I could not remember your name, nor where you lived," the stranger explained, in trembling tones.

"How did ye find the place, then, now?"

"I knew where that dreadful accident happened, and as soon as I could get on my feet I went to work to earn money to take me there. I had some idea of how this place looked, and for three weeks I have been tramping around to find it. Day before yesterday I stumbled upon the place, and I've been looking around to try to see if I could find the child, and not daring to ask lest they should tell me she was dead. I went to the schoolhouse and looked at every child, but there was no face among them all that looked like hers."

"Did ye expect to know her even now if ye had seen her?"

"Yes, yes; I could tell her among thousands. Ten years could not change her so that I should.

seen her?"

"Yes, yes; I could tell her among thousands. Ten years could not change her so that I should not know her. Oh! tell me, please tell me, where I can find her;" Nancy Crawford—for she it was—cried out, with eager pain.

"That's more than ye've any right to know, after deserting a little innocent like that," said Nell, cruelly.

"I know, I know; but I could not help it; tortures would not have compelled me to do it if I had been-in my/right mind," wailed Nancy, with streaming tears.

"Well, then, I can tell ye this much, a gentleman and lady came and took her away last November."

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"A gentleman and lady! What was their name?" gasped Nancy, eagerly.

"That's my secret. I've had trouble enough about the brat first and last, and I can't afford to give too much information free," Nell returned, with a greedy look at the little black bag which her visitor held in her lap.

"Oh!" she cried, "I'd gladly give you any amount of money, if I had it, but I've only enough to get me home from here, and then I'll have to earn more to start out again; for I must find my darling. I shall never know rest or peace again, until she is found and restored to her mother."

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"You can't expect that I am going to tell you that, when you refuse me the simple thing I ask," returned Nancy, indignantly.

"Well, well, don't get mad and I'll tell you all I knew about it, which is precious little, since I have never heard a word, nor set eyes on any of them since they went away from here," Nell said, somewhat subdued. "You may believe I was glad of any chance to get rid of her, for she never

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HE first and second letters on this page are splendid examples of patriotism and shining examples of what every one of us can accomplish if we but try.

The Red Cross workers can keep on with their good work, but there is need for immediate action if your appēal to your Congressman (get his name from your postmaster lif you don't know it) against raising postal rates on magazines, is to have any effect. You know better than anyone just what it will mean to you if such a law passes and if you have the educational interests of yourselves and children at heart you will not delay another minute in sending in your protest.—Ed.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Sisters:

I've never seen a letter from this part of Arkansas, so will come in and tell you about our knitting club. There were forty-five women registered, which speaks well for our little town with only two hundred inhabitants. We found that yarn was very expensive, so we secured twenty pounds of wool, cards and wheel, and we are spinning our own yarn, which makes it much cheaper than buying it already spun. The children were very interested and amused as they had never seen any carding or spinning before. Several young men from this place have gone to the front to help protect our country. Among them was my youngest son. He joined May 7, 1917, and landed in France June 26, 1917. He is fighting now, and mothers and fathers that have sons there know what it means. Every Wednesday evening, when our knitting club meets and after our scripture lesson is read, we have a short prayer for God's divine guidance in all that we do for the upouilding of his kingdom here on earth. Failure to win this war means destruction to all God-fearing nations.

I will close by asking the prayers of all Christian people for victory in this war for without God's help we can do nothing.

Dear Corner seems quite a haven of peace in these troubled days, but I notice that some of the sisters are like myself—can't write a letter without mentioning the war. For me, everything else—woman suffrage, prohibition, labor problems—all, have taken back seats except where their speedy solution might help our nation in the war. It's not a time to clean house when the whole town's afire!

I've sent in a protest to our congressman against raising postal rates on magazines; have you? Got 338 signatures just among my friends and acquaint-ances. Rates will be raised in July if we don't let Congress know we won't stand for it. We need magazines now more than ever, for just news papers can't help us to understand the world crisis as we should. I have been on a committee to collect books for soldiers' camps, and was delighted to see quite a number of Uncle Charlie's books contributed, also Comfort subscriptions. My nephew in camp writes me that they are very popular with the boys—that he has seen many a chap reading the poems, with a big grin; has heard many allusions to "How U. C. Became a Hero in the Spanish-American War." If you want to send some sunshine to our boys, send them the stories and poems, and keep them in touch with home folks by a COMFORT subscription sent to the Camp Y. M. C. A. reading rooms. There should be a number of copies, for they are in demand and wear out by use.

Don't fail to dry a bushel of sweet apples this summer. When you use them, don't add a bit of sugar—only a little cinnamon. But go slow on pie crust—it's hard on both stomach and lard can. Also if you have more peas than you can use, dry them while still green, and they will keep their sweetness. Every bit of food conservation in our own homes is going to add to the food supply of our boys who are engaged in the greatest war ever waged for freedom.

Love to all.

M. R.

Texas.

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Here I come for the first time. I am tired of the discussion of city and country life. I'd like a seat by Y. M., for I, too, do not love my husband. He is kind to me and doesn't talk back when I fuss at him. O Sunday he does nearly all the work, makes the beds, sweeps and does most of the cooking so I can rest. In the afternoon we go driving and he spends the rest of the day with me. He is a good provider and doesn't drink or gamble, but, listen, he chews tobacco, but he loves me. We have no children. Hubby loves children and has always wanted to adopt a baby since I never would consent to give birth to one but they are lots too much trouble for me. I don't believe I would love one of my own. We are able so far as this world's goods are concerned to rear a family. I am twenty-six years old and have been married five years. When I try to look at my life I draw back, as it is empty.

I hope this letter will be printed. I may come again and tell you how I amuse warming the control of the discussion of city, Nebr.

How to Make Fish Savory.—Make a sauce of one tablespoon of butter, a scant tablespoon of butter,

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Maybe you would like to know what I look like. I have light blue eyes, dark curly hair and weigh 140 pounds and was never sick in my life.

My letter is getting long, so I will go.

LULA.

Lula.—Your letter must have been designed and meant as a pride smasher for it has smashed mine into little bits and I can never feel the same again, never, never! When a person averages about four hundred letters a month for as many years as I have they may be pardoned if they think they know something about letters and peopie in general, but, Lula, you've got me guessing. Your letter is the very limit. I have a sneaking suspicion that you are trying to jolly me and still your letter seemed sincere enough. I won't say all that I think about you for I am in hopes you will awake to a realizing sense of your worthlessness and become a real woman. Write again and tell us it was all a joke and that we were very stupid not to have known it.—Ed.

FIFIELD, WIS.

OH, YOU BIG-HEARTED AMERICAN GIRLS:
My letter in the April number has brought hundreds of personal replies and they are still coming. I've answered all that inquired for board, rent, land, work, etc., and will answer the rest as soon as possible. It may take months, so if you change your address, let me know. Some of your letters cast mine several de-

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

CURRANT JELLY.—Pick currants over carefully and wash and drain. Mash a few in bottom of preserving kettle. A wooden potato masher is best for this purpose, and continue until desired quantity of currants is reached. Cook slowly until currants look white. It is better to use equal quantities of red and white currants, as the jelly will be lighter in color. Strain through a coarse strainer and allow juice to drop through a bag made of two thicknesses of cheese-cloth. Measure, bring to boiling point and boil five or six minutes; add an equal amount of heated sugar and boil three minutes longer. Skim carefully and pour into small jelly glasses. Let stand in warm, sunny place for twenty-four hours, then cover and keep in a dry, cool place.

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SUNBONNET COOKIES.—One cup of sugar, one egg, t large spoons of milk or water, one half cup of butter, one heaping teaspoon of baking powder, put



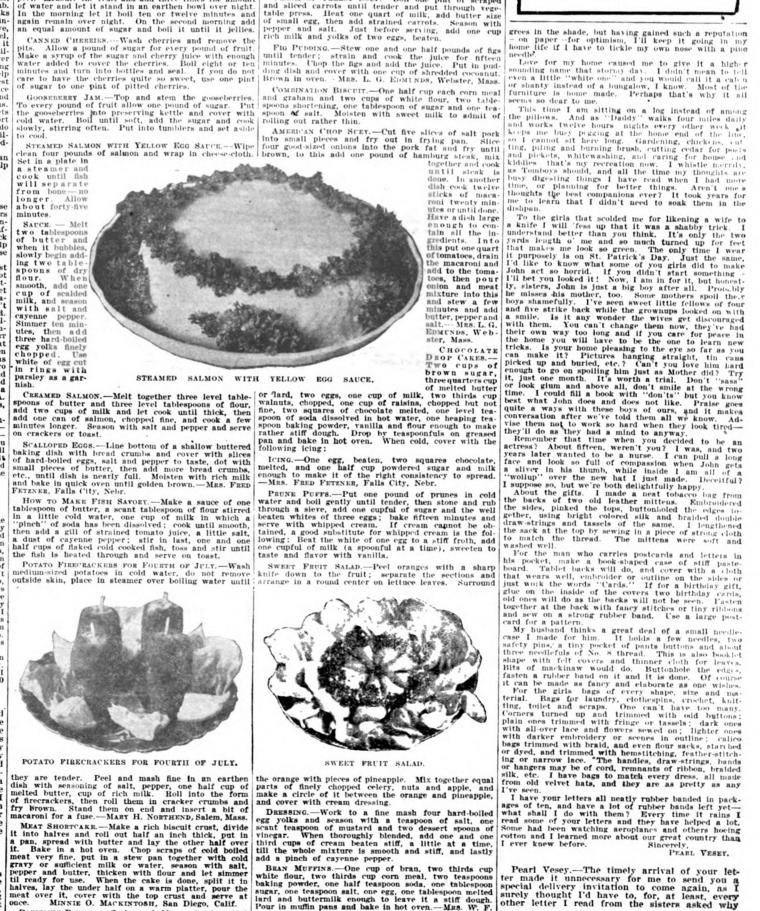
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in flour enough to make a soft dough, roll out thin, powder it with sugar and cut in the shape of sunbonnet cookies. These can be made from a pattern cut from cardboard which is laid over the dough.

MARY H. NORTHEND, Salem, Mass.

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CANNED CHERRIES...-Wash cherries and remove the pits. Allow a pound of sugar for every pound of fruit. Make a syrup of the sugar and cherry juice with enough water added to cover the cherries. Boil eight or ten minutes and turn into bottles and seal. If you do not care to have the cherries quite so sweet, use one pint of sugar to one pint of pitted cherries.





they are tender. Peel and mash fine in an earthen dish with seasoning of salt, pepper, one half cup of melted butter, cup of rich mik. Roll into the form of firecrackers, then roll them in cracker crumbs and fry Brown. Stand them on end and insert a bit of macaroni for a fuse.—Mary H. Northend, Salem, Mass.

Meat Shortcake.—Make a rich biscuit crust, divide it into halves and roll out half an inch thick, put in a pan, spread with butter and lay the other half over it. Bake in a hot oven. Chop scraps of cold boiled meat very fine, put in a stew pan together with cold gravy or sufficient milk or water, season with salt, pepper and butter, thicken with flour and let simmer til ready for use. When the cake is done, split it in halves, lay the under half on a warm platter, pour the meat over it, cover with the top crust and serve at once. Minnie O. Mackintosh, San Diego, Calif.

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Bran Muffins.—One cup of bran, two thirds cup white flour, two thirds cup corn meal, two teaspoons shaking powder, one half teaspoon soda, one tablespoon melted lard and buttermilk enough to leave it a stiff dough. Pour in muffin pans and bake in hot oven.—Mrs. W. F.

F we've given our war gardens and our poultry yard the attention necessary to make them successful, we can feel that our 4th of July dinner is really patriotic and that we are not depriving our boys of anything that would add to their needs and necessities. Of course, if we live near a lake where trout, salmon or any other kind of fish are eaught (and we are fishermen enough to catch them), that makes the matter just that much easier and more patriotic.—Ed.

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Rice Mush.—Stir gradually into one quart of boil-mounts and coarse strainer and allow juice to drop.

Water until done, use enough water so that when done it with spread everly. Boil one half parkage macaroni to repaghetti in salted water until cheer, low or papaghetti in salted water until cheer, low it will spread everly. Boil one half parkage macaroni to repaghetti in salted water until cheer, low it will spread everly. Boil one half parkage macaroni to repaghetti in salted water until cheer, low it will spread everly. Boil one half parkage macaroni to repaghetti in salted water until cheer, low it will spread everly. Boil one half parkage macaroni or spaghetti in salted water until cheer, and content with cold water. Save two tablespoons tomato soup in a saucer; empty the remaining contents of the sour in the saucer, and add haif the quantity of water; save two tablespoons tomato was nanocal add half the quantity of water; save two tablespoons tomato contents of the saucer, can to the saucer, and do haif the quantity of water; save two tablespoons tomato or spaghetti in salted water until cheer, save two tablespoons tomato or spaghetti in salve

RICE MUSH.—Stir gradually into one quart of boiling water a good half cup of corn meal, add one cup of washed rice, a teaspoon of sait, and cook slowly, stirring often. When the rice is thoroughly done, turn the mush into a dish of suitable shape and when cold slice and fry in butter.

SWEET POTATO PIE.—Boil three large sweet potatoes until very tender, then mash them fine, add a cup of sweet milk, a cup of sugar, three well beaten eggs and spice to taste. Bake in an under crust only until brown.

MINCED FOWL IN RICE CASES.—To extend a small quantity of meat or poultry by the addition of rice is true economy. Boil in a mixture of milk and water, about three quarters of a cup of rice and when nearly tender steam until almost dry. Season with a little salt, the water in which it cooks. Pack while warm



MINCED FOWL IN RICE CASES.

Into addividual cups and set aside to cool. When ready to serve scoop a portion from the the center of each mould, reserving this part for the next day's soup. Fill the spaces with minced fowl that has been reheated in a little of the gravy. Season with a little chopped parsley, stand the cup in a pan of hot water, cover the top with greased paper and let it stand in a warm oven for twenty minutes.

CREAM OF CARROT SOLP.—Boil one pint of scraped and sliced carrots until tender and put through vegetable press. Heat one quart of milk, add butter size of small egg, then add strained carrots. Season with pepper and salt. Just before serving, add one cup rich milk and yolks of two eggs, beaten.

FIG PUDDING.—Stew one and one half bounds of figs

FIG PUDDING.—Stew one and one half pounds of figs until tender; strain and cook the juice for fifteen minutes. Unop the figs and add the juice. Put in pudding dish and cover with one cup of shredded coconnut. Brown in oven. MRS. L. G. EDMINDS, Webster, Mass.



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grees in the shade, but having gained such a reputation - on paper -for optimism, I'll keep it going in my home life if I have to tickle my own nose with a pine needle.

Pearl Vesey.—The timely arrival of your letter made it unnecessary for me to send you a special delivery invitation to come again, as I surely thought I'd have to, for, at least, every other letter I read from the sisters asked why (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9.)



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CHAPTER XXIX. "WILLFUL MURDER."

ICKENED, helpless, Adrian Gordon had stood, indeed, for the last five minutes, as a man who comes on some awful bit of cruelty he cannot stop. Ravenel's hunted face, her desperate eyes, her answers about seeing no one—that instinct m was a lie—paralyzed him with sick liment. astonishment.

astonishment.

They were baiting her like a helpless beast, justly enough if they were right. But every drop of his blood knew they were wrong. And she was not defending herself, was not telling all she knew; for he knew what that veiled look in her eyes meant. He had seen it before, when her thoughts were one thing and her words another.

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"Think, Lady Levallion," said the coroner earnestly, "for even if you saw no one in Lord Levallion's dressing-room, some one might have been there! This rag of tweed was caught in the door, in the box of the door-latch,"
"I don't know it," was all she said. "I didn't see any one."

Something like a flash of lightning went through Adrian Gordon's brain. She knew it well enough, since it was a suit he had worn that May that was dead and gone—not that very suit he was wearing. She had seen some one, and was lying because she knew the clothes they wore. He strode into the middle of the room, tall, strong, blackly angry.
"Be good enough to put me on the stand," he cried roughly, for she should lie no more for so inconceivable a suspicion: to defend a man who had been miles away. "And look at my clothes, if you want to know where that rag came from!" Lady Levallion caught her breath, stared at him with narrowed eyes, and, without a word, slipped like water to the floor. But he never even seemed to see, never stirred as Houghton came quickly forward and took her to a sofa. Gordon took the tweed scrap and held it against his coat.

"You see!" he said contemptuously. "Now, perhaps you will think I poisoned my cousin!

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"Then I hardly see—" began the coroner.

"I will help you," and every soul in the room saw the sudden likeness to the dead Levallion as he spoke. "I was in London, but my clothes weren't. I had two suits exactly alike. I wore one of them down here the day I was taken, ill. They cut the coat off me, and when I was better I sent up to town for the other coat, and my man sent me the whole suit. I put it on and forgot about the other, with the cut coat. And I've never seen it from that day to this. But"—and he tapped the rag of tweed—"that came out of it. And that I can swear, for I spilt something on it, and you can see the edge of the stain on this. It was some one, dressed in my clothes, who caught their knickerbockers in Levallion's door, whether Lady Levallion saw that in spite of what he said the jury's eyes them or not." He laughed coldly, as he saw that in spite of what he said the jury's eyes were glued to the knickerbockers he had on. "Some one stole those clothes, perhaps you can tell me who!" he cried. "Till you find that out, it might be as well to accuse no one."

Houghton, bending over Lady Levallion in a distant corner, drew his breath. He understood something now of that terror that had been

on her.
"I wish to God she'd told me, instead of lying!"
"They thought, as he saw her coming to. "They n't believe one word he says now; for he i't prove it."

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Nor could he. Not a servant in the house had known anything about his clothes. He had taken the second suit out of his box himself, and shoved the spoiled suit in there; from whence, on going back to town, he found it had vanished. The story was lame.

The coroner asked him a hundred questions that might have made any woman flinch to hear, since her name came in each one. But Ravenel, leaning, sick and faint on Tommy's shoulder, never winced. All that bygone story of the card Adrian Gordon told. His face was set like flint as he spoke.

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"I don't ask other men's wives to meet me after dark," he ended, contemptuously. "If the letters from that woman that prove it are lost,"

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When told Sir Thomas Annesley had seen him at night with a strange woman in black, he When told Sir Thomas Annesley had seen him at night with a strange woman in black, he looked round the room quietly, as if to see which of the servants was like him in figure. But none was as tall, except Carrousel, who was stouter, and had a beard.

"Sir Thomas was mistaken," he said slowly.
"But I do not doubt he saw some one in my clothes. I was in my room. I know no woman with whom I would go out."

"To whose knowledge were you in your room?"

"Levallion's. He came and sat with me."

"Lord Levallion's!" said Aston slowly, and deadly disbelief in a man who could only call a dead witness crept into each juror's soul.

Gordon shrugged his shoulder.

"Have you all gone mad?" he said coldly. "If I can't prove I was in my room when Sir Thomas thought he saw me, I can prove I was in town last night. Just call my servant in, will you?"

And his man routed the jury, horse and foot. Captain Gordon had been in his own rooms, playing cards with some other gentlemen, with whom he had dined at the club. The man gave half-a-dozen names of men whose word would be taken on their oath, or not. Carrousel sat listening, with a curious scorn. It was all so different from his ideas of justice; so shortisighted, so biased. He even smiled a little at the foolish tale of those two suits of clothes, till Captain Gordon said quietly that his tailor's book could settle that question.

His sternness, his contempt for stupidity and foregone conclusions, had made the jury almost forget he had not been able to prove he was not the man who had drunk champagne in the wood. But, as he stepped down, the coroner recalled Lady Levallion; and she came, a living, breathing woman now, instead of one of stone. Relief was in her eyes, in her very hands, as they hung at her sides. But Houghton was looking like a man distraught at the coroner's face.

"You swear that you had no part nor lot in the poisoning of your husband: that you saw

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"You swear that you had no part nor lot in the poisoning of your husband; that you saw no one in the dressing-room who could have put poison into that bottle of liqueur, or changed it?"

"Yes," she said quietly. "I swear I had no hand in it. That I tried, even at the last minute, to save him."

"Then," said Doctor Aston slowly, "how did you come by these? A housemaid found them this morning behind your window-curtains, in your bedroom."

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He held out to her a bottle of Eau de Vie Magique, half-full, with a rough seam running down each side of the bottle; a tiny flask full of clear, faintly green liquid, that, as he uncorked it, smelled of bitter almonds in the hot room

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Lacy started forward.

"That's my lord's bottle!" he cried. "I thought the other was not."

"Exactly," said the coroner. "And this is distilled laurel-water and deadly poison. I analyzed it, and gave some to a cat, which died in three minutes, with every symptom of prussic-poisoning. Gentlemen of the jury, we have heard all the evidence."

"You shall hear me!" Lady Levallion's face was on fire. "What do I know about those bottles?—nothing but that they were put in my room by some one. Find out who did that"—'for, with that deadly conviction gone from her mind, she could speak out, since that disappearing shadow in Levallion's dressing-room—a shadow that had been substance enough to bang the door in Mr. Jacob's' face, and run—had not been Adrian Gordon—"and you may find out who murdered Levallion. It was not I, for I would have died for him."

Every man of the jury turned to look at her, but not one of them spoke. To their stolid, conventional minds it seemed clear enough that she a,'d Gordon had had reason to wish Levallion was her in the business is to have made your sister a convenient scapegoat. And God knows that's black enough."

Tommy Annesley hid his face in his hands, and the tears oozed through his fingers.

"Don't led don't live said Houghton pitifully."

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Lord Chayter moved to Lady Levallion's side.

"My dear child," he said nervously, "no one believes you did it," but he knew he lied.

She could not answer. She looked at the women who had eaten her bread, and not one of them met her eyes; looked at Tommy, at Houghton, at every soul but Adrian Gordon, who stood apart in futile anger against every one, himself included.

"If it had not been for my alibi they would have thought I did it," he thought. "And now, because some one is too clever for them, they're putting it on her. On Nel! the horror of it made him quiver from head to foot. And I swore myself clear like a fool! No wonder she won't look at me. I'd have been hanged before I did it, if I'd known! I wish to God I'd got here at first," and he turned his back flatly on a man who was bold enough to come forward and greet him as Lord Levallion.

"Tommy thought was I? And what became of those letters Lady Levallion thought were in Levallion's pocket? They're a small thing, perhaps, but suppose I hadn't come down? Who was going to know that card of mine asking her to meet me wasn't written that very morning? Whoever took those letters meant it to seem so," emphatically.

"No one could have. Levallion—the body"—stammering—"was never left alone till the corone amen." "Tommy," said Houghton sharply, "take your sister away!" He moved to Doctor Aston and laid a hand on his sleeve.

"Permit me to congratulate you on your methods of conducting an inquest," he said, and in the conducting an inquest," he said, and

his low voice was furious. "You are responsible for a damnably iniquitous thing if they commit her to trial. Where was your housemaid who gave that fool's evidence, and when did she give it? Not here, for I was your first witness."

"The second," said Aston uncomfortably, knowing perfectly well that to begin an inquiry with evidence like that was simply making all subsequent testimony worthless, in nine cases out of ten. "The girl was in the room when you entered it. There she is now!"

Houghton followed his eyes, and saw a pale, fat-faced girl turning to follow her fellow servants from the room.

"Find the man who that anemic, hysterical fool is in love with before you go far on her evidence!" he observed contemptuously. "Supposing it true, which I don't, you'd no right to begin the inquest with a biasing fact like that. An astute man like you should know that much."

"I had a right to conduct my inquest as I spleased!" hotly. "If you must know, the girl was too terrified to speak before the other servants. She came to me in floods of tears. I believe it cost her honest pain to come at all." "Honest!" returned Houghton, as cold as the other was hot. "Thanks to you and her—"

"He turned away without finishing. Because he was convinced, without any reason except a dogged belief in Levallion's wife, that she was innocent, gave him no, hope of upsetting the poposite conviction of a pigheaded man like Aston.

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He stood in silent, dogged endurance till, after an interminable time of waiting, the jury filed in again. But the end of the chairman's speech made his heart turn over.

"Two attempts having been made to poison Lord Levallion, both of which were in the power of one person only, your jury are compelled to find a verdict of willful murder against Lady-Levallion."

Houghton was poor; the wives and children of each juryman were his patients; but he would not have cared if they had been kings and queens. "Permit me to congratulate you on a crassly incapable jury," he said to the coroner. "And you, gentlemen, on a piece of hasty iniquity that I pray you may never forget till your dying day."

But his face was gray with despair as he went out before they could answer him.

"Do you mean you know any one who was likely to have done it—who hated Levallion?" said Houghton bluntly.
"There were plenty," answered Gordon, as Lacy

stinately. "Look here, Tommy, how could you think it was I Jacobs flew at that night in the wood? See him!" for Jacobs had lain down with his head on the speaker's boot.

"It was the Norfolk jacket and the knickerbockers and the height," wretchedly. "The other men were in the drawing room—none of the servants were so tall—except Carrousel—and he has a beard! This man had only a mustache. I saw the line of his chin when he stood up and yelled."

"As I should have been likely to yell and

I saw the fine of his child when he reverseled."

"As I should have been likely to yell on account of Jacobs!" scornfully. "Why on earliedidn't you tell some one what you saw, Tommy?"

"I'd have only said it was you! I did try to tell Levallion, but the second I spoke about the woman he shut me up. Lacy was there; Levallion never talked before servants. Oh!" he broke off wildly, "what's the good of talking? Some one must go and tell Ravenel. Will they take her—to jail—till the assizes?" A hard sob broke his words.

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"I don't know," Houghton muttered. "Perhaps bail"—but he knew quite well there was no bail for murder. He got up, for the boy was right. Some one must tell Lady Levallion.

"Damn that housemaid!" he broke out fiercely, standing with his hand on the door.

"Look here," said Gordon quickly, "wait a mement. Don't say anything like that outside; don't say a word to frighten any of the servants" "Why?" Houghton looked at him without too much favor. He had certainly had nothing to do with the crime, but his stay in the house had every day added one to the letters that spelled "murdetess" after Lady Levallion's name.

"Because they've all given their evidence; they're quite comfortable about none of them being implicated. They'll talk among themselves and compare notes, and they may find out something. I sha'n't allow one of them to leave."

Houghton realized suddenly that it was the new Lord Levallion who stood before him.

"I forgot," he said involuntarily, "you are master here now."

"And I'd rather be a one-armed sandwichman!" returned Adrian Gordon, with a bitter glance at the injured arm that had kept him in Levallion's house. And the memory of that day brought back something; the unknown woman who had come to see if he were dead. There was only one woman in the world who could hop, however falsely, to gain by his dying.

"Hester Murray!" he thought sharply. "But of all women on earth she would be the least likely to be here. Levallion wouldn't have had it." And yet the thought clung obstinately.

"I'll find out," he said aloud, and Tommy looked up from where he sat, wan and exhausted. "What?" he demanded. "I don't see how any one can find out anything. We know all anybody knows."

"We know all some one chooses us to know," hardly, "We're not beaten yet. Try and remember what that woman looked like whom Levallion told you was a kitchen maid."

"How do I know?" wretchedly. "I only saw her twice; both times it was dark. She had a cloak on with a hood, and

"All the same she's our only chance."
He shivered, and stirred the fire. For if he were wrong and that cloaked woman not Hester Murray, the chance was small. Beat his brains as he would, he could think of no one else who might profit by the death of Lord Levallion.

The clock struck six, and, like a blow, the sound struck on his heart, making him forget everything but the girl upstairs. Houghton must be with her now; must be telling her what the jury had said. Houghton, an absolute stranger—while the man who should have been her husband dared not go near her; the man who should have sheltered her from all the world could do nothing but sit helpless while some one else spoke the very bitterest shame on earth in her ears.

"Nel, my Nel!" And if Adrian Gordon was silent, his spirits groaned within him.

Sylvia Annesley and her schemes had come between them once; then Levallion; and now, to the eyes of the world, a bar of blood they could not pass.

"Blood between us: love my love!" the man

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"Blood between us; love, my love!" the man said stiently, behind his shut teeth. "Not while I'm alive or there's a God above us. Somehow, somewhere, I mean to find the truth that's going to set you clear—and clean! If I dare not go to you I can work for you; and if I can't comfort you—unconsciously he raised his right hand as some men do when they take an oath—"I'll save you, if I have to take you out of Newgate!"

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"Well?" he said thickly.

"Very ill." Houghton cast himself into a chair as if he could do no more. "She knew! That fool of a housemaid ran up screaming and told her, begging her to forgive her—if they hanged her! The French maid took the crazy fool by the ears and put her out. But—"

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"Fellow citizens, this is the anniversary of our acceptance of Germany's challenge to fight for our rights and to live and be free, and for the saced rights of free men everywhere. We know what the war must cost, our utmost sacrifice, the lives of our fittest men, and, if need be, all that we possess. The reasons for this great war, the reason why it had to come, the need to fight it through and the issues that hang upon its outcome, are more clearly disclosed now than ever before.....Men in America may be more sure than they ever were before that the cause is their own, and that, if it should be lost, their own great nation's place and mission in the world would be lost with it..... I have sought to learn from those who spoke for Germany whether it would be lost with it..... I have sought to learn from those who spoke for Germany whether it would be lost with it..... I have sought to learn from those who spoke for Germany whether it would be lost with it..... I have sought to learn from those who spoke for Germany whether it would be lost with it..... I have sought to learn from those who spoke for Germany whether it was not justice but dominion and the execution of their own will. The avowal has not come from German's statemen. It has come from her military leaders, who are her real rulers..... We cannot mistake what they have done—in Russia, in Finland, in the Ukraine, in Roumania. They are enjoying in Russia a cheap triumph in which appears of the proper states of the cannot mistake what they have done—in Russia, in Finland, in the Ukraine, in Roumania. They are enjoying in Russia a cheap triumph in which appears of the proper states of the sta with unpitying thoroughness throughout every fair region they have touched. What, then, are we to do? For myself, I am ready, ready still, ready even now, to discuss a fair and just and honest peace at any time that it is sincerely purposed—a peace in which the strong and the weak shall fare alike. But the answer when I proposed such a peace, came from the German commanders in Russia and I cannot mistake the meaning of the suswer. I accept the challenge. I know that you accept it. All the world shall know that you accept it. It shall appear in the utter sacrifice and self-forgetfulness with which we shall give all that we love and all that we have to redeem the world and make it fit for free men like ourselves to live in. This now is the meaning of all that we do. Let everything that we say, my fellow countrymen, and hold dear. Germany defeat the force of those who flout and misprize what we honor and hold dear. Germany has once more said that force, and force alone, shall decide whether justice and peace shall reign in the affairs of men, whether right as America conceives it shall determine the destinies of mankind. There is, therefore, but one response possible from us. Force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and shall cast every selfish dominion down in the dust."

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Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions. These four books are a library of endless joy and merriment, the best medicine to drive away the blues and the best Christmas gifts in the world.

My picture book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter, is Maria her ma? Is there an Aunt Charlie? Is the big boy in the picture book my only baby? I have had a little leaflet specially printed answering all these questions fully, and those who are interested will find the same in every copy of the four Uncle Charlie Books sent out this season.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
You will never know how we appreciate your talks in COMPORT. I cut them out and send them to socialists and pacifists, and I know it has changed some of their minds. My parents and my husband's parents are both German and that was the only language we talked at home, but my husband and I are true Americans. We believe in standing up for America where we have our homes and make our living, and we will stand by the red, white and blue to the last ounce of our strength. We have eight children and all red-blooded Americans. I had many a fuss with my parents because I would not teach them the German language but I am awfully glad I didn't. I have taught them to be loyal to our country and its flag, and I think it is high time the German press was put out of business in America. To read these German papers one would actually think one was in Germany and the Kaiser had all the say, or printed those papers himself. Uncle Charlie may you live to see the triumph of that democracy and the downfall of that autocracy in Europe which is a menace to every home in the land.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. JOHN F. REAVA.

In Europe which is a menace to every home in the land.

Mass. John F. Reava.

Three cheers for Mrs. Reava! Would to God every woman in the country, whether foreign or native born, had her patriotism and her spirit. If all had been like her, the Kaiser would never have made war on the United States. The pacifist thinks he can prevent war by quoting Bible texts that uphold his side of the argument and omitting all those texts which cut the ground from under him. The socialist movement has been in the hands of rabid German and Austrian nationalists and has been used here as it has been in Russia and Italy to promote pacifism and make the workers hate their native land and feel that their only salvation was to have the kind Kaiser and his Hun hordes come here and apply German methods and pay German wages. Wide-awake, patriotic American socialists quickly saw how the movement was being manipulated in the interests of Kaiserism and resigned from the party; and now, after Germany's treatment of Russia, the rank and file of the party who did not know how they had been duped and humbugged by foreign plotters and German Jingoes, thoroughly understand that if they want to realize their socialistic ideals, they must first lick Germany, the arch enemy of genuine, as distinct from, fake German socialism. As nearly all the Germans in this country intend to remain here and grow up with the country, and as they can only prosper as America prospers, it is to their interests to do as Mrs. Reava has done; cut out the German language and German mewspapers and bring up their children to be red-blooded Americans. Get all the people reading American literature and thinking in terms of genuine American literature and thinking in terms of genuine American here were in duty bound to be loyal and true, then the German language becomes as any other language would become under similar circumstances—a deadly menace. As Mrs. Reava says, one would think that many of these papers were printed by the Kaiser himself. The whole nation, however, is

Thelma, your red hair five feet four inches tall must make you look like a human torch. Let me beseech you to cut out the crochet and tatting and do some knitting for the soldier boys. You are certainly making wonderful progress with your piano lessons. If you can play anything you want to with the right hand, and several plees with both hands, after two lessons, heaven only knows what you will be able to do by the time you have taken a dozen lessons. In my school days the only thing I could play was hookey. I used to play that however with my feet. We should all like to see you make the beds hoe the garden and sew some. The only eggs we ever see, Thelma, are old ones. Where all the fresh eggs of I have never been able to discover. It is perfectly correct to whip a fresh egg or anything else that gets too fresh, but to beat up a poor, ancient, ossified old egg, one that ought to be drawing a pension and too old to protect itself, is unkind to say the least. Don't waste your time beating eggs, Thelma. If you have any superfluous energy go out and beat the Kaiser. If you can't beat him, feed him on one of those ancient eggs and that ought to fix him.



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letter to the Comfort. We live on a farm, and I like farm life very much. We went to Selma to have my foot operated on so I could walk. I go to school in Sweet Water. I would love to hear from some of the cousins and will try to answer all the letters and postal cards I receive. Your little niece,

BARBARA NAYTON.

Barbara, I hope that operation on your foot will be entirely successful. Life is hard enough for those who are healthy and strong, but it is little short of a tragedy for those who have to go through it sick or crippled. You say you are in the forth grade. Make it fourth the next time. So you go to school in Sweet Water do you? Well if I had to go to school in water, I think I would prefer to have it sweet. Don't you find it rather damp? Sweet water it seems to me would be an excellent school for ducks but a very poor one for humans. Billy the Goat says he thinks Barbara means that she goes to school at Sweet Water. Let us all fervently hope so.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am fourteen years old and I go to school eight months out of the year. We have only four months for a vacation. I suppose that is long enough. I am in the seventh grade. We study several branches. I like arithmetic best. I have one brother and one sister. We all work in our war gardens. We raise almost all kinds of vegetables. We love vegetables and hope you love them. I wish you were down this fall and winter to help us eat them. We will have pumpkin pie when you come. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I enjoy reading the papers, they have puzzles in them. We make out the puzzles. The next Sunday when we get the paper we see if our answers to the puzzles are correct. We have a great time in the summer time to keep cool.

Yours truly,
MILDRED LOVE.

So you have four months' vacation every school year do you Mildred? If I had four minutes I'd think I was lucky. Delighted to know you are working in your garden. Do I love vegetables? I fairly dote upon them, but have never had much success in my love affairs with vegetables. Just what my experience has been I think I had better tell you in rhyme:,

I loved a little carrot once, so rosy and so red.

And I foundly hoped that some day that carrot sweet might wed.

For that bean calls me a has been, and it hits me on the bean.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl fourteen years old, have brown hair, brown a girl fourteen years old, have brown hair, brown eyes and am four feet ten inches tall. I go to school and am in the seventh grade. My teacher's name is Miss Clarissa Matthews. I had a garden this summer all by myself. I sprinkled it when it was needed and kept it clean, but just the same I didn't get anything from it. I planted some flower seeds too and they grew nicely and blossomed. We like Compared to the seed of the seed of

Kristine, I'm so sorry you had such bad luck with your garden. I know how you feel for I bad exactly the same experience. You see I didn't know much about gardening and I planted all the seeds upside down. The result was they grew down instead of up and a man in China got the whole crop— and I got nothing. Possibly you gave your garden too much attention. Maybe you gave your garden too much attention. Maybe you swept, dusted, cleaned and bathed it so often that the seeds didn't have a chance to grow. Now for heaven's sake child, don't worry about your height or rather your shortness. Men like their opposites. You will always find a little sawed-off runt of a man married to a woman twice his height, and you will always find a cloud scraping giant of a man whenever he gets the chance, camping on the trail of a girl so small she couldn't steal a pie from a table, without the assistance of a stepladder. If you try and grow another millionth of an inch you are foolish. In a few years' time, at least a dozen six-foot giants will be asking you to be their little baby girl. Don't bother about physical growth but do try and grow mentally. If your heart, mind and soul become a garden of beauty, you will tower above as Pike's Peak towers above a molehill. There is another advantage however, in being petite—you don't have to suffer from growing pains. A small man is generally a fussy nuisance, but a sunllower. Just be content to stay a violet, Kristine.

I loved a little carrot once, so rosy and, so red. And I fondly hoped that I some day that carrot sweet might wed.

But when I asked it to be mine my hopes began to flee.

For that pretty little carrot didn't carrot at all for me.

Then I made love to a sugar beet, oh, it was awful sweet, That beet it made my heart beat so I simply couldn't eat.

But when I popped the question, as of course I did one day.

That beet told me to beat it, so I beat it right away.

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Then I loved a little lettuce, I-happy was, oh, gee!

For that lettuce didn't hesitate, but gave its heart to me.

And when I talked of wedding bells, you know the usual stunts.

That lettuce quit its bed and said "Oh, let us wed at once."

But that faithless little lettuce with a cabbage ran away.

So I made love to a butter bean and we married were next day.

But this vegetable love of mine is far, far from serene,

For that bean calls me a has been, and it hits me

For that bean calls me a has been, and it hits me on the bean.

That cruel bean I soon divorced and a water melon wed,
I loved its green exterior and its wondrous heart of red.

But with a coon it ran away, you'll say, oh, what a crime,
"Water-meloncholy story, water-meloncholy rhyme."

Thank you friend Joseph, for your kind and encouraging letter. Thank God you are able to visualize this great world crisis in its proper light and realize the menace of it all. The world is on fire. I have seen the flames spreading for years, and I was deluged with abuse by the blind and the thoughtless, because I knew that ere long those flames would leap across the ocean and engulf us, so I pleaded for preparedness, pleaded

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Sibyl's Influence

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earned her salt, and so I let her go."
"If she never earned her salt why didn't you send her to the poorhouse?" demanded Nancy, shrewdly.

"Well, you see there is a little bit of feeling inside me, if I am rough on the outside, and so I never could bring my mind to do that."

"Who was the lady and gentleman?"

"Well, I can't just remember their mame now,"
Nell repled, with a well-assumed air of perplexity.

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"Now you are lying, Mistress Sloan," Nancy

"Now you are lying, Mistress Sloan," Nancy said, sharply.
"Well, I ain't a proper hand to remember names, but she writ it on a card for me, and it's tucked away somewhere among my things—perhaps I can find it before you go," Nell answered, with a look at her visitor which said she thought she might not be any too sane even now, and it would be best not to anger her.
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"That was on the card, too. My memory don't always serve me, I tell ye," Mrs. Sloan returned, dryly, then added, "But what's your name? The young one always cailed you Nannie, but I could never get her to tell me anything more."

"Oh! the darling—the precious! how could I ever have been so wild as to have gone away and left her here?" Nancy cried, wringing her hands, and glancing first at the repulsive woman opposite her, then about the cheerless apartment. But a moment later she added, more calmly: "My name is Nancy Crawford, and I had been the child's nurse ever since she was born."

"Well, Nancy Crawford—if that is your name—if that child belonged to any of the quality, which I suspect it did, I must say ye did a fine day's work when ye walked off that fine morning and left her in this village."

"Oh, I know it—don't I know it as well as you can tell me? And now I must find her again!" she cried, wildly.

"If ye can, ye mean," put in Nell, viciously.

"If shall find her if she is living—I know I shall. I will search the world over, and spend my last breath in my quest, before I give it up. Ah! if you will only give me that card, it will not be long before I shall be successful amd restore her to her mother."

"How do ye know that she is living?"

"I have taken care to find out about that since I came back to England; but I can never let her know that I live until I can carry her news of her long-lost child. Will you give me that card?"

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when my head ached so. Now, what have you done with it?"

"What have I done with it, indeed!" Nell retorted, tossing her head defiantly. "Ye must have taken it away with ye yerself, if there was any such thing, for there ain't anything like it in this house now. Where did ye go when ye went away from here?" she asked, anxlous to change the subject, as well as feeling some curiosity about the matter.

"As near as I can find out, I wandered to Hull, where, confused, exhausted, and ill, I crawled on board a trading vessel, which plied between there and Holland.

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"I was not discovered until the vessel was well out to sea, and, being very sick then, I could tell them nothing, so they were obliged to take me along with them. The captain's wife was on board, and I am told that she gave me every care; but I had a severe attack of brain fever, which left my mind very weak for many months afterward, and therefore I did not recover sufficiently to tell my story before they were obliged to go on another voyage; so they left me at a hospital in Amsterdam, from where I was afterward carried to the almshouse.

"Before I had fully recovered from the brain fever, inflammatory rheumatism set in in its worst form, and for many years I lay upon my bed, a miserable and helpless cripple. In a strange country, and among strange people, of course I could not understand their language, nor they mine; and, when I at last managed to learn enough to make myself understood, everybody laughed at my story, and said I was cracked.

"It is a wonder that I ever got well; but I did, or at least able to hobble about and help myself; I don't suppose the cramps will ever straight again, but I can manage to do a good deal of work as it is.

"Well, I left that miserable place, and glad enough I was, too, to get away. I went to work, to get money enough to pay my passage to England, with the one hope of finding my little Sibyl, if she were yet alive, and restore her to her parents, if they had not been go fortunate as to have already found her.

That's all I have to tell you, Mistress Sloan, and you will perceive that I'm not over rich, and you will perceive that I'm not over rich, and you will perceive that I'm not over rich, and you will perceive that I'm not over rich, and have no money to pay you for any information regarding the child. But if you will put me on her track, and I find her, I can promise you something handsome as soon as she is restored to her parents."

"I suppose ye are going to tell me who her folks be?" Nell said, again and Holland.
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"I suppose ye are going to tell me who her folks be?" Nell said, again recurring to the one subject of the most importance to her.

"I shall tell you nothing until I see that card which you say you have in your possession," Nancy replied, firmly.

Nell saw that she could gain nothing more from her without some concession on her part, and after pondering a few minutes, she arose, saving:

"Well I will see if I can find the card."

"You've been and stole it!" she cried, shaking her fist in the astonished woman's face.

"Stole what—the card? If I could have done that, Mistress Sloam, believe me, I should never have troubled you tonight," Nancy said, after a minute, as she composedly resumed her eating.

"The card—goodness, no! but the di'mond with them white things all around it. Give it up, I say, or it will be the worse for ye!" and the angry termagant approached nearer.

Nancy's eyes gleamed with sudden fire.

"The 'diamond with the white things around it' is the jewel to which I referred a while ago. I thought you had never seen it, Mistress Sloan," she remarked, shrewdly, as she turned and faced her enemy.

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Nell stopped, aghast.
"Did no one know you had it but yourself,
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Mistress Sioan?" Nancy demanded, looking ner full in the eye.

"No; nobody but—Jem——"

Her face flushed almost a purple, and then paled with passion; and, without another word to her guest, she turned and darted from the

to her guest, she turned and darted from the room.

A few minutes later Miss Crawford heard flerce, angry words in the back kitchen between the husband and wife.

But Jem again and again protested his entire innocence in the matter, and appeared so greatly disturbed upon learning of the jewel's disappearance that Nell was obliged to be convinced that he spoke the truth, and forthwith returned to her attack upon Miss Crawford.

But Nancy was nowhere to be found.

A piece of silver lay beside her plate, upon a half sheet of paper on which was written:

"For my supper. But, Mrs. Sloan, I know nothing about the jewel, and as I cannot be detained in my work by useless questions and abuse, I bid you a quiet good by.
"NANCY CRAWFORD."

Nancy had feared that if Nell in her passion should have her arrested for the theft, it would be very hard to prove her innocence, and great trouble and delay might result from it.

So she very quietly took her departure during the husband's and wife's dispute.

CHAPTER XXV.

"WHY WILL YOU TORTURE ME?"

"You are killing yourself with this thankless immolation. You are literally burying yourself alive for this old woman—I beg your pardon, dear, but I can't help it—who cares nothing for you, except what she can get out of you."

This indignant speech came from Raymond, who insisted upon coming every day to see Sibyl, and who never dreamed that these very visits, which were at once so sweet, yet bitter, were helping to rob her of her bloom, and sap the vitality of her life.

"Hush!" she gently answered to this passionate outburst, and softly touching his lips with her fingers, "you are speaking ill of one who, as my mother should command your respect; and, Ray, you would neither love nor esteem me if I should do any different from what I am doing. While my mother lives, I have no right to leave her."

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While my mother lives, I have no right to leave her."

"I do not ask you to leave nor to neglect her in any way: I only ask that you will give me the right to share this burden, which is too heavy for you to bear alone. Let me take you and shelter you in my strong love, for I know you would be happy with me if you would only yield; and now, my darling, you are fading away before my eyes."

"Ray, do not tempt me; my path is marked out plainly before me," Sibyl began.

"See!" he continued, his strong lips quivering as he held up her left hand, "how thin you are growing. My ring is already too large for you, and it will not be long before it will drop off, and be lost. Oh, Sibyl! Sibyl! why will you torture me thus?"

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and be lost. Oh, Sibyl! Sibyl! why will you torture me thus?"

How could he torture her so, when her poor heart was breaking and longing for him every moment in the day?

"I will not be cheated thus," he continued, with sudden resolution, as, taking a plain gold ring from his little finger, he placed it above the circlet of diamonds. "There," he said, "that ring must never leave your finger. I will not give you up; you are mine yet, Sibyl; you are mine until you die. Do you know it?"

"Oh, Ray! you know I could never belong to any one else, even though I cannot belong to you; and—oh! I do not mean to murmur, but the future does look a little dark just now, and I am a little weary with my pain."

"Then, darling, come to me and rest; let me shield you, comfort you, bless you;" and he gathered her close in his arms.

"No, no; you must not tempt me. Don't you see that I cannot bear it." she cried, gently repelling him and nearly breaking down."

"Sibyl! do you love me?"

Her voice was sadder than tears, and her reproachful eves cut him to the heart.

"Oh, Ray!"

Her voice was sadder than tears, and her reproachful eyes cut him to the heart.

"Forgive me," he said, kissing her trembling lips; "I know that you love me, darling—but do your love your mother, Sibyl?"

She cried out, and put up her thin hands to hide her face.

That was the sharpest prong in her crown of thorns.

thorns.

She knew that she did not love her mother, and could not love her as she ought.

She knew also that her mother had no real affection for her, and had not the least desire to win her own.

"She will die, and then I shall go mad," Raymond had said to his mother, after one of those fruitless and exhausting interviews, and he had left Sibyl looking more like a spirit than a human being; and Lady, Prescott could only comfort him by bidding him waft, hope and be patient.

She sent Sir Athelstone, however, to prescribe for Sibyl, and he saw at once that her strength was failing beneath her trials.

"You must go away to the sea, dear," he said,

"You must go away to the sea, dear," he said, gently, though decidedly, as he kissed her pale

He really believed that the sea air would do

He really believed that the sea air would do her good, and it would at the same time achieve a twofold object—remove her from Raymond's influence and entreaties, as well as bring back the roses to her cheeks and strength to her body. Something of this Sibyl must have thought of herself, for she made no objections to the projected change, and it was at last decided, that as soon as the weather permitted, they would go away somewhere to the seashore.

Sir Athelstone kindly arranged it all, and chose the quiet little town of Barmouth in Wales, "where," he said, "with the mountains behind her, and the sea before her, he hoped she would soon grow to be their own dear Sibyl again." Mrs. Stillman, however, did not want to go away to that dull place on the coast of Wales, she privately imparted to Miss Therwin during one of her friendly (?) visits.

Miss Therwin had, by the way, proved herself one of the girl's sweetest comforters during her trials, coming often to sit with her, bringing her music, flowers, books and fruits, and making herself so kindly and unobtrusively sympathetic, that Sibyl could not say enough in her praise. Something of this Shyl must have thought of the shyl must have chook to the shyl must have choked then they would so as soon as the weather permitted, they would so as soon as the weather permitted, they would not say son we have they would go the the shyl her, and the sea before her, he hoped she would son grow to be their own of Barmouth in Wales.

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stone had decreed that Sibyl must go away from Dumfries, and she frowned darkly at Mrs. Stillman's objections to the plan.

"You must go," she vehemently asserted, during an interview with her one day when Sibyl was out.

"It is time," she want on, "that she was out of the way. I want the field clear to myself for a while. Mr. Prescott likes me, but just as long as Sibyl remains here there is not the least chance of my making any headway in the direction I desire. Besides," she added, "there are other reasons why it will be better for her to go." It expends absently from the window, did not appear to have interest enough about the matter to question her. "If you gain everything you have set your heart upon, Miss Ada, what then?" she asked at length, turning her searching eyes full upon Miss Therwin.

"Why!" cried the heartless girl, "I expect I shall be exceedingly proud and happy, don't you?" "With your own greatness built up out of an other's ruin!" "On, no, I am past suppossing you would ever make a sacrifice for anything or any one; but I wonder how I shall feel when it is all over," sighed the woman, bitterly.

"Won, when what is all over?" demanded Ada, sharply.

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What these reasons were Ada did not see fit to explain, and Mrs. Stillman, who was gazing absently from the window, did not appear to have interest enough about the matter to question her.

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"With your own greatness built up out of another's ruin!"

"Why not? You don't expect I am going to let the ruin come on me instead, do you?"

"Oh, no, I am past supposing you would ever make a sacrifice for anything or any one; but I wonder how I shall feel when it is all over," sighed the woman, bitterly.

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strangely united lives.

The Duc d'Aubigne had been bitterly disappointed at thus losing sight of Sibyl.

One day, on returning from the public library, where she had been to exchange a book, Sibyl was dimly conscious that some one was walking behind her.

She did not give a second thought to the circumstance, however, until, losing her hold upon the book it dropped to the ground.

A figure darted suddenly forward from behind her, picked it up, and, with a low bow, returned it to her.

She relied her eves to express her thanks, and

A fierce, mocking laugh ran through the room, and then the woffian said, in a strangely hollow

"She may not live a year," Sir Athelstone had afterward said to his wife.
"Then we may have our darling back again," had been Lady Prescott's first thought and observation upon learning this, to which the doctor

made no reply.

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BETTERING THE BODIES OF CHILDREN



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Dr. Overton is an eminent specialist in the treatment of diseases of children; is in charge of the Children's Clinic of Flower Hospital, New York City, and Lecturer on Children's Health. We hope the mothers will carefully observe his instructions and will preserve this article for future reference and guidance.-EDITOR.

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HE most neglected, important period in the physical life of the child is the toddling, before-school age. Most mothers are familiar with the tests, feeding and safeguarding of the infant. The baby is, more or less, in the skilled hands of the physician, but suddenly there comes a transition in the life of the human plant, our child.

He is removed from liquid food and control the home table

child.

He is removed from liquid food and seated at the home table.

"Bobby is eating everything now," the mother exclaims as if that fact relieved her from all responsibility in connection with his diet.

"He can play out of doors," she further attests. That Bobby eats indiscriminately and enters into the life of the community and home through being at last "on his feet," prove the high child death rate between the years of two and seven; prove the prevalence of rickets, infantile paralysis and contagious diseases. The child from the age of two up to school age is exposed to dangers from a mixed diet and to disease menace from contact with germs that are as vital as the diet and disease dangers of infancy. If we are going to carry our children up to healthy man and womanhood, we will surround the period before the mental strain of the first school year with all the care and forethought that science and medicine can bring to bear upon the growing child body.

I am not going to set an arbitrary standard

medicine can bring to bear upon the growing child body.

I am not going to set an arbitrary standard for measuring the status of the perfect child. To do this is to discourage the mother whose children may be handicapped by a previous disease record or other conditions which necessarily make growth slower and builth less sure than in the case of the child who is well from birth. I will, instead, outline a program of home care in feeding and prevention of disease which, if followed to the letter for six months, ought to leave your child, between the ages of two and seven, better than when he started.

Diet .

The food of the child from two to seven years must consist of well-balanced starches, proteids and fats. To state a reason for this, simply, I may say that the starches and fats provide the necessary heat and energy for the little body and the proteids do the necessary repairing and building of body tissue necessitated by the child's new activities of walking, running and playing. To feed the child any one of the foods containing these values, to the overbalancing of the other is to block the progress of the human engine. To feed the child stimulating foods which interfere with the action of these is to, possibly wreck the little human dynamo.

Foods that contain the maximum of starch,

Foods that contain the maximum of starch, proteids and fats and the only foods which should be taken into the child's stomach during the first dentition are:

Cooked Cereal.

Soft boiled, Eggs: Coddled, Poached.

Meats:

Mutton.

White meat of chicken, Soft, white meat fish.

Breads:

White and entire wheat, two days old, Zwieback, Rusk, Graham crackers, Educator crackers

Vegetables: Potatoes, baked,

sparagus tips, Celery, cooked, Carrots, boiled or stewed,

Peas, fresh, Beans, string, Spinach,

Not greasy, Not containing vegetables unless strained. Broths:

Fruits: Oranges, Apples, baked, Prunes, stewed

Peaches, Pears. Grapes.

Desserts:

Junket, Custards Rice pudding with raisins, Ice cream, Milk Chocolate, Fresh fruit jam or jelly.

General suggestions in connection with this dietary would be that cereals be cooked a very long time and served with as much salt as the child will take; peas and beans will be more easily digested if put through a coarse colander and served in a puree or pulpy mass; little sugar should be allowed on cereals; there is danger in swallowing fruit seeds, therefore all should be removed from fruit before it is given to the child; and a certain amount of fruit should be given children every day.

No game, sweetbreads, pork, sausage, liver, raw cele ry, fried or scrambled eggs, greasy soups or fresh bread should enter into the diet. The food value of the best sweet chocolate in cakes can haredly be over estimated. I have brought children through typhoid fever on it.

Two differentiated, model meal plans may be suggested. They differ in the frequency of the meals and their character. The five-year-old child, who is more factive than his little toddling brother, needs more food at each meal, but is able to wait longer periods between them. The foods listed constitute a perfectly whose food values in relation to the growth and health of the child is perfect.

DAILY MEAL'SCHEDULE FOR THE CHILD OF TWO TO THREE YEARS.

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6.30 A. M. Four to six ounces of milk (about a tumbler full). Two to three table spoonfuls of cooked cereal served with milk and salt.

8.30 A. M. One to two ounces of fruit cake, or a dish of stewed prunes.

11.00 A. M. Four to six ounces of milk, Zwieback, toast or crackers.

1.30 or 2.00 P. M. Egg or beef juice or meat. One vegetable. Bread. Dessert.

Upon waking from nap. Four to six ounces of milk.

6.30 P. M. Milk. Apple sauce or baked apple. Bread with a possible accompaniment of jelly or jam.

Milk chocolate after meals,

DAILY MEAL SCHEDULE FOR THE CHILD FROM THREE TO SEVEN YEARS.

7.00 A. M. Milk. Cereal, served with cream and salt. Fruit.
11.00 A. M. A mug of milk. Bread or toast or crackers, with jam or jelly.
1.00 or 2.00 P. M. Soup or broth. Meat. Two vegetables. Bread, with little butter or jam. Dessert or fresh fruit.
6.00 P. M. Light soup. Vegetables. Bread, as at noon meal. Dessert or fresh fruit.

Milk chocolate after meals.

Following this dietary, which is planned according to the scientific analysis of each food in relation to the needs of the child body, should result in immediate normal growth, providing that the general health of the child is safeguarded. This growth may be compared with the following table of model weight, height and chest measurements, although your child need not "measure up" to it. Your test will be any gain from day to day along these lines, carefully watched and day along these lines, carefully watched and

		Weight	Height	Chest	
2 :	years,	27 lbs. •	32.5 inches	19 inche	
3	,,	32 "	35 "	20 "	
4	,,	36 "	38 "	20% "	
5 6 7	**	41 "	41.5 "	21 1/2 "	
6	,,	45 "	44 "	23 1/4 "	
7	**	50 "	46 "	23 % "	

Following a few simple directions will safe-guard the child from disease at this important stage in his development. It is a mistaken idea that childrensmust go through a series of con-tagious diseases between the ages of two and seven. The reserve force for combatting these, should they come to the child, will be greater after the second dentition than before. The mother may and should surround the home child with every possible hygienic protection at home.

Bathing Rules

The child should have two baths every day, one in the morning and one before going to bed. The best soap to use is castile or a pure, white soap, and the health value of the bath is increased materially if salt is used, in the proportion of a handful of salt to each gallon of water. A necessary bath accompaniment is a good bath thermometer, which may be purchased at a drug store for a dollar at the least. For the child of two, three and four years the temperature of the bath should be from 85 degrees Fahrenheit to 90 degrees. As the child grows older, up to the age of seven years, the bath temperature should be lowered; from 60 degrees Fahrenheit to 80 degrees is proper. The morning temperature should be lowered; from 60 degrees Fahrenheit to 80 degrees is proper. The morning bath should be followed by a cold sponge and both morning and evening the child's body should be carefully powdered with a pure powder, warding off such skin diseases as eczema.

This bathing schedule may be taught children so as not to take too much of the mother's time. Even a very young child may learn to bathehimself.

Sleeping

A schedule for sleeping comes next in health value. The two-year-old child needs from fourteen to fifteen hours of sleep, mostly at night. The seven-year-old child needs ten hours of sleep, the time being graduated between the ages of two and seven. At four years it is wise to stop the daily map. The temperature of the room in which the child sleeps should be registered from 70 degrees Fahrenheit for the two-year-old to 55 degrees Fahrenheit for the two-year-old. The child should go to sleep alone, in a darkened room. The room where the child sleeps should contain at least 1000 cubic feet of air space; this is contained in a room measuring 10 feet by 10 feet, or its equivalent in size.

Air and Exercise

Keep the child out of doors all that is possible. If the weather is inclement, flush the house with fresh air until it registers a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, put on the child's wraps and let him play indoors. The room where the child plays should have no plumbing, if possible, and should, preferably, be heated by a fireplace. The

exercise which the child gains through the right kind of play at this age has a most important effect upon his future health and strength.

All kinds of games, cacept competitive games, should be encouraged. The latter tax the child's developing nervous organization to such an extent that it sometimes results in a physical reaction in nervous indigestion. For this same reason, no child under seven should be allowed to ride a bicycle. His brain is not ready for the difficult process of concentration involved in the balancing. At this age, however, the child should exercise on a tricycle or a toy similar to the Irish mail. Any toy that has four wheels is also valuable. He may coast, swim, ride horseback, use toy horse reins, all kinds of balls, carts, a wheelbarrow. Any game that involves running should be encouraged. The child should play hard until his muscles, but not his nerves, are tired.

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Disease which menaces the child at this time may be reduced to a minimum by the mother. She may learn, also, to detect any symptoms of disease, contagious or otherwise, early, and in time to summon quick medical help which will reduce the danger.

Three of the worst disease breeders can be fought best and most quickly by the mother.

Guard against melting snow.

The child's skin should be examined after the daily bath for any possible inflammation or eruption. The ears should be watched with special care. If an earache continues for more than a day, the fact should be reported to the family physician promptly. The condition may mean an infection or inflammatory condition and its dangerous accompaniment, a running ear.

The mouth and teeth demand mother watchfulness. Any condition of apparent mouth breathing or continued symptoms of 'cold in the head' should have a physician's attention as being symptoms of adenoids. The teeth should be cleaned twice a day, using a solution of boric acid or some other as pure an antiseptic. This cleansing, which the child will readily learn to do himself, should include the entire inside of the mouth and the gums, upper and under surfaces. These first teeth should be regularly inspected by a dentist; once every two months is not too often. Cavities in first seeth should be filled.

The eyes should be cleaned daily with a solution of boric acid. The child may be taught to do this cleansing himself with an eye glass and will learn to enjoy the after-effect of comfort which comes from the removal of any possible atoms of dust and the cool cleansing. The mother should watch for any possible inflammation about the region of the eyebrows or in the lining of the eyelids. Such a condition may be a foreruner of eye disease and stenediately reported to a physician.

The method of using the important little cyeglass is simple. It is filled to the brim with the boric acid solution and the eye is fitted closely into it. The head is tilted back, the eye opened and closed, and the aci

the home for school.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Do you know of some good, kind old lady who loves children, and whose health maybe isn't of the best, who would like to come out on our farm for a few months this summer and fall. I prefer a woman fifty-five or sixty years old, and she would just have to work for her board and not help with the hard work such as washing and scrubbing. If she is a good hand at raising chickens she could have her share of the chickens. I intend this only for the good, and I thought someone from the city would be glad of a chance like this. I have three little girls, twelve, ten and six years old.

Yours truly,

Mas. M. C.

SAN DIEGO, 3932 Cleveland Ave. CAL.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I am sending in some tested recipes which I hope
you have space for, as I think the sisters will like
them.

Am also enclosing a poem. Don't you think the sentiment is good? It makes me feel better just to read it. The world has need of more smiles. Each one of us should try to make this world a little brighter and more cheery. It takes but little effort, yet it is farreaching in effect. Just a pleasant look, a smile, a bow, a shake of the hand and a kind word excites an electric thrill and casts a ray of hope, health and sunshine into the hearts of the most despondent.

Yours for more smiles, MINNIE O. MACKINTOSH.

Minnie Mackintosh -There's a world of truth Minnie Mackintosh.—There's a world of truth in the poem you so kindly sent and we make space to print it. I've seen the time when an honest-to-goodness, straight-from-the-heart smile would have meant that much to me. And a smile today does lots more good than one day after tomorrow





or some future time when, maybe, we do not need it quite so much—though they are acceptable at any time. Thanks for the recipes, too.—Ed.

A Pleasant Smile

"The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.
The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellowmen
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax the sun again.
It's full of worth, and goodness, too, with manly kindness blent—
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

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There is no room for sadness when we see a "There is no room for sadness when we see a cheery smile,
It always has the same good luck—it's never out of style.

It nerves us on to try again when failure makes us blue,
The dimples of encouragement are good for me and you.

It pays a higher interest, for it is merely lent—It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

'A smile comes very easy-you can wrinkle up with cheer A hundred times before you can squeeze out a

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It ripples out, moreover, to the heartstrings it will tug,
And always leaves an echo that is very like a hug.

So smile away. Folks understand what by a smile is meant—

It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent."

(Author Unknown.)

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Comfort Sisters' Corner (Continued prom page 5.)

you didn't write again, so to make everybody happy (including myself). I was going to ask for another latter.

Cabin, shanty or bungalow—what does it matter so long as it is Home and you love it and are happy?

You are, such an all-round sort of person that I hope you will come again with a cheery letter and also tell us about other pretty things we can make.—Ed.

Perman, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Comfort Sisters:

Is there just a wee space for me? I have come along the babbing brook and will hand my huge bouquet of verbeass, sweet williams, daisies, buttercups, red, yellow and blue columbine and honeysuckle to Mrs. Wilkinson.

I was to tell you of a little help I would like each of the company resease well the pie pan and sponk holesome crust without flour and only enough shortening to grease the pan, grease well the pie pan and sprinkle on all the nine bolted corn meal that will adhere to the side and bottom of pie tin and carefully pour in any desired filling that is baked with one crust such as custard, lemon, pumpkin or squash pie. A meringue, made of sugar and whites of eggs may be added if desired, and if you have the sugar. Try this when you are in a hurry or tired and don't want to go to the bother of making that is baked with one crust such as custard, lemon, pumpkin or squash pie. A meringue, made of sugar and whites of eggs may be added if desired, and if you have the sugar. Try this when you are in a hurry or tired and don't want to go to the bother of making crust in the usual way.

Missouri Sisters:

Thanks, kind lady, for the beautiful bouquet. I have given it the place of honor on my desk. Your labor-saving piecrust idea is worth trying. Come again with some more helps for us.—Ed.

Dear Comport Sisters:

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Two days afterward the great gates of Levallion Castle were opened wide to let out the funeral of the man who had been poisoned in his own house. Behind the hearse, before the long rows of country neighbors who came because they must and the flocking poor who came because the dead man had been good to them, walked the new Lord Levallion as chief mourner—and people stared as they saw Sir Thomas Annesley walking at his side. Sir Thomas, whose sister was a murderess, and lying in jail awaiting her committal for trial at the assizes.

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Long and speechlessly the new Lord Levallion ctood by his cousin's grave. If there were men who would have spoken to him they dared not do it, so hard and hostile was his face. He turned without seeming to see his neighbors or the parson at his elbow; and to the surprise of every one drove off in the opposite direction from Levallion Castle.

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But all that was the last thing in Adrian's head as he drove to the station from that ghastliest thing on earth, the funeral of a murdered man.

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In the last two days he had ransacked the village, but of a Mrs. Murray no one had ever heard. The landlord of the raw new bungalows had gone away; the caretaker gave a description of Miss Brown, the defaulting tenant, which did not tally in any respect with Hester Murray, except that Miss Brown had yellow hair.

Bad as Hester might be, he had never known her to drink; and the village girl who had waited on the tenant of the bungalow swore that two days out of three her mistress would drink herself into a heavy sleep. She said, also, that Miss Brown never left the house except to go into the garden; that at night, from her cottage nearby—for she had never slept in the house—she had always seen the drawing room lit up till all hours. And it was clear her story was true, for none of the village people had ever laid eyes on the levanting tenant during all the three months she had lived in the bungalow.

"That disposes of Hester," Adrian said to himself, "She could never have lived cooped up like that, She'd have scoured the country for excercise."

Levallion's lawyer, too, poohpoohed the idea, as me money.

The Girl He Loved

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He shrugged his shoulders helplessly.

"What's she doing—Ravenel?" Tommy was on his feet, pale as Levallion up stairs.

"Nothing." Just slitting there like death. Go the her and see if you can make her cry. I couldn't make her even seem to hear me."

As the door closed behind the boy, Houghton turned to Adrian.

"It was to say good by I sent him," he said drearily. The warrant has come to arrest her. "She sha'n't go," cried Gordon blackly; but he knew he was talking mesense more there are the more than the stars in their course,"—bitterly—"he able to bail her out again."

He turned to the window because there were tears in his eyes, and so did not see that every trace of humanity had been wheel out of Adrian Gordon's countenance, as in a volce the like of them.

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"Because, in my own eyes, I am his widow," she said. "You know that! Have you come here to insult me when I am heartbroken—or why?"

And to his astounding eyes there were the ravages of fearful grief in her face. But he was in no mood for pity.

"How dared you tell Lady Levallion, before her marriage," he said—and it was not what she had expected—"that 'Mrs. Gordon' was my wife?"

"Because Sylvia Annesley made me, threatened me. And I did it in ignorance. If I had known what I was doing, do you think I would have stirred a finger to help Levallion to marry—to marry!" bitterly.

"I suppose not. Well, it's-some small comfort to think you ruined yourself! Were you trying to undo your work by passing yourself off as Miss Brown, at Levallion?"

But the sudden question never jarred her; she had been ready for it, since for all she knew. Levallion might have told him. Her wide open eves opened innocently as she stared at him, and all the while it was sweeping over her acute brain that he was speaking by guesswork,

"I don't know what you mean!" she cried, in her clear, high voice, "I know nothing about any Miss Brown."

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"You've been living within a mile of it all summer!"

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Summer:
Pale as a sheet, she stood up in front of him.
"Are you mad?" she said. "Would I—I that he discarded, shamed, ruined, go near him and his new—wife? Whoever your Miss Brown was, she was not I! I've been ill, poor, starving, nearly dying, till Levallion heard of it and sent me money."

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He terrified her till she could scarcely answer him, and if she did not satisfy him she was ruined. She shook her head.

"I've been in France, Boulogne," she said. "In head, a pension; you can write and ask them." And thanked Heaven she dared to play the desperate card, though only yesterday she had loathed the means that put it into her hand.

"Day before yesterday—the last few days?" doggedly.

"I've been here. Oh, Adrian! Why are you asking me such questions? If I had been at Levallion, could I have stayed away from—him?" Her low, broken voice, her puzzled msery, were perfect; and yet the man disbelieved in her because he knew her to be aliar.

"Do you expect me to believe it was not you who lived at Levallion, in that bungalow behind the village, all summer?" he said. "Because I think it was."

"It was not I. And if it had been, it is none of your affair."

Ifer change of tone startled him. He did not realize he had made a mistake when he said "think," instead of "know."

"Here," she said, and she wrote an address on a bit of paper. "Write to Boulogne and ask, And now tell me what your Miss Brown has been doing that you should think I was she?"

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What do you expect me to do about your allowance?"

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"And.—I don't think I will."

"If you want it, you had better stay here till you hear from me. Do you understand?"

"Unless you hear from me—first," she said slowly. And he could not understand the mixture of triumph and fright that was in her face.

"What do you mean? You're powerless," he cried sharpfy.

"Yes." And for his life he did not know whether it was an assent or a question. He caught back the threat that was on his lips and went out.

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In the street he called himself every sort of fool. As if it had been written on the black, rainy sky, he saw that he had betrayed his suspicion of her and she had cleared herself and then defied him. He had accomplished absolutely nothing of what he meant to do,

"She means mischief," he said to the depths of his umbrella. "She's going to do something."

But just what Mrs. Murray had in her power never entered his brain.

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"Don't cry, darling!" she whispered, as though it had been he and not she that was in peril of life. "Oh, Tommy, I thought I would die for want of you!"

"They wouldn't let me come." He lifted his head. "Who's that?" he cried sharply. For a woman was sewing by the window.

"The matron," softly. "Did you think they'd let you see me alone?"

The woman looked up.

"Don't mind me, sir!" she cried, her hard face very gentle. "I'll not heed anything you say."

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"She's been very good to me," Ravenel said gratefully, and the matron smilled, but her eyes, were wet. For, if Lady Levallion were innoceat ten times over, she could not prove it. And the matron's only daughter who died would have been just the age of this girl, who presently would be tried for murder. She moved to the farthest limit of the room as the brother and sister sat down on the bed.

"Are you well, Tommy?" Ravenel whispered.
"You look so thin!"

"Never mind me; I'm all right." He grabbed at her hand. "I can only stay half an hour. Tell me, can't you think of anything I don't know?"

"Nothing," deliberately. For once having perjured herself because she had seen a flying glimpse of a man she thought was Adrian, there was nothing to do but stick by it. If she had been certain he was in London, she could have told the truth: but yet it would have helped her very little in face of those two bottles.

"You've seen your lawyer?"

She nodded. There had been little enough in that clever man's face to reassure her.

"Don't fret," she said slowly. "There are three weeks before I—my trial."

"And so far we haven't found out one thing," he said, and hid his face again.

"I've thought of something, though it can't help me," she began, smoothing the boy's rough hair. "The Umbrella, Tommy! She didn't send for me to tell me about that old story of Sylvia. She sent for me to warn me about Levallion. I feel it, and he did, too; else why did he say, before he died: 'We should have gone.'?

"But if it doesn't?" he gasped.

A dreadful shudder took her. To die, with a rope around her meck, in a prison-yard!

"Pray it will!" she cried. "Oh, Tommy, I know you'd help me if you could! But if you can't, pretend it's all right. It's the only thing you can do for me. I—I've got to be brave!"

The boy sat up, but he did not look at her.

"Look here," he said; "what do you think about Gordon?"

"It didn't do it!" quickly; for all her p

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Lady Levallion had been committed for trial at the assizes, and, as Houghton had foreseen, was refused bail.

In the county jall at Valchampton she must stay alone, counfortless—a girl of nineteen; must be a month away from liberty and free air before her trial. Of after that Houghton dared not think. He worked wonders for her comfort, though, and instead of a cell she had a room, plain and bare, but still a room. Yet it seemed prisonlike enough to Sir Thomas Annesley, when it is cold smell of carbolic acid, till at last he had leave to go and see her.

Door after door was unlocked and locked behind his cold smell of carbolic acid, till at last he stood in the small room that was properly part of the jail infirmary, and heard its iron door click behind his heels.

"Tommy!" she cried, incredulous, rapturous, though she had known he was coming.

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But the boy could not answer: could only cling a garainst her shoulder. For he had seen her face, and knew a little, jest a little, of what her days and nights must have been.

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"How will Germany win?" said Mrs. House, quite calmly.

"With her submarines, with her Zeppelins, with her soldiers, and, above all, with perseverance, Perseverance, madam, always in the long run achieves its object."

"Not always," replied Mrs. House. "I once owned a hen that persevered in sitting on a china egg."—Boston Post.

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Luck brings pluck. The devil laughs at hypocrites To live long one must live slowly. Events are often the best calendars. Good fame is better than a good face. A man's best friends are his ten fingers. Obstinate people are the lawyer's delight. Fire in the heart means smoke in the head. An evil tongue must be cured in the thought. Friendship is the remedy for all misfortunes. Habit is a fine-woven cable and a strong one. Nothing is certain in a lawsuit but the expense. It is always term-time in the court of conscience. They who can be laws to themselves need but few laws. A small debt produces a debtor; a large one an enemy, A head without words is better than words without

The drinking of water never made a man sick nor a wife Second-hand cares, like second-hand clothes, are easily put on and off.

The wisdome of nations lies in their proverbs, collect and learn them,

Curiosity is to look over other people's affairs and to III-luck, in nine cases out of ten, is the result of saying pleasure first and duty second.

not iron to be wrought upon while hot.

It is well to make a just computation between the dura-tion of a pleasure and that of the repentance which must

Soy Beans a Valuable Food

Soy beans have been used and liked in the United States for many years in those regions where they have been grown, and more recently have been used by canners to some extent for general trade. The war situation, with its need for finding new foods and new uses for old foods has fixed attention on this food crop to such as extent that the name soy bean has now become fairly familiar. fairly familiar.

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The soy, bean, which is well known in the Orient as a valuable food staple, is unlike common legumes, in that it contains much oil and no starch. Oil is obtained by pressing it out of the beans. This leaves a press cake which still contains some oil and all the rest of the food material originally present in the beans. The cake is readily ground into flour, which is of high food value and can be used in many ways in cooking. It has been on the market to some extent for a long time and used for special purposes. It is now becoming a common foodstuff in some localities, one which is well worth knowing and using.

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Home Dressmaking Hints Forecasts for Mid-Summer Fashions

By Geneva Gladding



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Jumper styles are ever

popular, and may be worn with a guimpe of any soft material. Suspender dresses are again with us-just the thing for comfort and a saving in labor for the laun-

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Cut in four sizes; three, four, six and eight years. It requires one and one fourth yard of 36-inch material for the blouse, and one and one eighth vard for the trousers, for a three-year size.

2030.—Boys' Suit with or without shield and yoke facing, and with sleeve in either of two lengths. This style is fine for wash materials, such as galatea, drill, linen, linene, corduroy, seersucker, gingham and chambray. The blouse may be worn in smock, or in sailor style.

Cut in four sizes; three, four, five and six years. It requires two and one half yards of 44-inch material for a three-year size.

2438.—A Pleasing Frock for the Growing Girl. This would be pretty in flowered voile or organde, and is also nice for batiste, dimity, satin, silk and combinations of material. The berthalmay be omitted.

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Cut in three sizes; small, medium and large.

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No. 1 will require one and one eighth yard of
36 inch material; No. 2, one yard of 36 inch material; No. 3, one and seven eighths yards of
22-inch material for a medium size.

2454.—A Pretty, Attractive Set of Collars. Any
seasonable materials may be used for these styles.
No. 1 and No. 2 are splendid for Satin, cloth or
silk. No. 3 and No. 4 are pretty in batiste,
satin, silk, lawn, organdy, mull, crepe, chiffon,
net or lace. The pattern includes all styles ilinstrated. It is cut in one size medium. It
requires for No. 1, one half yard of 36-inch material; for No. 2, five eighths yard of 36-inch
material; for No. 3, three fourths yard of 27inch material.

2455.—A Good Outing or School Suit. In this
illustration the blouse is shown in material different from that of the skirt, but both may be
of the same material. Serge, gingham, chambray, galatea, repp, poplin, and gabardine are
nice.

Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years.
Size 12 requires two and one half yards of 27inch material for the blouse and two and three
fourths yards for the skirt.

2457.—A Comfortable Apron Model. This is a
good "coverall" style, suitable for gingham, linen,
percale, lawa, khaki, drill and alpaca. The belt
may be omitted.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 3638; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches

percale, lawn, khaki, drill and arrays, may be omitted.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires five and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2460.— A Cool, Comfortable Play Dress. This design is good for repp, pique, linen, gingham, chambray, percale, galatea, Indian Head, drill or cotton corduroy.

chambray, percale, galatea, Indian Head, drin occotton cordurcy.

Out in four sizes; two, four, six and eight years. Size four requires two and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2461.—A Splendid Style for Sports or Outing. In striped or plain volle, or in Jersey cloth, this model will be very attractive. It could also be developed in gingham or chambray, in white serge or gabardine, with contrasting material for trimming.

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"It in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 requires six and one fourth yards of 44-inch material.

2463.—A Pretty Frock for the Growing Girl.—This will be a splendid model for flouncing, embroidered voile, crepe, batiste, lawn, dimity or wiss. The over-skirt may be omitted.

Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 will require three yards of 44-inch material.

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Size 10 will require three yards of 44-inch material.

2464.—A Stylish Skirt Model. This is a good stesign for serge, gabardine, foulard, satin, taffeta, gingham, chambray and volle, also for crepe, linen and pique.

Cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 24 will require three and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2466.—A Smart Bathing Suit. This model is good for sateen, alpaca, serge, silk, satin, linen, ersey cloth and gabardine. The blouse closes at the side, over a vest. A one-piece undergarment is worn with the blouse; this is best made of material the same as the blouse.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require four and one eighth yards of 36-inch material for the blouse and two and five eighths yards for the undergarment.

2467.—A Very Attractive Frock. Gingham, challie, chambray, linen, lawn, dimity and batiste are good for this model; also serge, gabardine, foulard and taffeta. The skirt has three gores, plaited in back and front. The sleeve may be in wrist or elbow length.

Cut in four sizes: six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight requires three and one fourth yards of 44-inch material.

2469.—A Good Style for School and General Wear. In this model, combinations of material would be very desirable. The skirt could be of serge or linen, and the blouse of sports goods, khaki, madras or silk. The sleeve may be in wrist or elbow length.

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for 'plenty of hose to keep the flames from devouring us, and the pacifists, the mush heads and the dreamers reviled me, and yet if we had only tackled that fire a year earlier than we did it would be all out today, and instead of the bloody Hun devouring nation after nation and licking his gory chops with glee, monarchy would be a thing of the past, the sword would be benten into a ploughshare, German militarism and autocracy would be in its grave. When a man's house is on fire, it does not matter whether he is a republican, democrat or socialist, if he does not put out the fire, he will soon have no house, and if he does not hop out of the house in quick time he'll be a corpse. That in brief sums up the situation in this country today. This is the people's war and not a war of any political party. The only thing that counts now is whether we are to have a country, a national home in which we can work out our salvation and live up to whatever ideals of sovernment the majority of our citizens deem best for us and our loved ones, or whether we hear to go down into the dust (as the Russians for centuries went down under the heel of Genghis Khan, and the poor, wretched, martyred Armenians, have been for centuries forced to live under the yole of those fiends of hell the Turks) and become hewers of wood and drawers of water tor Hindenburg, the Prussian wild boar, and his bloody legions of baby killing buichers. The American people have scarcely awakened to the fact that we are at war, that is why the socialist is still chasing the capitalist and the profiteers big and small are still chasing the dollar. But wait until the Hun starts to chase the whole bunch of us, then the sapheads and dreamers will be so husy crawling into gopher holes, they will quit playing politics and be shedding tears of blood because they did not remember that the only "ism" worth while when one's country is attacked and when nations are crumbling and men are being slain by the millions, is patrlotized.

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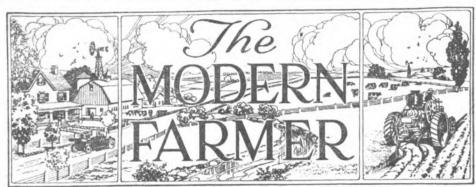
I have known you through your many excellent articles in Compost for quite a while, and we used to agree very well about everything but not about preparedness and war. Until two years ago I used to think you were wrong in your ideas about these things, but I do not think so any longer, as the war has taught me another lesson, and the best proof that I have changed my opinion is that last spring I went into this war myself as a volunteer. I slaways hated war and militarism and do yet, but I went into it because I think the best way to counteract and check these things is to see that the war will be fought thoroughly through to the very end. Another thing I now see clearly that this great war has in it a great lesson for mankind and that it had to come. It has proved a great eye opener and awakener. It compels us to think and proves that many of our precious ideas are rusty and corrupt. This war will make us believe more in toof than all the churches put together so that we can sing with Browning: "Perfect I call Thy plan, thanks that I was a man." I am a lover of the classics in Scandinavian and English literature, and I have a nice little collection of good books bomb in Montana. Excuse my English. I learned it mostly with self study on my homestead in the winter evenings, and after I was 44, years of ago. While the losses in this war have been terrible beyond expression we may at least comfort ourselves with the thought that they will usher in unparaleiled gains. With greetings from courseles, Americans and Canadians, Yours most sincerely.

Oscar Vourstan. DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Yours most sincerely, OSCAR VOOSTAD.

There is a letter from a real man, a man with a big heart and a white soul. I hate war as I hate hell: hate everything connected with it, but I knew this war was coming and knew we would have to take a part in it. Lincoln said that no nation could exist that was half slave and balf free, and I knew as the democratic spirit took deeper root in the hearts and souls of men, that autocracy and monarchy as exemplified by the two Kaisers of Germany and Austria and the ruling military caste of these countries would make one final and feroclous effort to retain their power and their privileges; that might would try and down right and the right of free men to life. Herty and the pursuit of happiness, and government by consent of the governed, would be challenged. The world could not exist half democratic and half autocratic. When Germany invaded Belgium she invaded the territory of every democratic country on earth and thrust her mailed fist into the face of every lover of freedom. All thought and hoped that the German socialist was animated by the revolutionary spirit, but he has betrayed his contrader the world over and has proved a willing tool of his imperial master. I warned you of what was coming and bade you prepare and Oscar Vogstad's letter and the terrible events of the last-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.)

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Don't Pasture New Seeding

EVER before did we so plainly see the need of following this advice than this season, when field after field of new seeding clover is seen to have been winter-killed. Last fall feed was very high, as it is this year, and the temptation was very great to pasture the new clover and timothy on the grain stubbles. Men who knew befter and who never before had fallea to the temptation turned their cattle into the stubble fields, and let them pasture the new tender, nutritious clover plants. The result is that with the long, cold winter and lack of snow in many parts and repeated freezing and thawing of the unprotected ground the weakened clover plants winter-killed. We have seen field after field plowed up and seeded again to small grain. Considering that clover seed is at an "awful price" at present, the loss is a tremendous one, to say nothing of the loss of fertility which should be gathered by the cropped field when in clover this year and next.

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Wise was the man who sowed four pounds of clover seed on every acre of his small grain crop last year and this. That will bring up a fine stand of clover for fall-pasturage on land that is not intended to furnish the hay crop next year. Doing this the land is fertilized and the need of pasturing the new seeding for hay is obviated. It is an even better plan to sow some Essex rape with the grain crop, in addition to clover seeding, as the fall pasturage will be richer and better for the stock.

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Den't make the mistake again this year of pasturing the new seeding of clover, timothy or alfalfa. Instead of that try to mulch such fields lightly with manure or even with straw as winter protection and added fertility. It will pay to do this. It is ruinous to take the other course.

Lice and Ringworm

Two new remedies have recently been proposed for these irritating pests of animals and may well be tried by our readers.

For the destruction or removal of lice a practical stockman advises the use of table salt, or even common salt, freely applied and rubbed in along the back bone and behind the ears, or on any part of the body most infested by lice. This certainly is a simple and safe treatment and may possibly have some virtue, but thus far we have not had a chance to give it a trial. It reminds us that salt similarly applied is said to be a good remedy for warble grubs in the backs of cattle. The salt is licked off by other cattle, and the licking, as well as the effects of the salt, may destroy the grubs. We prefer to squeeze out each ripe grub by pressing down upon the boil with the open mouth of a large bottle. Then destroy the grubs.

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The new remedy for ringworm is to wet each spot and rub in finely powdered calcium carbide, which is then to be washed off in thirty seconds. This is an English remedy and is worthy of trial with us. In this connection it should be remembered that the ringworm parasite, a vegetable one, lives on damp walls and woodwork as well as upon the skin and to get rid of the nuisance it is necessary to cleanse, disinfect and whitewash or paint such objects and all rubbing posts. Both lice and ringworm are most likely to infect stock kept in dark, dirty, warm and poorly ventilated basement stables.

Beware the Dirty Threshing Mill

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One day last fall we saw a threshing mill at work on a crop of oats that had come from a field terribly dirty with quack grass. On the same farm the barley was equally foul. The shocks of grain were simply black with quack instead of golden with clean straw. The straw from these fields was baled and sold for city use. The grain we hope was not offered to anyone for seed, but we have no information as to that. It is certain, however, that the threshing mill coming from work-on such a foul farm will carry with it some weed seed to the next farm on which it is used. The community threshing outfit may thus carry and spread weed seed from farm to farm and we are certain that this happens in many a district every year.

For this reason, then, the threshing mill should be thoroughly cleaned before it is put to work on the next farm. Run straw through it for a while to shake out the weed seed. Have the threshermen cleanse the sieves and shakers and every part of the machine if it is known that the grain last threshed was foul with noxious weeds. It is well to feed the first bags of grain instead of keeping them for seed and the first chaff and short straw that comes through on starting the mill on the new farm should go into the mahure pile or feeding rack. A little care in this matter will save much work in trying to rid clean fields of "inherited" weed pests.

A New Silage

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lack of transportation, dairy products have accumulated in the country until now cold storages and warehouses are "piled to the roof" with stored cheese and condensed milk. These will move of course when cars and ships can be had, since both are the best of concentrated foods for soldiers, but just now there is an excess supply; hence prices of milk are falling and prices of feeds still remain high. With the difficulty which they experience in getting good help, the farmers in the dairy sections are tempted to sell off their cows. This is further brought about by the high price of meat and the high price of veal. With good veal calves bringing fifteen or twenty dollars apiece, the farmer doesn't want to take the trouble to raise them.

What Is Likely to Happen is This: We will cut down our herds as they have done in France and England and Germany and in practically every other dairy country in the world. Then when the war is over, or before, we too will be short of dairy cattle. Already we have had opportunity to sell dairy cattle in large numbers to Europe, but could not ship them over on account of lack of boats. That the fields of Europe will be restocked with American cattle is now certain, provided we ourselves have the cattle to spare. After the war is over there will be a good market both for dairy cattle and for dairy products.

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STAY IN THE DAIRY BUSINESS is our advice to dairymen. Don't cut down the size of your herd or sell off your heifer calves. The shortsighted fellow will do that, but the good dairyman should "stick" and increase his numbers if possible. This may be done by raising as much of his own feed as he possibly can, producing less milk if prices go too low and increasing his holding of young stock. If he has to sell anything, let it be the old and profitless cows.

Late Crops

What to do if corn fails—or help is so scarce that late planting must be used. These are questions doubly important this year to all farmers in the Northern states.

Backwheat

We are short of bread stuffs and must keep up our supply of bread crops. Much wheat was injured by winter killing and more will be hurt by bugs and rust. The wheat has already gone out of the country and it is still a long time until-harvest. The world needs a billion bushels of wheat from the United States this year, or four hundred million bushels more than we raised last year. Hence buckwheat is one of the most desirable catch crops that we can sow.

Buckwheat does well on almost any well drained soil, but particularly well on light sandy soils and new lands cleared too late for earlier crops. It may be sown as late as July 1st, in fact the last week in June is the accepted time in most of the buckwheat states. The Japanese variety is the most satisfactory. Practically the only enemy that buckwheat has is the blight occasioned by hot weather or the early frost.

Success with this crop then becomes more one of season than anything else. In a critical time like this the farmer can well afford to "take a chance" on the season and sow buckwheat.

Alfalfa

Alfalfa can well follow any small grain, rather wheat or oats. The stubble should be turned over and left for a few days for the weeds to sprout, then it should be thoroughly disked and harrowed and limed if necessary. It can ther be seeded with inoculated seed, using 15 to 20 pounds per acre. The Grimm variety has stood up the best in all Experiment Station tests.

While alfalfa will not add to our food crops this year, it will give to the farmer a cheap and abundant source of protein for next year's feeding. It has been a lack of this protein supply that has caused the excessively high price of feeds, the principal reason why it has cost so much to produce milk during the season just closed. By raising his own protein feed the farmer insures himself against either an unusual shortage of feed or a tie-up in transportation, both of which happened last winter, largely due to war conditions. to war conditions.

From one of our leading dairy states, there has recently come a builetin describing a new slage. It is claimed that this slage is much to be preferred to corn slage in regions where corn is an american crop on account of climatic states. The property of the corn slage is regions where the mess islage as follows:

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Slage is made from hay made pp of a mixture of timothy, clover and affalfa. The first crop is used for slage, since it contains a large amount of the property of the property of the property of the property of the property. The first crop makes about ten tons of slage per acre. If the grass is cut very early in the moraing when the dew is on, there will be little need of running a stream of water into the little need of running a stream of

out of the dry leaves by rain or dew and lost; hence it is very important to get hay under cover before it has been washed by rain or dew. Proba-bly the best plan is to cut hay in the afternoon or evening, leaving it to dry the next forenoon and get it into the barn before rain or dew has had a chance to fall on it after it is partially dry.

Cow Questions Answered

Here are some common questions that come to us about cows, the answers to which are of general interest and should be remembered by every farm boy and girl. The need of such information is necessary for the other day we saw a picture in a ladies' magazine depicting a cow with a full set of incisor teeth in her upper jaw as well as in the under jaw.

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4. What are incisor teeth?

A. These teeth are also called "nippers" or "pincher teeth" and are the ones in front of the mouth with which forage is bitten off. They have sharp cutting edges, whereas, the big broad grinding teeth in the back of the mouth, or sides of the jaw bones, have rough surfaces, and are called "molars."

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Q. How many incisors has the cow?

A. Eight incisors teeth are found on the lower jaw only. In place of upper incisor teeth the cow has a dental pad or hard palate against which the incisor teeth of the lower jaw press without cutting. The horse has six incisor teeth above and below and a sharp canine or bridle tooth midway between the incisors and molars above and below on each side of the mouth. In the cow the extra pair of incisors correspond to the canines, but are not apart from the six incisors.

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A. The incisors of the cow have narrow necks, are shovel shaped and loose in the gums. They also project forward. These provisions are made to prevent the incisors from cutting the dental pad. The incisors of the horse have comparatively broad cutting and grinding surfaces are rigid and upright, as they contact one another from above and below.

Q. Does corn silage loosen the teeth of the couf.
A. No. The teeth naturally are loose, as here stated. Acid silage may help the teeth to more quickly become brittle or break off. It is not uncommon to find a twelve-year-old cow with only the liftle stumps or neeks of her inclsor teeth present. Such cows cannot properly gather grass into their mouths when it is brought to it by the tongue. The teeth should be sound if any animal is to thrive well.

Do cove ever need the attention of a veterinary t as do horses?

A. Yes; although this fact is not generally understood. The milk tooth crowns of in-coming molar teeth (premolars) often lodge or fail to come off and may stick between the molars and cheeks or tongue. Such shells or crowns are a common cause of lack of thrift in two-year-old cattle and should be removed. This is easily accomplished by means of a pair of forceps. Sharp points and split and diseased molar teeth also may cause ill-thrift and should be extracted, but it is the young growing cattle that most often need attention from the dentist.

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Q. What is "hollow horn?"

A. It is a term applied by ignorant and superstitions people to a mythical disease of cattle. The horns of all adult cattle are hollow. Pus sometimes works its way into the hollow base of the horn when a cow is suffering from malignant catarrh and that may be the supposed disease referred to as "hollow horn." It is unnecessary and useless to bore holes in the horns and insert drugs of any kind.

Q. How can the age of cattle be told from the horne? A. A ring forms at the base of the horn for each year of the life after three years. Figure that the smooth point of the horn represents three years and add one year for each ring, counting from the head. Aged cattle have a very deep depression in the horn near the head.

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Q. De cattle "lose the cudt"

A. No. Chewing of the cud, or rumination, is the natural act of bringing food back into the mouth to be more thoroughly chewed and acted upon by sallva. When a cow stops ruminating she is sick. When she recovers, rumination is resumed. Suppression of cud chewing then is a symptom of sickness, and providing an artificial cud of salt pork, or other concections, or a red herring cannot cure the sickness. Sometimes the salt makes a cow work her tongue, sallva then flows and rumination may consequently be encouraged. Usually that is temporary, unless the cow is about well and rumination is about to recur at the time the prepared "cud" is administered.

Q. Is there such a disease as "wolf in the tail"? and what are "wolves" in the hide?

A. No. The belief in this myth and in "hollow horn" is fast dying out. It is most commonly believed in at the South. The "wolf" in the tail is supposed to be a worm that eats the bone. Maggots or screw worms possibly may form in a wounded or discrement the end of the tail, nor is splitting of the tail and inserting of salt, garlic and such things necessary or helpful. The soft spot simply is due to pulling apart of the small bones of the tail. "Wolves" under the skin of the back are grubs (larvæ) of the ox warble fly.

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Q. Are twin heifer calves barren from birth?
A. No. When a bull and a heifer are born as twins, the female commonly is barren, but the male is fertile. Female twins are fertile. The barren heifer is termed a "free martin" and commonly is a hermaphrodite.

Q. Are "wolves" ever found in the womb

A. No. The red, fleshy, or mushroom-like objects projecting from the lining membrane of the womb, and which sometimes are torn off in removing the after-birth or "cleansing," are cotyledons to which the placental membrane of afterbirth adheres and through which the fetus receives its nourishment in the womb.

as July or August with good results. While they are primarily a stock feed they yield heavily and are used extensively as human food.

Millet

The millets are of especial value as hay crops in case of hay shortage. In most states they do well and can follow a corn failure or an early harvest of winter wheat. The Hungarian millet is preferred, sown at the rate of 40 pounds per acre, either broadcast or in drills, While it is desirable that the seeding be done in June, early July is all right if the weather is not too dry and hot.

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**Q. When a pure-bred-gred, politered black cow is said to have been mated with a bull of like color and breed and produces a red calf, can the seller of the cow be held responsible and made to pay domages?

*A. No. Red was once a natural color of the Aberdeen-Angus breed and a cow of that breed may throw a red calf at any time although the sire is black. This is termed "atayism," or harking back to the lost "scur" hors may appear upon a pure-bred polled calf and a horse occasionally is born with three hoofs on one leg. Such extra hoofs are atayistic recurrences of the additional hoofs characterizing the remote ancestor of the modern horse.

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An Army of Poultry Raisers Called

Poultry Industry, with an Advisory Board to look after the interests of the producer and to cooperate in all government activities wherein the producer of poultry is involved in any way. A resolution was adopted requesting the Secretary of Agriculture and the Food Administrator to add a representative of the poultry industry to serve on the Farmers' Committee of Twenty-Four.

The Board decided to maintain a fixed office at Washington during the period of the war. A. G. Philips was chosen president of the War Emergency Federated Poultry Industry, and E. E. Richards treasurer, chairman of the Advisory Board, and secretary of the Federated Poultry Industry. There will be a "War Emergency Committee" in each State to co-operate in support of the program of the Federation.

We all know that to win the war the men who are fighting must have food. We must send them beef, pork, wheat, and like things that will stand the long trip across the water and keep in good condition, so America will have to depend largely

cated by the thick pelvic arch and a hard abdomen. In the laying hen the ischial bones of the pelvic arch are thin. In the heavy laying hen there is noted bleached shanks, beak, earlobes, eyelids and vent.

The yellow color is due to xanthophyll, which occurs principally in the green feed; thus the more green feed the bird consumes, the slower will be the bleaching of the parts when the laying period begins. In the heavy laying hen the capacity will be indicated by the distance from the posterior point of the breast bone to the pelvic arch, which should be three or four fingers' breadth, and the pubic bones in the region of the vent should be two to three fingers in breadth. In the non-layer these pubic bones may be scarcely one finger's breadth apart.

And when on the job of culling, don't forget

one finger's breadth apart.

And when on the job of culling, don't forget that there are many advantages in the capon over the ordinary roasting fowl. He is much larger, attains weight more cheaply, is always in demand because of a large carcass, and sells for from ten to twelve cents a pound higher than the rooster because of the quality of the meat. After cockerels have reached the age of four and a half to five months they become quarrelsome, and are hard to keep in flocks of more than four or five, whereas capons can be kept in large flocks and are as docile as a flock of pullets. Being inactive, they put on weight rapidly, and although their bodies reach an enormous size, they never become tough.

It is not advisable to caponize the lighter breeds, such as the Leghorns, etc., as the large carcass can never be obtained from such fowls. The American type, such as the Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red and Wayndotts and the interest.



WE ARE BUYING THRIFT STAMPS

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We all know that to win the war the men who are fighting must have food. We must send them beef, pork, wheat, and like things that will stand the long trip across the water and keep in good condition, so America will have to depend largely on poultry and eggs to take the place of meat, and if chicks and eggs are to be produced in sufficient amounts, it will be only because the American farmer, together with his family, keep faithfully at work.

Culling is the important work just at this season, for, with the present price of feed, no one can afford to keep "deadheads." As soon as hens stop laying in July, clear them out to make way for pullets.

The indications that a bird is physically qualified to produce eggs are—a clear, full, bright eyet the eyelids wide open and not sluggish; a good strong pair of shanks, with straight, well-worn toenalls showing constant use in scratching. Only a healthy fowl is a laying fowl, and such a bird must of necessity have a good appetite. A hen that is laying has an enlarged abdomen, due to the enlarged intestines, ovary, and oviduct, and the body is deeper at the rear than at the front of the keel. These points are not so well marked when the hen ceases laying.

In the non-laying hen there is likely to be an unusual accumulation of fat in the abdomen and

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germs into the liver, when numerous centers of the disease appear, and show yellowish spots, which, when cut across, will be found to be irregularly globular in shape. It is not positively known whether the germs of these diseases are present in the eggs laid by affected hens or turkeys, but there is no doubt that they are present on the shell, which collects the germs as the egg passes through the egg passage from the bird. It is for this reason that all eggs should be wiped with alcohol before being put under hens or in incubators. The germs of the above diseases are apt to linger in incubators and brooders, and frequently originate in old hay, moldy ground or other waste matter. So as a matter of prevention, incubators should be disinfected after each hatch, and brooders before each new lot of chicks is put into them, and nesting material for setting hens should be clean, sweet hay. As you have a good flock of hens, it seems a pity to part with them, and really not necessary, if you will work along the lines of prevention during the coming fall and winter. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all the houses at frequent intervals Have the gards or ground where the hens are in the habit of congregating covered with fresh lime, which should be turned under after twenty-four hours. If it is possible to seed the ground, so much the better—it will sweeten it. As soon as you stop using eggs for hatching, add a thimbleful of permanganate of potassium to every four quarts of drinking water, until November. This will kill the germs which the hens may be carrying. For young chicks once attacked there is no cure, though giving them sour milk to drink from the time they are hatched is supposed to act as a preventive.

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E. B.—From your description of the liver and lungs after death, there is little doubt that the fowls were suffering from tuberculosis, which is very contagious, and so difficult to detect in the early stages that it is almost impossible to cure as the vital organs are usually past repair before dectoring starts. The only safe way to eradicate the trouble is to get rid of all your present stock. Thoroughly disinfect the premises, plow up all ground in the vicinity of the chickes houses, and seed to oats, rye, or any quick-growing crop, then start with an entirely new strain of birds.

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crop, then start with an entirely new strain of birds.

J. R. T.—I cannot understand the condition you describe with your incubator chicks, unless you allowed the heat to run up and down very suddenly during the period of incubation. You ask if it could be caused by the shaking of the incubator. Yes; it certainly could. An incubator should stand firmly and evenly, where there is no danger of its receiving jerks or shakes. Before Setting the machine again, I advise you to thoroughly study the directions which came with it, and refer to COMFORT of last January and February.



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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

The Hair in Summer

UMMER is here, girls, and it behooves us to give a little extra thought to our toilets, else we run the risk of not seeming as neat and sweet as we mean to be. Perhaps the first thing which should engage our attention is our hair. Summer hair, let me warn you, is a real responsibility. The shampoos which are sufficient to keep the hair clean in winter, when the scalp is dry and does not accumulate dust, are too few in summer. The big thing to remember about hair, at any season of the year, is that when it is not clean is the time to wash it, no matter when you had your last shampoo.

Since, however, too frequent shampoos are drying to the hair, you should exercise all the care possible to keep it clean for the regulation period between shampoos—which, for oily hair, is two weeks; for dry hair, three weeks.

The big agent of uncleanliness in summer is perspiration, and of course the scalp perspires almost as freely as the rest of the body. We can remove the clothes from the body, and air and bathe it, once or twice a day; but the hair which clothes the scalp cannot be removed, alas! for any such purpose. We can, however, air our hair and should do so at least once a day.

On arising in the morning (of course you have slept with the hair very loosely braided), unbraid the hair and shake it out. Rub the loose hair between the folds of a Turkish bath towel and give the scalp a brisk toweling as well. Stand by an open window and toss the hair here and there, letting the breezes blow on every portion of the scalp. Let it hang loose while dressing, and until just before you don your morning frock. It needs a good brisk brushing, with a tossing motion, before you arrange it as you are accustomed to wear it.

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Do not make the mistake of shaking powder into the hair. It will dry, to be sure, but it yill also clog the scalp, cause irritation, dandruff, and often, later, excessive oiliness.

If you keep the scalp perfectly sweet and fresh, you may add a dainty touch by adding a fillet about the head, made of a narrow ribbon with a lining of another ribbon stitched to it, sachet powder being sprinkled between the two ribbon layers. A small flat two-inch pad of ribbon made in the same way, with no wadding, but a very little sachet powder folded in a layer of tissue and laid between the ribbons before stitching, can be used instead of the ribbon fillet, if it is made of silk the color of the hair and slipped under the back coil of hair or concealed beneath the hair that rolls away from the forehead. Beware of perfumes, however, if the scalp is not perfectly fresh and sweet, otherwise instead of the delicate fragrance you expect, there will be a musty odor not at all pleasant to encounter.

Brush your hair one hundred strokes at night by an open window to remove all soil of the day and let the air reach every portion of the scalp. And be sure your brush is not only clean but bone-dry before using.

When dressing the hair for the day or the occasion, put it up very carefully, using plenty of invisible pins to keep stray locks in order, and to shape becomingly the way the hair lies upon the head. Then, once well dressed, try not to fuss with it before next hair-dressing time. Do not wear a hat too long at a time, as it heats the head. Go hatless (with the hair protected by a loosely



PUT THE HAIR UP CAREFULLY, THEN LET IT ALONE.

put-on net), with the protection of a parasol for neighborhood calls or short walks. And, above all, girls, do not forget to shampoo regularly, to rinse thoroughly and to dry in the

sun.

Next month we will talk about other ways of keeping dainty in summer.

Answers to Questions

Bive Eyes.—Oh, my dear! "Get short and fat within a week"? I am afraid that is too big a contract for me to undertake. And I wonder if you wouldn't be sorry if I really did it for you. To be "tall and slim" is ever so much nicer than to be short and fat, and you would soon be asking me to change you back again. It isn't a bit fashionable to be fat, my dear, and all the women I know would give a great deal to be able to say they were tall and slim. So be very grateful, and tell your friends that you wouldn't change for anything. If, however, you have quite decided that you want to welgh a few more pounds, eat plenty of potatoes, rice, milk, cream, sugar on your oatmeal, butter on your bread. These are all fat-making foods. Avoid pickles and sour relishes. Exercise every day, walk in the open air, play tennis, row, swim, or do any other outdoor thing which is possible where you live. And drink about eight to ten glasses of water a day. Also see that your bowels are kept in excellent condition daily. But don't expect to get fat in a work. It will take a good many weeks. The quickest way is to take the milk diet, for which I have given directions many times in Comport; on that diet you can gain from one to three pounds a week—sometimes more.

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three pounds a week—sometimes more.

If you are roundshouldered, that probably means that you are not careful to sit erect, but read or study or do other things all bent over. Whenever you seat yourself, be sure that the end of your spine touches the back of the chair, and that the back is kept erect, not bent. You can lean back against the chair if you want, but keeping the back perfectly straight; if you bend forward, let it be from the hips and not bending at the waist. A good exercise for you to practice is as follows:

For Round Shoulders

Stand with heels together, toes out, shoulders dropped, chin up. Raise your arms until they are straight in front of you on a level with your shoulders, palms touching. Now throw the arms back violently, without bending the elbows, as if trying to make them meet in the middle of the back. Be sure not to left them fall below the level of the shoulders. You probably will not be able to throw them very far back, at first, if you are already stoopshouldered, but practice this tiry our are already stoopshouldered, but practice this certain and the property of the probably and the stood and thought of its mistress sitting on her pallet bed in Valehampton jail.

Tea was waiting, but he could not swallow it. He flew out into the desolate, twillt garden, and the count and a way.

"Perhaps the duchess will take me with her," he thought, "till—" But even to himself he thought of wars over it was not himself he thought, "till—" But even to himself he thought of the mailed to you by Parcel Post seeds to receive them in just as good condition as though the vere freak from the green here. The Roosevelt.

below the shoulder level. Throw the arms back, then bring them front again; throw back violently; then front again, and keep on repeating. In walking, hold chin up, straighten back, and drop shoulders. Do not throw shoulders sharply back, as that merely makes a bad shoulder line, but let them drop easily, at the same time raising the chest.

time raising the chest.

HOPE.—Here you are, thinking 121 pounds is too much to weigh, and just above you is "Blue Eyes," who is distressed because she is tall and slim. Pretty hard, isn't it, to satisfy everybody? You do not tell me how tall you are, so I cannot tell whether 121 is too much or too little. My guess would be that it is not an ounce too much. It may be that your legs are too fat in proportion to the rest of the body, since you seem to complain most about them. If that is the case, I suggest that you practice the following exercise:

To Reduce Calves of Legs

Stand with heels together, hands on hips, back erect, and chin up. Now rise on the toes until you are on



RUB THE HAIR WITH A TOWEL EVERY TIME YOU LET IT DOWN.

the very tips, and remain there for a second, letting yourself down again very, very slowly indeed. This will strain the leg muscles and help to reduce the flesh. If you let yourself down too quickly, the muscles are not strained enough to do any good.

Another good exercise is to take same position, rise on toes, and then bend knees and sink to squatting position, with heels not touching floor, and with back perfectly straight. Rise to standing position again, sink to squatting position, and repeat ten or fifteen times.

perfectly straight. Rise to standing position again, sink to squatting position, and repeat ten or fifteen times.

UTAH.—If your skin breaks out first and then the skin scales off, the first thing for you to do is to look to your diet. Nearly everything in the nature of an eruption starts with a stomach condition. Cut out too many sweets, rich gravies, or desserts, sait or dried meats and fish, and eat plenty of green vegetables and fruits, and if possible chicken and fresh fish. At this season of the year you can select an ideal diet; you can choose between asparagus, string beans, peas, carrots, beets, lettuce, onlons, cabbage, okra, spinach (most excellent for you; I wish you would eat it at least twice a week; any other kind of greens is equally good), summer squash, etc. You have the summer berries, and later peaches and apricots and pears, to say nothing of melons, which are particularly good. In default of fresh fruits, you can eat baked apples, stewed prunes or apricots (soaked over night in cold water, after washing, and then cooked very slowly for a long time in the water in which they have soaked. You must drink plenty of water (see answer to "Blue Eyes), and above all things you must see that your bowels move freely daily. If you will eat prunes every morning for breakfast, drink eight to ten glasses of water daily, and exercise every day (the squatting exercise given to "Hope" will be good for you), this will take care of itself. Get a good pure face cream and after bathing the face in hot soapy water at night, rinsing in warm water, then in cool, rub in the cold cream and leave on all night. In the morning wash in tepid water. Do not use soap on the face except at night. The green liquid soap you can get at the drugstore would be a good soap for you, although any of the white household soaps are also good. Do not use powder on the face without first applying cold cream, well rubbed in, and wiping off any surplus with a pad of absorbent cotton. With these precautions, I think you will soon find you

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The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10.)

The door swung back heavily.
"Time's up, sir," said the warden.
It did not seem five minutes, but it was nearer

"Time's up, sir," said the warden.

It did not seem five minutes, but it was nearer forty than thirty.

"I'll come," said Sir Thomas Annesley, and he looked ten years older. "Ravenel, I nearly forgot. The duchess wrote to me. She's coming here, to Valehampton, to be near you. She'll come here as often as they'll let her."

"I'm glad," simply. "But I think I only want you." (And one other, whose hand she would never touch again in life!)

She sat down, tearless. One breast, of all the world, she could have hidden her face against; one strong shoulder would have known her tears. But between Adrian Gordon and her was a deep gulf set; a gulf of blood that cried aloud. But Tommy Annesley was blind with tears as he drove the long ten miles between Valehampton and Levallion Castle. It was bitter work staying there eating Adrian's bread; but he could not go away.

rambled aimlessly, he hardly saw where. Jacobs, for once, was not with him; all alone, his hands in his pockets, his slow feet silent on the frozen grass, Sir Thomas walked mechanically, racking his brain to no purpose over that mysterious man and woman the detectives had been unable to

and woman the detectives had been unable to trace.

He might have racked his brain still harder if he-had known the reason of the silence that reigned concerning them. In Adrian's theory about the absconding tenant of the buggalow, no one believed at all. Arlington's man had been almost openly unbelieving about dragging a strange woman into the case, and the prosecution merely smiled at the idea of there being any mystery whatever, thanks to that hasty evidence of Sir Thomas Annesley's. It was all very well for him to believe he had made a mistake; no one else did. In the eyes of the world, those two people who drank champagne in a wood had been Captain Gordon and Lady Levallion, since the only man who could have sworn to her whereabouts was dead!

"If I only could think of something!" the boy mused desperately, and stopped short at a queer sound.

He had wandered into the dark kitchen-garden, behind a row of deserted potting sheds; and from them game, a sound exactly like the besting

He had wandered into the dark kitchen-garden, behind a row of deserted potting sheds; and from them came a sound exactly like the beating of carpets. It was no concern of Tommy's, though the hour was a queer one, and he was moving on when a pitiful moaning like a dog being beaten to death made him jump. His thoughts flew to the absent Jacobs, and the cook who had a grudge

the absent Jacobs, and the cook who had a grudge against him.

Silent, with flying feet, Tommy ran to the back of the shed, full of fury. But as he paused by the latticed, glassless window at the back of it, he knew it was no dog which was concerned in the carpet-beating, but a boy.

"Don't! don't!" he was crying. I won't go away. I'll stay with you. I'll do whatever you say!"

The sound of blows ceased.

"That is a sensible, amiable boy!" said a voice, and it was the chef's. "And you will say to the world that you love me—that there was never any one like me, eh?"

The boy groaned.

"Yes!"

"Thomas heard the whistle of a stick up-

"Yes!"
Sir Thomas heard the whistle of a stick uplifted.
"Oh, yes! Don't hit me."
"It is for your good that I break the bones in
your skin," returned Carrousel. "We shall hear
no more of this running away?"
"No," in exhausted sobs. "I'll stay. I'll do
whatever you tell me. I——"
Sir Thomas bounced round the corner of the
shed.

shed.
"What the devil's this?" he said fiercely, and a lighted match flickered in his hand.
There was Carrousel, his face like a devil's, grasping a heavy stick, and on the mud floor the boot-boy, quivering with pain. The match went out.

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"How dare you beat the boy fike that?" cried Tommy, "I'll have you up for assault."

"He disobeyed me, refused to do his work."

In the dark, Carrousel's boot grazed the boy's ribs. "Did you not, eh?"

"Yes." The answer was little better than a moan.

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"I don't see what a cook has to do with blacking boots!" angrily. "And if he disobeyed you a dozen times, you've no right to beat him like this." "I don't see what a cook has to do with blacking boots!" angrily. "And if he disobeyed you a dozen times, you've no right to beat him like this."

"He runs my errands," said Carrousel, sullenly. "He would not do his work; he played, idled." "You get out of this and let him alone," authoritatively. "And if I catch you at this again, I'll have you arrested. Go now, sharp! My dog'll be here in a minute," significantly. "You threaten me—intimidate?" In the dark, Carrousel's face was not pretty. But like lightning he changed his tone.
"I regret if you think the punishment too severe. The boy—earned it!" He spoke like oil, and in the dark stooped and whispered two words in the boot-boy's ear.

"Clear out!" Tommy stamped his foot, unconscious of that whisper. "Get back to your pots and pans, or I'll have you driven there. Jacobs! Hi, Jacobs!" he yelled.

But Monsieur Carrousel was gone.
Tommy stooped over the boot-boy.
"Why did you let him beat you like that?" he said. "Why didn't you yell?"

But he got po answer. Another match flickered in the shed. Towers, the boot-boy, was lying on his face, shaking with sobs.
"See here," said Tommy, "don't! Here's half a crown for you"—his last coin—"if you couldn't fight that beast why didn't you complain if he ill-treated you? Has he done it before?"

No answer.
"Well," disgustedly, "if you won't tell, I shall! I'll have Carrousel hauled up."
Towers said something; caught at Tommy in the dark, as if to stop him.
"Don't!" he gasped. "Don't sir! He'd kill me."
"Rot! He couldn't. What's the matter with him? Has he got anything against you—why

me."Rot! He couldn't. What's the matter with him? Has he got anything against you—why are you afraid of him?"

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onstancy. p. 7722. October, The Opal, Symbol of

No. 7732. November, The Topaz, Symbol of

No. 7732. November, The Topaz, Symbol of Friendship.

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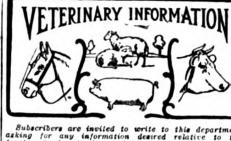
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Subscribers are invited to write to this department asking for any information desired relative to the treatment of animal troubles. Questions will be answered in these columns free by an eminent veterinarian. Describe the trouble fully, sign full name and give your address; direct all correspondence to the Veterinary Department, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

HIDEBOUND COW.—I have a cow that is hidebound. She gives three gallons of milk a day and cats heartily, though she looks badly. Mrs. S. W. A.—Tuberculosis in all probability is the cause of the hidebound condition and emaciation and if the disease is present the milk is dangerous for use. You should have a qualified veterinarian apply the tuberculin test. Under the circumstances we should not feel justified in prescribing treatment, as the cow may have a dangerous disease. Do not use her milk unless she passes the test.

BLOODY MILK.—My cow three years old lest spring.

she passes the test.

BLOODY MILK.—My cow, three years old last spring, has her first calf. Blood comes from the front teat on the left side.

A.—A growth in the teat doubtless bleeds from irritation at milking time. A skilled surgeon possibly may be able to remove the growth by operation. If that cannot be done it would be best to dry off the milk secretion in the affected quarter.

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EPILEPSY.—My horse has what appears to be fits on certain changes of the moon. He turns around and around until he falls, trembling all over. His head draws back, and when he gets up appears blind for a few minutes. He is seven years old and a good worker.

B. W. P.

A.—This is a brain and nerve trouble and is incurable. The fits will be less likely to occur if you never let the horse stand for a single day without work or exercise. See that the collar fits. The horse might work better in a breast collar. Keep the bowels active.

Callous.—I have a six-year-old mare which were

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CALLOUS.—I have a six-year-old mare, which was rope burned last fall on the back side of one hind leg, just above the hoof. While it has healed and does not seem to hurt, there is a growth about the size of a man's index finger. Can you suggest anything that will remove it?

A.—It is unlikely that the callous can be removed without operating. Try the effects of lodine ointment rubbed in once daily.

FALLING HORSE.—My horse, three years old, will lie down and not get up for some little time. In trotting he will fall down and lie for ten minutes.

A.—Allow the horse a roomy box stall in the stable. If he then becomes cast it will be necessary to put slings under him at night. Feed him well to keep up his strength. Lampas merely indicates that the teeth need attention from a competent veterinarian. Feed old ear corn, and twice daily rub the swelling with a block of alum. Describe a case of what you term 'distemper' and we will be glad to prescribe treatment. Say whether it is a dog or horse that is affected.

Hiddebound Cow.—I have a cow; her hide is tight.

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HIDEBOUND COW.—I have a cow; her hide is tight.
I have been breaking it loose for three months and
it isn't any looser.

A.—This is a constitutional trouble, so that local
treatment will not help. It is quite possible that
the cow has tuberculosis, so have her tested with
tuberculin to find out. Meanwhile, feed one pound of
flaxseed meal twice a day along with wheat bran, corn
and grass or clover and alfalfa hay.

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COUGH.—My mare coughs when she pulls or trots, but not much when standing in the stable. There is no discharge from the nose. Mas. F. M.

A.—Wet all feed, after having her teeth put in order by a veterinarian. If she has no fever she may be worked. If the cough persists, give half an ounce of glyco-heroin, or equine syrup three times a day and if necessary increase the dose. The causes of cough are so many and different that we cannot assign the exact cause without making an examination.

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Growth.—My mule colt, three years old, has a large wart on her head, in front of where the head-stall comes. It extends up to her left ear. A. C. H. Castor oil rubbed in once or twice daily in time does away with masses of small warts on the muz-zle, but would scarcely suffice for a large growth. It would be best to have the growth dissected out by a surgeon. If it is not cancerous it will not return, but cancer is not uncommon at the location mentioned. If you cannot have the operation performed, apply lard around the growth, make the part raw and rub in old powdered salammoniac.

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RED MILK.—I buy milk. If I let it stand four or five days it turns a pink or rose color cream, and the sour milk is pinkish. What is the cause? I have had cows for years, but never saw milk turn pink. The milk is not very rich. Is it healthy? Mas. P. S.

A.—When the redness is not due to blood in the milk is caused by a micro-organism or germ known as bacilius prodigiosus, which is present in the milk utensils or the water with which they are washed. Most scrupulously cleanse and scald the milk vessels. If the trouble continues, sterilize the utensils with a solution of hypo-chlorite of soda used according to directions given by a creamery man.

CANKER.—I am a reader of COMFORT and I am writ-

rections given by a creamery man.

CANKER.—I am a reader of COMFORT and I am writing for information regarding canker in rabbits. I bought a Belgian hare doe which I think has canker. I laso brought a buck home in the same sack. Will he take it from the doe? Tell me how to prevent other rabbits from taking it.

A.—We cannot give an opinion or advice unless you describe the disease or conditions which you term "canker." We do not know whether you mean canker of the mouth, or ear or some other part.



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viser on all questions of law ex-cept divorce matters. Address Home Lawyer, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

R. E. G., Illinois.—We think that you have a legal right to fix the price at which you are willing to sell gravel from your farm in Indiana.

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Mrs. A. M., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a person by his will may disinherit his child or children living at the time of the execution of the will, but that where any person shall have made a will and shall afterwards marry or have a child or children not provided for in such will, and die leaving either a widow or child, such person shall be presumed to have died intestate as to the interest of the child or widow in his estate, and such widow, child or children shall be entitled to such shares of the estate as if he had actually died intestate.

T. M. E., Virginia.—We think it better that separate.

T. M. R., Virginia.—We think it better that separate tax bills be made out for the separate properties of the husband and wife, and that each pay their own taxes; we do not, however, think that the payment of taxes

by the husband on the wife's property would alone establish title to the property in the husband, even though the tax receipt was made out to him.

Miss. M. A. H., Maryland.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man leaving a surviving widow and children or descendants, his widow is entitled to dower of a one third interest for life in his real estate and one third of the personal property, absolutely; that this share may be increased, but cannot be decreased by will; that the wife has no present interest in the husband's property during his lifetime, except that she is entitled and can compel him to support her, unless he is separated from her for good cause, or unless she abandons him without good cause, we think that under ordinary circumstances it would be an act of cruelty for him to compel her to turn over to a public institution, the grandchild she took as a baby, and might constitute a good cause for her to compel him to provide separate support for her.

T. D. L., Alabama.—Under the laws of Arkansas,

T. D. L., Alabama.—Under the laws of Arkansas, we are of the opinion that, in the absence of a will, and in the absence of a legal adoption, you would have no interest in the estates of the persons who took you, when a little child, and brought you up, unless you are a near enough blood relative to come within the degrees of relationship to entitle you to a share as an heir at law or next of kin.

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Mrs. M. D. H., Pennsylvania.—We do not think that the fact that the married couple you mention were married in another state under conditions which are not legally permitted in your state, would affect the validity of their marriage, provided they were legally married in the state where the ceremony was performed.

J. H., South Dakota.—The Constitution of the United States provides that all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States; we think this applies to the children of alien parents born here as well, and in the same manner as the children of citizens of the United States, except, of course, children of alien parents born in the United States in cases where such alien parents are not under the jurisdiction of this country; this would apply to the children of foreign diplomats born here, and children of alien parents born here while the parents were traveling or visiting here.

Brown Errs, Illinois.—Under the laws of Kentucky.

Brown Eyes, Illinois.—Under the laws of Kentucky, we are of the opinion that the consent of the parents is necessary for the marriage of either males or females under the age of twenty-one years.

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Mrs. A. S., Missouri.—We do not think the children of your husband by a former marriage would be heirs of your estate under the laws of any state in the Union, except that in case your husband survives you and receives property from your estate all of his children would, of course, in turn be entitled to receive a share of his estate, unless he makes some other disposition by will; we think that if your husband is the beneficiary named in your life insurance policy in case he survives you, such of the proceeds as he may have at the time of his death, would be administered as his estate.

A. L. H., Indiana.—We think that Acts of Congress become effective either at the time of passage, or at the time stated in the bill.

J. C., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if the mortgage you mention was legally foreclosed and the woman who gave the mortgage was the owner of the property in fee, the children of such woman would have no interest in the property.

J. C., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we think parents can disinherit children by will; we do not think your divorced husband is entitled to any part of your estate; we think to constitute a valid will the testator must possess testamentary capacity, must not be under undue influence, and that the bill must be legally drawn and executed, and must express testator's true intent.

Mrs. H. E. W., Wisconsin.—We think that if the deed, of the property you mention, has been recorded without the wife's signature, it would now be better to have her execute a release of dower in the property by separate instrument.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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all coming fine and enjoy it. We do most of the garden work evenings, arter supper, and just hate to stop working at night, but when the shadows of evening at light, but when the shadows of evening fall we enjoy sitting under the shade trees by the door and talking of what has been accomplished today and making plans for the morrow, and later, when everything is quiet, we listen to the faraway call of the nightingale and whippoorwill and all the troubles of the world leave us and we feel at peace with God and man.

City and country people mingle together so much nowadays that there isn't much difference so far as goodness, badness or education is concerned. I expect some of you love your city work and surroundings as much as I do the country and that is a very good reason for staying there. I admire you all for your patriotism for your place of living for "there is no place like home." I like to see you stand up for your life, be it city or country, but, please, girls, let us be careful how we down the other fellow. Every time I read Comfort I think how many wonderful women there are and wish you could visit me. I assure you all a hearty welcome, both city and country girls. What is it you like? Music. We aren't great muslcians but I play the plane and John the violin.

Reading you say. Here is Shakespeare and a few other old standbys, and a few of the latest books. I said just a few, for our library is small but we are adding to it every year as we progress another step along the financial road. If you girls like fancy work here is some of my latest work in tatting, crocheting and embroidery. You see I find a little time for each. Are you hungry? Come out into my kitchen and I leave it to you to judge whether I can cook or not. I hear the sweetest word in the English language—it is my boy calling, "Mother." Before I go I will give you a description of myself. I am a Yankee, five feet five inches tall, weigh about one hundred and thirty-five pounds and have grey eyes and taffy colored hair, and still in my twen

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

For chocolate or tea stains, wash in cold water. Rub white goods with liquid ammonia to remove iodine

Wash the hands in mustard water to remove the odor Sift a little flour over cakes before icing and the

Grease with butter the bottom of a dish that you are boiling milk in and it will not scorch so quickly.

Save your lemon rinds and use them for kindling. A handful of dried lemon rinds will revive a fire that is

If you wish to bake potatoes quickly, place them in hot water fifteen or twenty minutes before you put them in the oven.

Don't buy new shoestrings when the tip comes off. Melt a little scaling wax and dip the end of the lace in it and roll it between the thumb and finger until it is cold and of right shape. It will last for a long time. BEBBUGG EXTERMINATOR.—Buy fifteen or twenty cents' worth of rough on rats. Mix one half of it with kerosene and spray all the bugs you can find. Mix the remaining half with lard and put it in all the cracks and crevices. When the bugs hatch out of the eggs they cat of this and die. It does not evaporate or dry up so quickly as most remedies.

Subscriber, Minneapolis, Minn.

Remedies

Make a poultice of ripe figs for boils

To soften rough hands, use a little ammonia or borax in the water in which you wash them.

Make a poultice of bread, moistened with water and powdered with common soda, for ivy poison. Inflamed eyes are often relieved by cutting a potato a halves, scooping out the inside and binding it over

To better protect against accidental poisoning, buy a dozen or more tiny bells and tie one on every bottle containing poison.

Requests

How to make rye bread, using yeast. To buy last year's COMPORTS.

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Will any reader who has the novel, "The House on the Island," or other books by Etta W. Pierce, kindly write me, giving list. Will pay for same or exchange books. This story was published in "The People's Home Journal," beginning December, 1901: Miss E. H. PITCHER, Oswego, N. Y.

Poem, "The Rebel Flag," containing the words:

"Sadly we gazed upon the flag,
Torn from our brothers' hands,
And shed a tear for those once loved
Now joined the traitors' band.

"They have put our flag beneath their feet, They have trailed it in the dust, And to the breeze their flag unfurled And placed in it their trust."

CORA LEWIS, Bridgewater, Maine.

Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall only require you to get a small club of subscribers to COMFORT for each request printed; so in sending your notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives' column, include a club of three one-year 25-cent subscriptions, or if you are stready a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two one-year 25-cent subscriptions. This amount limits the notice to twenty-two words, making three lines; if longer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent ene-year subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

Information by her sister, Henrietta, of Mrs. Fred Schultz, formerly Amelia Procknow, last heard from near Birmingham, Alabama, thirty years ago. Mrs. J. Speaker, Midland, R. R. 6, Box 117, Mich.

Information of my sister, Mary Kern, who was taken west from a "Home" near New York by Charles Peary. The season of the Thomas Kern, Mt. Bethel, Care Jos. Shoemaker, Pa.

Comfort Post Card Requests

The following would like to correspond with other subscribers for the exchange of souvenir post cards.

John W. Murphy, 407 Main St., Barnhill, Ohio, (colored scenery and building). Christ Beingesser, 1942 East 29th St., Lorain, Ohio, Joe Kirby, R. R. 1, Box 56, Okla. Miss Ruby Butler, Detroit, Maine.

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Comfort's Information Bureau

Under this heading all questions by COMFORT subscribers on subjects not related to the special departments elsewhere in the paper will be answered, as far as may be. COMFORT readers are advised to read carefully the advertisements in this paper, as they will often find in them what they seek through their questions addressed to this Bureau. They will thus save time, labor and postage.

No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

GEORGE LIFE, Jane Lew, W. Va.—Here is a subscriber who asks if any of Comport's big army of readers can tell him where he may procure the Cowhorn potato which he remembers planting forty years ago. Not the same identical tuber, but a 1918 supply which he can use for seed. This is described as a blue potato, and tapering and crooked like a cow's horn from which it is named. This does not sound like the description of an attractive looking vegetable, and for our part we prefer to stick to Green Mountain.

L. H. New Market. Ind.—There are several good

L. H., New Market, Ind.—There are several good hand-knitting machines on the market, and these little time-savers do remarkable work. This Department is not permitted to express an opinion regarding the reliability or unreliability of any particular company or machine.

MRS. M. J. V., Mount Vernon, Ky.—The Commercial Human Hair Co., 144 West 21st St., and the Rose Hair Co., 79 East 10th St., both buy human hair. These are New York City firms.

MRS. J. L. G., Elbert, Texas.—June 24, 1872, was a Monday.

Monday.

M. W., Greenbush, Minn.—Trained telephone operators are being enrolled for service in France, but only those speaking French and English are desired. Write to the Employment Department of the New York Telephone Co., Dev street, New York City.

MRS. ELLA LOWDEN, 19 Cleveland Avenue, Rockville Center, L. I., appeals to Comport readers to tell her where she can procure balsam for the filling of sofa pillows. The Maine woods abound in fir-balsam trees which produce the leaves used for this purpose.

A. G. K., New Port, Richey, Fla.—Most assuredly there is a market for alligator hides. Do you live the foliation of the filling of the foliation of the filling and have to write to Maine to find that out? Write to the H. Shure Company, 874 Broadway, New York City, and ask them to tell you where you may sell your skins. What you will get for them depends upon their quality and size.

M. L. F., Chugwater, Wyo.—It is necessary to get

M. L. F., Chugwater, Wyo.—It is necessary to get further back than 1883 or 1867 to have coins command a prenium. Your dime is worth exactly two nickels—and no more. If you are Interested in the collection of coins, you should watch COMFORT'S advertising columns, where firms can be found who are specialists in old coins and both buy and sell them.

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O. R., Timber Lake, S. D.—The Salvation Army works to evangelize the great number of people who are not in touch with the influence of the churches. The movement was started in England in 1865 by William Booth, and the name of Salvation Army was adopted in 1878. The doctrines of the Salvation Army are in harmony with those of the orthodox churches, but its methods and system of government are different. The Salvation Army's work among prisons is well known, and an active field of operations is found in no less than sixty-three countries and colonies. In America the work is divided into two Departments—that of the East and that of the West. Headquarters are in New York and Chicago. For further information you should address, the Chicago office at 108-114 North Dearborn street.

M. S., Archbold, Ohio.—Oil, or rather petroleum. has

North Dearborn street.

M. S., Archbold, Ohio.—Oil, or rather petroleum, has been known since earliest times in various parts of the world—either by its appearance as a spring or by being found as a floating scum on the surface of streams and pools. It was known and used in Babylon and Nineveh. In Roman times it was obtained from Sicily and burned in lamps. In America, petroleum was first mentioned in a letter written in 1665 by a French missionary, who referred to springs found in what would now be northwestern Pennsylvania. Early settlers collected oil by digging wells and scooping out the liquid whick seeped in. Modern drilling for oil commenced about 1825. Petroleum is considered by geologists to be a result of the destructive distillation of vegetable matter contained in the rocks. Petroleum has been much used and appreciated by the Rockefeller family, and in one of its refined forms the oily product is of great value to all owners of Ford cars.

A. S., Springfield, La.—Modern mirrors are not

great value to all owners of Ford cars.

A. S., Springfield, La.—Modern mirrors are not backed with quicksilver, but with nitrate of silver, which makes a much better reflecting surface. The thoroughly cleansed glass is placed on a warm table and over it is poured a liquid made by dissolving nitrate of silver in ammonia—with a precipitating solution of tartaric acid. The heat helps the solution to adhere to the glass. Afterwards, a coat of shellac and then a coat of paint complete the process. By the quick-silver method the glass was first backed by sheets of tinfoll rubbed down smooth; it was then covered with quicksilver held in place by a woolen cloth weighted over the glass. After twenty-four hours the cloth was removed and the glass placed at an angle to permit the draining off of such of the solution as had not amalgamated with the tin. The quicksilver method has not been used since 1855.



Conducted by Cousin Marion

In writing this department always sign y true name and give your address; if not, your ter will receive no attention. Name will not published.

"feller" gives you when he kisses you good "nite" any different from the common garden variety of hugs? Your spelling is not all right, as you so anxiously inquire. Hug your spelling book for the next three years, or longer, instead of boys, and you will be much better off.

BLUE EYES, Seneca, Nebr.—Sixteen isn't very old but you are old enough to know more than your letter indicates. You are taking an awful chance when you kiss that ten-cent store engagement ring of yours. Aren't you afraid of getting poisoned? You are too silly to be engaged, even if you were old enough.

HELLO GIRL, Seneca, Nebr.—Your letter is so ridicu-bus that I am inclined to think you are trying to jolly ie. I'm sorry for you if you really mean all you have ritten.

written.

Three Girls, Bedford, Mo. — "Young ladies" of twelve, thirteen and fourteen should be playing with dolls, when not in school, instead of keeping company with "young men" of fifteen, sixteen and seventeen. Maybe the young man who came to see you and sat in the parlor and scratched his head all the evening had cooties, so keep away from him. Why not present him with a fine comb? It may have been due to nervousness. Give him a picture book or a toy of some sort next time and he will feel more at ease.

G. M. Gleen S. Dek.—It behoves a country

PUZZLED, White Oak, Okla.—Marry the man you love, only be sure you love him, and it might be well to wait a year or two or until he had acquired a little more of this world's goods, else you might wish that you had married the older man with the money.

Lu., S. Car.—Never mind if he did get cross be cause you wouldn't go to the train to see him. If he wants to see you, let him come where you are. If you mother doesn't object to your writing friendly letters to a man you have known since you were a child, I don't see why I should, provided he isn't a married man.

Rusy, New York.—Maybe you would be happy wi a husband thirty-four years older than yourself but doubt it very much. I wouldn't. Ask him if he won' please, adopt you.

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M. S., Wheaton, Minn.—Poor girl, she says she is heartbroken because her "guy" has forsaken. Isn't he the cruel guy to break her heart, only I don't think it is broken. Ask him frankly what has happened and then if he shows no disposition to make up just remember there are lots of other guys.

Blug Eyes, Okla.—Poor little wife, only seventeen years old and now her husband doesn't love her or their baby girl. I am sorry for you, Blue Eyes, and would help you if I could, but if little girls are silly and run away and get married they almost always have to suffer for it. Be patient and good a while longer and perhaps everything will come out all right. I hope so. Be a good mother to your little girl. Girls, in general, this is the result of a runaway match, so stop, look and listen if you are contemplating the same thing.

Somehow or other I've been unusually stern

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
Will you kindly explain what all this German talk about freedom of the seas means. I suppose it is some tricky Prussian propaganda. I am an American girl of German parentage and Yankee Doodle right clean through. I am twenty-three years of age, five feet in height and have been in every state in the U.S.
Your niece,

The first letter is from Nadinola (a pretty name but it sounds more like a toilet preparation) and you weren't silly at times and that's just what we like about you. Isn't it nice of me sounds more like a toilet preparation) and you were silly to feel hurt because your sweetpart tried to enlist. That was his duty and you should have been proved or him. But why waste your love on such a will o'-the-wisp person as he became later. Let him go to froid or the South Sea Isles, if he wants to, and sea of today any pride at all?

Sad Child, Seneca, Nebr.—You may think you are a fir you don't mind your mother. Are the "huggs" your specified and driven piracy from the seas. Incl.

Your niece,

Your niece,

Luchle Weber.

Germany is the greatest military power and was striving with all her might to become the greatest naval power also. The tiny British Isles are much more densely populated than is Germany. Britain is a manufacturing nation. She depends absolutely on her fleet to protect her shores and commerce and keep open her trade routes with her colonles. Without her fleet, Britain would go broke and starve to death and train her men to be soldiers. Bismarck said Germany, as it would be like an elephant trying to fight a whale. England did not attempt to go into the elephant business, as she might have done, but Germany did almost succeed in become the went away from you. My, my, haven't girls of today any pride at all?

Sad Child, Seneca, Nebr.—You may think you are a "sad child" now but you will be a much sadder one if you don't mind your mother. Are the "huggs" your pride and driven piracy from the seas. Incl.—Incl. Are the "huggs" your piracy from the seas. Incl.—Incl. And the proposed the man and driven piracy from the seas. Incl.—Incl. And the proposed the man and a dark than is Germany is the greatest naval power also. The tiny British Isles are much so documents of the man and commerce and keep open her trade routes with her colonles. Without her fleet, Britain would go broke and starve to death and train her



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G. & M., Glenn, S. Dak.—It behooves a country school teacher, of all people, to be very circumspect in her behavior and set a good example for her pupils, school teacher, of all people, to be very circumspect in her behavior and set a good example for her pupils, school teacher, of all people, to be very circumspect in her behavior and set a good example for her pupils, school teacher, of all people, to be very circumspect in her behavior and set a good example for her pupils, school teacher, of all people, to be very circumspect in her behavior and set a good example for her pupils, from midnight until three o'clock in the moring, with a young man, wouldn't sound well if the neighbors knew it, and somehow heighbors have a way all their own of finding out things. You shouldn't show favoritism even if you are in hove with your fifteen-year-old don't want to be called a cradle snatcher, do you?

Annicum Horizon and the called a cradle snatcher, do you?

Annicum Horizon and the state of the man and the teacher of the should have the married man get a divorce and marry you and then treat you as shamefully as he is treating his wife. How would you like that? You should be ashamed to think you are taking him away from his wife. How would you like that? You should be ashamed to think you as hamefully as he is treating him wife. How would you like that? You should be ashamed to think you as hamefully as he is treating him wife. How would you like that? You should be ashamed to think you as hamefully as he is treating him wife. How would you like that? You should be ashamed to think you as the and the trial that you have proven your self worthy of a good man's love.

M. T. St. Ignace, Mich.—The mere fact that Michigan is going dry doesn't mean that it is safe to marry the man who gets intoricated frequently. Tell him just wh

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Somehow or other I've been unusually stern this month but it's all for your own good. That's what every meddlesome person says, isn't it, but I really mean it. Next month I'll try and be nice to you.

Good by until then.

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few months should be sufficient proof that I was right. Here is a man who saw his mistake and who though over the draft age has gone to risk his life for an idea and a principle. In his heart is the Christ spirit. Right, righteousness, liberty and freedom and all those blessed and holy things which men hold dearer than life, can only be maintained by those who are ready to sacrifice their all that those things shall continue to exist. We were long in realizing this fact, but we are realizing it now. The old struggle between light and darkness, right and wrong has gone on all down the ages, the powers of darkness and tyranny must be crushed and once they are crushed the sword can be sheathed and the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God will be realized. Oscar Vogstad is doing his best to realize them. Go thou and do ikkewise.

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Tommy drew a long breath. The short sentences had come out in the singsong whine of the village school, exactly as if they had been learned by rote.

"Then you must be a fool!" he observed candidly. "Do you mean you don't want me to complain of the beast?"

Towers said no, still in that unnatural voice. "Go brek to the house and wash your face!" the other boy, who was but four years older, advised. "And if he beats you again, you come to me, and I'll settle him."

Towers' teeth chattered.
"I made him angry," he said, shivering. "I won't do it again. Don't say anything, sir; oh, please!"

"All right." disgustedly. "If you like being."

won't do it again. Don't say anything, sir; oh, please!"

"All right," disgustedly. "If you like being pounded, it's no concern of mine!" and, being cold, he assisted the boot-boy to his feet and departed.

"Carrousel did look like a devil!" he thought. "But the boy seems half-witted. Yet——"

He stopped short in the dark.

"Cooky looked as if he would kill him!" he gasped. "I wonder if—but it couldn't be. But if I could think it, I—I'd make him swing."

He ran to the house as hard as he could go. For the first time he had "thought of something."

thing."

"Mr. Arlington," he cried, bursting in on the lawyer where he sat toiling over bundles of Levallion's neglected and unopened letters in the hope of finding some clue to some one who had a grudge against him. "Do you know Captain Gordon's address?" For reasons of his own he said nothing about that trivial incident in the garden. "No!" slowly. "Lord Levallion's, you mean? I've never heard one word from him."

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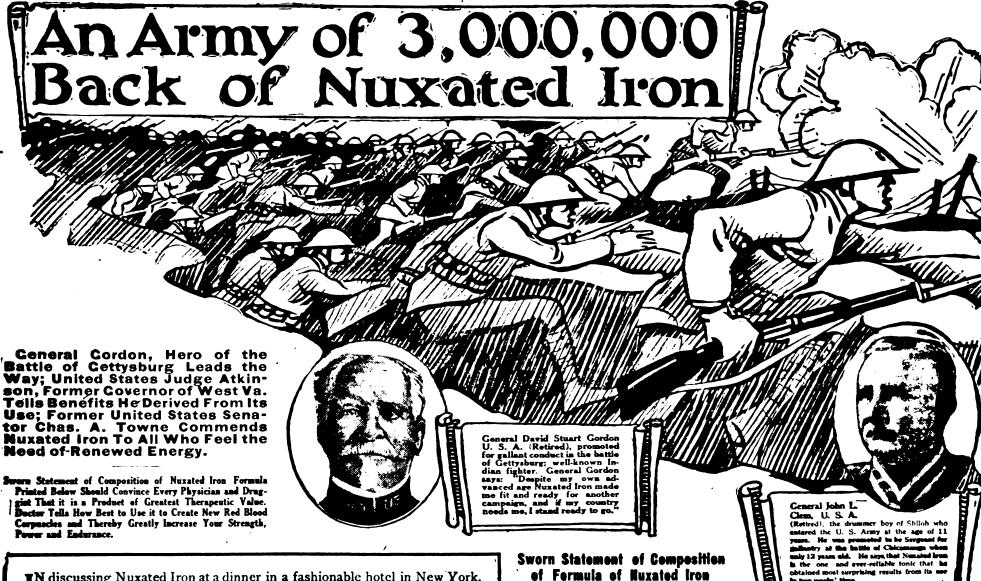
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Judge Samuel S. Yoder —States man, Juriss, formerly Surgeon Ma-jor in the Army.

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Seven chairs in June, following six in May and six in April, is doing very well, but let us try to better this record in July.

The seven June wheel chairs go, one to a charitable institution and six to shut-ins, as follows, the figures after their names indicating the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for

Ward D, Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor, Maine, 204; Raymond Cassidy, Coal Grove, Ohio, 187; Davie Gifford Goodnight, Kempton, Ind., 155; Jessie Lee Bright, R. R. I, Borden Springs, Ala, i33 Mrs. Louisa Myers, Seale, La., 128; Willie Price. R. R. I. Box 101, Crabtree, N. C., 128; Mrs. Roy Wilson, R. R. 2, Mayfield, Ga., 125.

Ward D is a women's ward in the Eastern Maine General Hospital. Mrs. M. Blanche Jamieson, of Millinocket, Maine, procured the entire 204 subscriptions and donated the chair to the institution for the special use of the patients in Ward D. The friends of other hospitals and charitable institutions would serve their community interests well by following her example.

Raymond Cassidy, age 12, an invalid from birth due to spinal trouble, has been unable to walk the past two years. The subscriptions for Raymond's chair were procured by his sister, Miss Fannie Cassidy.

Davie G. Goodnight, age 10, is completely paralyzed in his lower limbs but can use his hands. There are three other small children in the family and the chair will be a great help to his mother in caring for him.

Jessie Lee Bright, age 12, has never been able to walk, due to paralysis of her right side which com-pletely cripples her right leg and right arm. Mrs. Louisa Myers, age 57, widow, is practically helpless as her left side is wholly paralyzed. Willie Price, age 20, has been crippled by rheuma-

tism for eight years and has no use of his lower

limbs which are badly drawn up.

Mrs. Roy Wilson, age 27, suffers severely from rheumatism which has so crippled her lower limbs that she is unable to stand. As she has to remain alone while her husband is at work the wheel chair will be a great help and relief in enabling her to get about.

A lot of other crippled, helpless shut-ins are suf-fering for COMFORT wheel chairs. Help us to sup-ply the needs of a goodly number of them the coming month.

Because the subscription price of COMFORT goes to 35 cents a year on the first day of July, I have to revise my wheel-chair offer accordingly.

My standing offer has been to give a wheel chair for 200 subscriptions at 25 cents each, and this offer holds good for all wheel-chair subscriptions mailed

But beginning with July first, the subscription price will be 35 cents, and I will give a wheel chair for 150 subscriptions at the new 35-cent rate, although the wheel chairs now cost me nearly one half more than they did two years ago.

Those who are trying to earn a wheel chair for themselves or for a friend, and have sent in subscriptions at the 25-cent rate before July first should continue their efforts after that date by getting subscriptions at the 35-cent rate; and they may rely on my assurance to make not only a fair but a liberal adjustment in their favor. All those that they have sent in at the old rate before July first will stand to their credit and a proportionately larger credit will be given them for such as they send in at the 35-cent rate after that date. In other words, they will finish by earning their chairs with a smaller number of subscriptions than would be required at the old rate. If this is not perfectly clear, do not hesitate to write me, and I will inform you just how you stand on the wheel-chair account.

As to new applicants, who make their first start on or after July first, 150 subscriptions at 35 cents each will earn a wheel chair for them.

I cannot spare the space for letters of thanks, but

we have an interesting Roll of Honor this month.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the generous contribution of \$9.60 cash to the general wheel-chair fund by Mrs. N. J. Gerber, of Schrag, Washington. This is equivalent to 77 subscriptions and was credited as such for the benefit of the shut-ins in the award of the May wheel chairs, and mention should have been made in the Roll of Honor last month; also \$1.00 contributed by an unnamed friend in Friendswood, Texas. Various smaller sums in cash have been contributed by others.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 35 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premaums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friends to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free, Write me for information.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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Miss Fannie Cassidy, Ohio, for Raymond Cassidy, 187;
Audrey Mildred Amos, Ind., for Davie Gifford Goodnight, 177; Mrs. Ella Hensley, W. Va., for Melvin French Barker, 105; Mrs. M. Blanche Jamieson, Maine, for E. Me. General Hospital, 82; Mrs. John Dozier, Oregon, for Alice May Dozier, 75; Mrs. Roy Wilson, 5g., for own wheel chair, 43; Rev. Horace B. Sellers, Maine, for Mrs. Frank J. Libby, 41; Lizzie Goheen, Ky., for Naoma Goheen, 30; Mrs. Fred Seal, N. Dak., for Master Arnold DeVries, 24; Mrs. Dent W. Hughes, Goldins, Tenn., for Beulla Mae Barnett, 23; Mrs. J. H. Tenn., for Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, 24; Rev. John W. Price, Okla., for Harold Brown, 22; Mrs. G. DeJong, N. Dak., for Master Arnold DeVries, 22; Mrs. Sessie Vernon, Ala., for Johnny Whitenburg, 21; Miss May Style, Va., for George Leonard Williams, 21; Mrs. Style, Va., for George Leonard Williams, 20; Mrs. G. J. S. Pool, N. C., for Stroud Pool, 20; Mrs. Mary Whitenburg, Ala., for Johnnie Watson, 20; Mrs. G. J. S. Pool, N. C., for Stroud Pool, 20; Mrs. Mary Whitenburg, Ala., for Johnnie Whitenburg, 14; Alexander C. Rotter, Wis., for General, 12; Reana Boyer, Ark., for General, 10; Miss Julia Adams, Miss., for Jack Adams, 10; Mrs. S. E. Upchurch, Ala., for Jessie Lee Bright, 9; Mrs. Mary Karnes, Okla., for Mrs. E. V. Stalnaker, 9; Mrs. W. Arnold Lewis, Wash., for Mrs. L. Myers, 8; Mrs. C. H. Moore, Texas, for own wheel chair, 8; Steve Proffitt, Ky., for Roscoe Prof-



"Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners." - Bishop Middleton.

Through the columns of this department free information pertaining to Etiquette, Personal Appearance and kindred subjects will be given in answer to questions by our subscribers, but not more than two questions the same month by any one subscriber. Address Etiquette Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine, and give your own full name and address. Name will not be published.

A WESTERN GIRL, Havre, Mont.—If you are but eighteen, it is perhaps well that your marriage should not take place for two years. One reason why long engagements are to be avoided is that the couple are kept in an unsettled state, and there is always a possibility of changes of heart, health, or finance breaking up what might have gone happily forward if more promptly accomplished. But you will not believe this. We fear.

we fear.

C. K., Darlington, Ind.—Even though the party was held at the house of this young man, it was permissible for him to accompany you home, and he should have offered to do this when you had no other escort. It would have been perfectly proper for you to have aided his thoughtlessness by asking him to see you back to your own house. But if his mother or sisters invited you to remain all night, he has no cause to be offended—particularly as it was his own fault.

D. D., Ashboro, N. C.—You are right not to let boys kss you in the way that your friend allows them to do. It is permissible to accompany a caller to the door, unless you wish to appear exceedingly formal. You are very wise to plan to secure a better education, and you will never regret that you made the necessary sacrifice.

GOLDIE MAY, Clarksville, Ark.—If you are walking with a girl, and it becomes dark, you may ask her if she wishes to take your arm.

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Two Montana Kids, Victor, Mont.—A girl should have finished school, and be at least eighteen before she should spend any time about thinking about "going with boys." (2) The professor in your school has the right to govern your actions while in the building or in his charge. We cannot answer more definitely than this because we are not informed of your exact cause for complaint. Suppose you talk it over with your parrents, if you have not already done so.

B. L. Pilot Mountain, Tenn—It has been appropried.

B. L., Pilot Mountain, Tenn.—It has been announced officially that the government is not in favor of somany strangers writing to boys in the army and navy. We certainly could not recommend that you, a fifteen-year-old girl, should start a correspondence with a man that you had never seen.

PUZZLEO GIRL, Kennet, Mo.—A young girl should not write to two soldiers, one of whom is divorced, and the other whom she has not senn. See answer to B. L. in this column.

IENNY AND PEGGY, Anamoose, N. Dak.—Here are two foolish letters from girls to whom we can only say that they are too young to write otherwise but in a silly fashion about boys. What are your mothers thinking of to allow these boys to act in this fashion when they come to see you?

L. A. D., Seattle, Wash.—You may give this girl of eighteen a book or a box of candy upon her birth-day. Remember that a girl accepts only the most sim-ple gifts from a man to whom she is not engaged.

Two High School Girls, Nampa, Idaho,—It is a girl's prerogative to go with as many different boys as she may wish to—and is able. And this refers to "quitting" them, also. But it is not a boy's right to hug and kiss every girl he goes with, and you must put a stop to any such freedom when it is offered.

MIKE, Bethesda, O.—Write to no soldiers that you have never met. The government does not encourage such correspondence. (2) You may write friendly, sensible letters to this other boy if your parents do not object. But no auto rides at night. And remember you are but a school girl.

TEXAS ROSERED, Hemingway, S. C.—A fifteen-year-old girl should not take any time from her books to correspond with nineteen-year-old boys. (2) If you have another partner, simply state the fact. (3) We cannot tell if the boy, who was angry fit not becoming your escort, eares for you; but we can easily tell that he has bad manners.

TROUBLED GILL, Hemingway, S. C.—You will find that you will be happier by doing as your father wishes even if he at times seems harsh. We think that the "nice young man of twenty" with whom you wish to correspond, would be disappointed in your spelling. Why not spend a little time on this and not think so much about the boy question for a year or two?

Brown Eyes, Flat River, Mo.—If an automobile is crowded beyond its seating capacity, a young man can stand upon the running board at the side. In any case, it is the man's place to assume the most uncomfortable position. In such a situation as you mention, we think you could arrange to sit upon the lap of a girl friend.

TWO SAMMIES, Mich.—Here is a silly question about what to do if a boy and girl like each other but are both bashful. All we can say is to wait until they know each other well enough to get over being so bashful. (2) Ride in his automobile if you wish, but no night riding.



The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be taken to your local doctor.
Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

T. T. E., Whistle, Ala.—Comfort has recommended many times the use of American Oil to be taken in teaspoonful doses with the meals for both constipation and the resultant intestinal gas and more, or less mucous in the stools. For the constipation, if pronounced, use two compound cathartic pills at night. The use of any sleeping potion is to be discontinued, especially of a habit-forming drug.

B. A. Sheridan III.—American Oil is not a parameter.

B. A., Sheridan, Ill.—American Oil is not a patent medicine. It can be obtained at any drug store.

Miss E. H., Price, N. C.—The itching may be due to pin-worms affecting the parts. If so, an enema of salt in hot water will cure you. Use only a teaspoonful to the pint or even weaker. You can also use locally compound gall ointment, which can be obtained at your local druggist's. Apply the ointment at night

fitt, 8; Mrs. A. H. Anderson, N. Dak., for Raymond Anderson, 8; Mabel Brownlee, Miss., for Lilah Cawthon, 7; Mrs. Mattle Horton, Ala., for Jessie Lee Bright, 7; Mrs. Rilla Wheeler, Ala., for Jessie Lee Bright, 7; Annie Sappington, Okla., for General, 6; Mrs. Annie Nix, Ala., for Jessie Lee Bright, 6; C. M. Furrow, Oregon, for General, 5; Miss Mary Clemmons, Ga., for Mrs. Roy Wilson, 5.

Miss M. E. D., Waterloo, Wis.—Cleanse the parts with tar soap, and apply a solution of salicylic acid to the arm pits. One per cent. solution in water will be strong enough. Use only twice a week.

MRS. M. S., Manchester, Ohio.—The moles can be safely and effectually removed by the actual cautery or liquid snow. Both must be used by a physician only. Mis. F. M., Waupaca, Wis.—From what you write, you may have several adhesions following your operations. The only way of handling these is by another operation. Adhesions of this kind will cause all kinds of symptoms and pains, even in remote parts. You should take high up saline enemas for the intestinal mucous you pass with your stools.

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MRS. C. McCox, S. D.—Your daughter is possibly suffering from a dislocated cartilage in the knee joint. An operation is indicated in that case.

MISS F. L. C., Lenoir, N. C.—Curvature of the spine should have surgical treatment. The sooner the better. Curvatures are now cured by operation on the spine. If the operation is not indicated, the use of a spinal support is indicated. This must be applied by a competent surgeon.

MRS. W. I. B., Bowling Green, Ky.—You have the same tendency that your parents have. The cause of the paralysis should be gotten at, from the history of your parents' illness and by the examination of your own blood.

own blood.

Miss. M. A. G., Cincinnati, Ohio.—You should, at the age of eighty-one, be glad that you are in fairly good health. Your skin is wrinkled from the absorption of fat that comes with age. Massage with cold cream wilhhelp smooth out the wrinkles, and possibly plump up your face. Your son should wear a truss, and as soon as he can, have a radical operation performed for the cure of the rupture.

Miss. L. B., Hoskins, Nebr.—The turn in the eye is due to unequal vision in the eyes. If the vision is not the same, the poorer eye crosses to get rid of double vision. The children should consult a good eye-doctor and have glasses prescribed at once, to be worn indefinitely.

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B. B. H., Petersburg, Tenn.—Would advise the usual operation for the trouble mentioned. You should let the ovaries alone. Operation on the ovaries is not dangerous in your case, but is inadvisable.

MR. G. C. F., Weimar, Texas.—There is nothing to whiten the skin, that would be of lasting duration. The skin of the hands is colored and has much to do with one's occupation. A good soaking in hot water, to which a good soap is added, will deas much to soften and whiten the skin as anything. The wearing of gloves at work will also help.

MRS. L. A. P., Richmond, Va.—Varicose veins, such as you describe, should be operated on and a radical cure effected. If this is not possible, use an elastic bandage, applying it to the leg before rising in the morning and removing it at night after retiring, or while in bed.

MRS. J. W. H., Butte, Mont.—The lump in your

MES. J. W. H., Butte, Mont.—The lump in your breast has nothing to do with your indigestion. It should have surgical attention at once. Lumps in the breast are always dangerous and require radical treat-

ment.

Miss E. C., Pencerville, Ill.—Tuberculosis is very contagious in the average case, especially if there is no effort made to protect the average individual who must come in contact with it. It can be carried in the clothes, through dried sputum, and also in the dust of the room. There should be no kissing in cases of this kind.

Mr. G. S., Kendish, Colo.—Would not advise either the toupe or wig. The wig is the only thing you can use, owing to the loss of so much of your hair, but it is heating and you will lose the hair you now have. The wig is stuck on by some non-irritating preparation. There is nothing to bring back the hair, where the roots are dead.

are dead.

MRS. A. P., New Haven, Ili.—Use the regular sulphar ointment for the itch. Apply three times, at night, to the entire body, then take a warm bath. Burn or boil your clothes, and apply simple vaseline, to the skin. If this does not cure, repeat the sulphur ointment again after two weeks.

MRS. T. W., Junction City, Oregon.—You are troubled with internal hemorrhoids, and you should consult a good surgeon and have them removed by operation. Your child should have only the simplest food at night, and in this way you will probably control the night terrors. Also look out for adenoids and enlarged tonsils. If present, have them removed at once.

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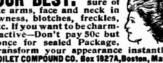
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Per Hour

So many stories have been circulated that war gardens do not pay—stories that may be genuine German propaganda—that it is a pleasure to be able to present some actual figures—probably the most thoroughly business-like figures kept last year, to show that war gardens do pay.

The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, turned over to its employees some vacant land near their factories for war gardens. In order to determine if this ground was used profitably, they installed a time clock in the tool house. Gardeners "punched in" when they went to work and "punched out" when they stopped work, just as factory workers do.

This enabled the Firestone Company to keep an exact record of the time spent by their employees in the garden. Seeds were sold at cost and all the garden produce raised was checked and priced at regular retail prices.

The figures kept by the company showed that vegetables, etc., valued at \$14,205.59 were raised on 265 gardens. Each man or woman who worked in a garden received an average of 9te worth of garden produce for every hour worked. Figures like that effectually put an end to the propaganda that War Gardens do not pay and give people a good idea of how profitable it is to raise their own garden truck.

Spraying "Circles" for Farmers

Community cooperation in spraying, particularly in the control of such diseases as potato late blight and tomato leaf spot, is urged by the United States Department of Agriculture. The department is suggesting to county agents and extension pathrologists the early organization of such spraying "circles" to deal more effectively this year with such destructive plant diseases. A community spraying outfit with a man and team continuously employed throughout the season is both economical and efficient, department officials say, and proved a successful plan in Vermont and New York last year. In one New York community the average spraying cost per acre for the season was as low as 65 cents while the cost of one application averaged 13 cents an acre. Detailed reports of the organization and operation of the community spraying circles as they were conducted in Vermont and New York are being made available by the department to workers.

Farmer Attains "Efficiency"

To show how farmers of the United States are meeting the shortage of farm help a field agent of the Bureau of Crop Estimates in a recent report told of seeing a farmer in Indiana, driving a team of six horses hitched to a disc plow and leading three horses drawing a harrow. He was working nine horses and two modern farming implements, and doing the work of several men and teams under the old system of farming. To show how farmers of the United

By Name and by Nature

A chap named Spies was arrested in New York for anarchistic statements. He was ultra fachionably dressed and wore suede shoes. He must have been eyen suspicious of himself.—Boston Ad-vertiser.

Comfort's Comicalities

The Leopard's Spots

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Buffalo Jones, the animal hunter and trainer, was telling an after-dinner story: "Pete had charge of the animal tent, and among his pets was a leopard, the only one with the show. He was a bad leopard, too, and gave Pete far more trouble than all the rest of the menagerie together. One day, when the show was in New Jersey, I went out to Chicago to arrange some business. While I was having dinner a telegram was handed me. It read: "The leopard has escaped. Prowling about town. What shall I do. Pete."

"Pete was one of those fellows who had to have explicit directions to do anything, even in an emergency. He was always afraid of making a mistake. I rushed from the table and sent a reply. "Shoot him on the spot," I wired. Being unusually busy, I forgot all about the affair until about two hours later, when I returned to the hotel, and another telegram was handed me. It proved to be from careful, conscientious Pete, and asked: "'Which spot?"

Our Amateur Soldiery

"Now, men," said the Captain of a training camp company of recruits, "I will give the command to charge at double quick. The barbed-wire fence yonder will be the entanglement—see how quick you can get through."

After the company had made the charge, the Captain looked back and saw one of the rear rank privates standing on the other side of the barbed wires.

"What the dickens is the matter?" he shouted, "Can't you obey a command?"

"Shore—but you see, Keptin, I lost my pants in a poker game, last night, and these I got on now ain't mine!"—Louis-ville Herald.

Ideal Alarm Clock

A customer had overhauled a large number of clocks of all shapes, sizes and descriptions, but nothing seemed exactly to suit his tastes. At length the jeweler, in despair, fetched out a massive timepiece of complicated design.



"Here, sir, is a clock which will, I think, suit your æsthetic taste. At pre-cisely 10 o'clock every morning the tiny

bells chime and a bird hops out and sings a carol."

"I will take that if you will make a few changes in it."

"With pleasure," the jeweler said.

"I have a daughter," went on the customer, "and I want the clock for the room where she entertains her company. Make it so that at 11 o'clock at night a milkman's bell will ring and a newsboy will skip out and shout, 'Morning papers!' "—Chicago Heratd.

Auto Suggestion

Mrs. A.—"You say brandy's a good remedy for colic, but I don't agree with you."

Mrs. B.—"What do you know about it?"

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Mrs. A.—"A great deal. Before I began to keep brandy in the house my husband seldom now he has it almost every day."—Louis-ville Herald.

Holding Him to His Word Bobby (trying to get away)—"Say, pa, wait a minute. Didn't you tell the callers last night that I couldn't be beat for mischief?" Father-"That's just what I did, you

young rascal."
Bobby—"Well, then, what do you mean no me

Retribution

The teacher was telling her class a long, highly-embellished story of Santa Claus, and the mirth of Willie Jones evclaus, and the mirch of While Jones evidently got entirely beyond his control.

"Willie," said the teacher, sternly,
"what did I whip you for, yesterday?"
"Fer lyin'," promptly answered Willie,
"an' I was jest wonderin' who was goin'
to whip you."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Listening

There is a species of sentry groups employed near the trenches. They are are called "listening patrols," and their duties are to be always on the alert to give timely warning of any attempted attack. One night an officer on his rounds inspected a listening patrol stationed in an empty farmhouse. He asked, Who are you?"

The reply was, "Listening patrol, sir." "What are your duties?"

"We listen for the hen cacklin', and then we get the eggs, sir."

Letters to Read

Little Willie, age six, was missed by his mother one day for some time, and when he reappeared she asked: "Where have you been, son?"

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"Playing postman," replied Willie. "I
gave a letter to all the houses in our
street. Real letters, too."
"Where on earth did you get them?"
questioned his mother in amusement.
"They were those old ones in your
wardrobe draw, tied up with ribbon,"
was the innocent reply.

A Note to Teacher

"Jest for Fun"

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A school teacher once received a note like this: "Dear Teacher: Please excuse Johnny today. He will not be at school. He is acting as timekeeper for his father. Last night you gave him this example, If a field is 4 miles square how long will it take a man walking 3 miles an hour to walk 2½ times around it? Johany is no man, so we had to send his daddy. They left early this morning, and my husband said they ought to be back late tonight, though it would be hard going. Dear Teacher, please make the next problem about ladies, as my husband can't afford to lose the day's work. Goodness knows I don't have any time to loaf, but I can spare a day off occasionally better than my husband can.

Resp'y yrs,

"Mrs. Jones."

Rightol

Mrs. Askem—"Haven't you observed that the designers take a woman's head to adorn many of your coins?"



Askem—"No, but I have observed that designers take many of my coins to adorn a woman's head."

Happy Day

"Twenty years ago was the happiest day of my life."

"That couldn't have been the date of your marriage. You're too young to have been married so long."

"No, it wasn't that. Just twenty years ago was the first time a barber asked me if I wanted a shave when I went in to get a haircut."

Hopeless Case

Passing a hand over his forehead, the worried drill sergeant paused for breath as he surveyed the knock, kneed recruit. Then he pointed a scornful finger. "No," he declared, "you're hopeless. You'll never make a soldier. Look at you now. The top 'alf of your legs is standing to attention, an' the bottom 'alf is standin' at ease!"—Louisville Herald.

Food Value of Milk

The following statement with reference to milk has been made by the United States Food Administration:

"Milk is one of the most important food sources the human race possesses. For the proper nourishment of the child it is absolutely indispensable and its use should be kept up in the diet as long as possible. Not only does it contain all the essential food elements in the most available form for ready digestion, but recent scientific discoveries show it to be especially rich in certain péculiar properties that alone render growth possible. This essential quality makes it also of special value in the sick room. In hospitals it has also been shown that the wounded recover more rapidly when they have milk.

"For the purpose of stimulating growth, and especially in children, butter fat and other constituents of milk have no substitutes. Therefore, every parent owes to himself and to his family the duty of providing requisite amounts of milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products. During this last winter when there was much agitation in some of the larger cities over the price of milk, which was advanced from two to three cents per quart by reason of the rapid rise in the cost of feed and labor, many families among the poor were found giving their children tea and coffee instead of milk. Such methods of feeding fail to nourish the child properly.

"In spite of the shortage of milk in Germany, that country has at all hazards maintained the milk ration of the children and in the hospitals, even though to do so meant that the adult population has had largely to forego its use. In a 'safety first' health campaign it must be remembered that it should be 'children first.'"

When Peace Comes

Some day peace will come. Thousands—millions of men—will suddenly be thrown back again into civil life. Consider the vastness of the readjustment that will be necessary. Look back at the period of reconstruction after our own Civil War. Prepare for this new period of reconstruction. The day of reckoning is bound to come. Begin to save now. Thrift is the need of the present the hope of the future.

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Liberty Loan Bonds, War Savings, the safest securities in the world, are a wise provision for the day peace comes.

Great War Loans

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Eighth German war loan, 41-2 per cent and 5 per cent. Total subscriptions, \$3,600,000,000.

French war loan of 1915, 5 per cent. Total subscriptions, \$2,261,864,400.

Austrian seventh war loan, 5 per cent. Total subscriptions, \$1,150,000,000.

Italian fourth war loan, 5 per cent. Total subscriptions, \$1,000,000,000.

Hungary seventh war loan, 6 per cent. Total subscriptions, \$60,000,000.

Canadian victory loan, November, 1917, 51-2 per cent. Total subscriptions, \$60,000,000.

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America, my country, brave souls gave thee birth—

They yearned for a haven of freedom on earth; And when thy proud flag to the winds was unfurled, There came to thy shores the oppressed of the world.

Thy milk and thy honey flow freely for all— Who takes of thy bounty shall come at thy call: Who quaffs of thy nectar of freedom shall say: America, my country, command, I obey!

America, my country, now come is thy hour—

Humanity pleads for the strength of thy hand,

Thou guardian of freedom, thou keeper of right,

When liberty bleeds we may trust in thy might, Divine right of kings or our freedom must fall—

Chorus: America, my country, I answer thy call,

Lest liberty perish on sea and on land.

· America, my country, I come at thy call!

The Lord of hosts counts on thy courage and power:

The Mother of the Regiment

(See front cover illustration)

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OST of the officers and men of the —th American Infantry knew and reverenced old Mrs. Langdon, a widowed New England woman who had made her home in France for a decade. Also, most of these officers and men knew and reverenced old Mrs. Langdon's daughter, a strikingly pretty young person with New England applebloom cheeks and an odd mingling of youth's gladness and war's sorrow in her brown eyes. The Langdons now lived in an old stone house in the French village in which the third battalion of the —th Infantry had its rost billets, and they entertained one or more of their countrymen friends almost every evening in their basement sitting-room. A light above ground was likely to draw a Boche airman and a rain of bombs.

The two had already shown their allegiance to the country of their adoption. They had given to France a son and brother, who had died at immortal Verdun.

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Young Private Lester Eastman had come back from having done a turn in the front line trenches, with his nerve literally tied up and ready to be thrown away. He had been reared under glass, so to speak, and he had enlisted in the State Guard more for the fun of the thing than for any other reason. His company was now about to "go in" again, and he had turned a chalky white at the bare thought of having that front-line nightmare all over again. His company commander misunderstood. "You've been suffering from shell shock ever since we came out, Eastman," he said, sympathetically. "Better stay belyind at rest billets, and get straightened up."

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Eastman turned away, went out, and walked slowly down the fast darkening main street of the old French village. He was glad; and yet, he was calling himself bitterly a coward and a slacker. The further he walked, the more down-hearted he became. But presently he came to himself and found that he was standing like a stone image in front of the darkened door of Mrs. Langdon, that good old woman who was called almost religiously "The Mother of the Regiment."

Blessed be the Providence that cares for these highly strung men who must whip themselves so terribly before they can possibly amount to anything. The door before Eastman opened softly, and a slightly stooped feminine form appeared dimly outlined against the thicker darkness within. She advanced, put a mothering hand on Eastman's drooping shoulder, and peered into his troubled face.

"Oh, it is you, Lester," she said gently. She knew him well; he had been one of the most frequent of her visitors. "Come in, Lester, boy. I can see that you are in some difficulty. Come in and tell Mother Langdon about it; won't you?"

It was very like her to say that. Without a word, he followed her inside, waited while she closed and locked the door, and then went with her down a winding flight of stone steps and into her basement sitting-room. There the girl Sarah sat sewing beside a lamp that burned yellow and dim.

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"It won't matter if Sarah hears it," smiled the old woman. "Sarah and I keep nothing from each other. Tell us, boy."

Eastman suddenly straightened in his chair. "I am a coward!" he blazed, in a low and tragic voice. "I was afraid to go with them back to the front-line trenches—I was afraid, afraid!" Mother Langdon sat looking at him as though she doubted her ears. It was such queer talk, coming from an American, surely! For once, her daughter was the quicker-witted of the two. Sarah dropped her sewing to her chair, walked over beside Eastman and put a hand tenderly on his raven-black hair. War easily kills formalities.

"The fact that you are so much upset over it," she told him, "is proof that you are no coward, Lester. The world's greatest heroes, some of them, have felt just as you feel now. You are merely sick of what you have seen of war; your sensibilities are fine. But this sickness will pass. Perhaps I am taking a great responsibility upon me when I urge you to go back and do your bit with the others, but I do urge you to do that, Lester. I gave my one brother to the cause of civilization and Christianity: I am willing to give my—my friends, too."

In spite of his perturbation, Eastman noted the shining brightness of her eyes as she finished. In that moment the soul of the man knew that she cared for him even as he cared for her, that he was vastly more to her than merely a friend. As though to call him to his duty, there came from somewhere to the eastward the growling, roaring rumble of heavy artillery.

The Mother of the Regiment noticed it. "It means a barrage preparatory to an attack, and it comes from a sector the Americans are holding," she said, while she looked straight at the young soldier. "They will need you there, Lester, my dear. I gave my son; I am willing to give my daughter, myself, and such good friends as you, dear boy—though Heaven

in the unlighted street.
"In the morning," he whispered, as they started toward that ever increasing cannon-thunder in the east, "will you go to quarters and tell them where I've gone?"
"Yes," she whispered, "I'll tell them in the morning."

"She won't work! She's jammed—she's toward that ever increasing cannon-thunder in the east, "will you go to quarters and tell them where I've gone?"

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"To Lester Eastman, a thick blackness settled down over the world. It was so thick that, to the invaders, past gaunt and broken shafts of the invaders, past gaunt and broken shafts of wood that had once been beautiful trees, through shell-torn entanglements of rusted wire, past gray homes. Not once did Sarah lose her way: it was now deserted save for the dead and homes. Not once did Sarah lose her way: it was now deserted save for the dead and homes. Not once did Sarah lose her way: it was now deserted save for the dead and homes. Not once did Sarah lose her way: it was now deserted save for the dead and wounded. His head ached, but it had?" been during all this time the firling in the east grew spidly plainer. They could see flashes from big guns and exploding shells now.

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If I can't, I'll fight with some other company. Good by!"

A cannon's flash showed him that she was smling sweetly at him. She was utterly unshaken. Eastman caught her in his arms and kissed her. "Good by!" he told her again, and this time trenulously.

"If you'll watch closely, you can see a bit of forest straight ahead," she said to him. "Straight beyond that, you will find your comrades. May Heaven keep you for me, Lester."

She turned and ran from him. The flashes of shells and big guns showed Eastman the broken, splintered trees. He ran toward them, reached them, and found himself in the midst of a torment of bursting shrapnel. Through that rain of fire and steel he struggled desperately, and before long he found himself climbing into a trench filled with men of his own company.

In the sudden light of a flare, one man recognized him. "You slacker!" laughed that grimy-faced, bleeding man. "Where you been, you slacker?"

Eastman wrestled himself free of all his burden.

America, My Country

By Jens K. Grondahl

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AMERICA, my country, I come at thy call;
I plight thee my troth and I give thee my all;
In peace or in war I am wed to thy weal—
I'll carry thy flag thru the fire and the steel.
Unsullied it floats o'er our peace-loving race,
On sea nor on land shall it suffer disgrace;
In rev'rence I kneel at sweet liberty's shrine:
America, my country, command, I am thine!

four hundred yards in advance of them brought Eastman to a quick halt. He was still afraid; but he had resolved to kill the thing which he termed his cowardice, or die in the trying.

"What am I thinking of!" he exclaimed above the roar of the Hades in front of them. "You must go back—Sarah, you must go back! Surely, I can find the way from here on to my company. If I can't, I'll fight with some other company. A cannon's flash showed him that she was smiling sweetly at him. She was utterly unshaken. Eastman caught her in his arms and kissed her. "Good by!" he told her again, and this time treaulously.

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Eastman wrestled himself free of all his burden save for his rifle and ammunition. He sprang to the firing-step of the trench, which he correctly judged was a trench of the second line. A moment, and he was working the bolt of his rifle about this sort of gun?"

Eastman have camouflaged their helemets and bayonets! If we could get this gun to working, Withers, we could hold those reserves—here's ammunition. We've got to work it, Withers if we don't, the Americans have given ground to the German reserves.—here's admunition. We've got to work it, Withers in the moonlight?

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By Hapsburg Liebe wounded as they reached the ambulance station. When Eastman arrived, she ran up and pressed his hand. It was for him that she had been

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"You may ride back with him, if you like, Miss
Langdon," said the driver. "I have only him
for a passenger this time, unless you go along."
She climbed into the car with Eastman. The
driver started the machine, and they were off
for the hospital. Sarah Langdon sat beside Eastman, with her proud eyes full upon him.

"It was splendid, Lester," she said again.

"Thank your mother, the Mother of the Regiment, for the example she set me," smiled Eastman. "I'll lose this leg below the knee, sure."
he went on, "and I won't get to fight the Boches
any more, But I'll still have the knee-joint, and
with an artificial limb.——Sarah, do you think
you could possibly marry such a man?"
Her face bent nearer and nearer to his. "Why,
Lester," she murmured tenderly, "wouldn't you
need me all the more because of that?"

Thus spoke in her the unconquerable spirit and
soul of the Mother of the ——th Infantry.

Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8.)

According to his way of thinking, the death of Sibyl's mother would only complicate matters; for he knew that Raymond would insist upon an immediate marriage, and, even providing that Sibyl's secret was never known beyond their own family circle, he could not think of such an alliance with any degree of satisfaction.

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Away from the sad associations of the past few months, her whole mind bent upon one purpose that of caring for her mother, and leading her toward a higher and purer life—she gradually grew to be more restful and content than she had ever hoped to be again.

Mrs. Stillman, too, since she had become more dependent upon her care, seemed more gentle and social, and this, of itself, gave Sibyl much hope and comfort.

Sir Athelstone had taken a charming little cottage, whose broad-covered veranda looked directly out upon the sea; and here they sat day after day, Sibyl with her work or book, either chatting pleasantly, or reading aloud some interesting tale, while the invalid, too weak or too languid to work, lay back in her luxurious easy-chair, and listened as she watched the white-crested waves sweep gracefully ashore, and break upon the glistening beach, a growing thoughtfulness in her dark eyes, an unwonted gravity on her pafe face.

"Sibyl, how can you honestly believe that there is a just and merciful God, when He deals out such wretchedness as the world is filled with?" she asked suddenly one day.

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Sibyl's beautiful eyes filled with pain, but her tones were clear and confident as she replied:

"I know there is a God who is just and merciful, and like a tender father to his children; but I do not believe that it is. He who deals out the wretchedness with which the world is filled, as you express it."

"Who then, pray, if He is the almighty and overruling power?"

"Salvation is far from the wicked, for they love not thy statutes; but great peace have they who love the law, and nothing shall offend them!" Sibyl repeated, opening her Bible, which lay upon the table.

Her companion frowned.

"Then, according to that, you believe that my own wickedness has been my curse," she said, sullenly.

"Far be it from me to judge any one save myself," was the soft, sweet answer, "but all the way through this wise book, we are told that sin brings its own punishment, and obedience and submission their reward."

"I don't see how you can make that rule apply to yourself, for I know of no one who commits less wrong than you do. Perhaps, though, you believe that saying about the sins of the fathers being visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation. Even then," she added, more to herself than to her companion, "I can't understand how it would work in this case."

Sibyl did not reply for a moment; she knew it was not wise to argue upon these points, though her heart was filled with thankfulness that her mother was pondering upon this vital subject.

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"There are a great many things that we cannot understand, but we must accept them as right and necessary, just as we would take the remedies of a trusted physician without knowing what they were, or exactly why they were given. They are often bitter and nauseating, and sometimes make us suffer more than we did before; but we know that they are prescribed by one wiser than we are, and with the end in view of restoring us to health and the enjoyment of life."

"Then sorrow and wretchedness are not panishment after all, but God's medicine to cure us of sin. I think your views are rather contradictory." Mrs. Stillman returned skeptically.

"God knows best what we all need; and I believe there is a wise purpose in every trouble or sorrow that Tie sends into the world," Siby! replied.

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Then kneeling down by her side, a tender, yearning look in her dark eyes, she continued:

"I told you that submission and obedience would always bring their own reward, and I am beginning to find it true in my own case. You have made me very happy this morning by giving me so much of your confidence, and by conversing so freely with me. I am more content at this moment to be caring for you, and ministering to your comfort, than I could ever have been if I had rounnined, its you suggested, in my beautiful

moment to be caring for you, and ministering to your confort, than I could ever have been if I had remained, as you suggested, in my beautiful home with auntie; therefore, out of my sorrow some good has already come."

Mrs. Stillman, looking earnestly into her beautiful face which shone with the light of her hely, unselfish purpose, knew that she spoke naught but truth.

"How can you feel thus, when I have ruined your life and all your future prospects?" she asked, in solemn wonder.

"No: not so," Sibyl answered, the light in her eyes deepening, the smile upon her lips growing sweeter, "my life is not ruined—I believe I an doing right, and every duty is sweet which will give to me a clear and quiet conscience. Let me make you happy—continue to give me your confidence, as you have done today, and let me lead you into 'greener pastures,' and I will henceforth ask for no purer joys in life."

She beut forward and touched her lips to Mrs. Stillman's white cheek, then arose and went quietly from the room, and no one beholding the pure light upon her face, could doubt that

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Her heart was full.

She believed that the "wedge of truth" had at last entered that heart of adamant—that the hitherto invulnerable armor of obstinacy and unbelief had been penetrated, and would ere long be entirely stripped away.

After Sibyl left the room, the invalid sat motionless until she saw the slender, graceful form pacing upon the white, sandy beach: then with a moan of pain, she bowed her head upon the Bible she had left in her lap, and wept long and passionately.

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That freedom may live and that tyrants may fall, I owe thee my all and my all will I give-I do and I die that America may live. The toregoing is esteemed by many to be the greatest patriotic song Inspired by the present war. It received the applause of Congress when quoted by Representative Siegel in his speech the day war was declared. It has moved men to enlist. It expresses the prevailing patriotic sentiment of our people and has been halled by some as a new National Anthem. The words with music on sale at the music stores or by the Dally Republican, Red Wing, Minn. Jacques Latture's farm, you know. You might go with him for a few miles, and show him this near way. You are not apt to meet a Boche this side of the fighting trenches, but take along the little revolver, and if you meet one—you'll know what to do."

In her was the spirit that has kept unsulled the stars in Old Glory. Realizing that, Lester Eastman honored her for it. He rose and stood straight, his countenance suddenly determined straight, his countenance suddenly determined thand and kissed it, rose and went toward the street a better man than he had ever been before.

And Sarah, with a dark shawl hurriedly flung about her shoulders, and with a tiny revolver in her bosom, followed to show him the way to and through the shell-pitted farm of old Jacques Latture.

Eastman stole into his rest billet, made himself up hastily in heavy marching order, snatched up his rifie and stole back to Sarah, who waited in the unlighted street.

"In the morning," he whispered, as they started toward that ever 'increasing camnon-thunder in the east, "will you go to quarters and tell them where I've gone?"

And somebody replied: "Leave her there, you where I've gone?"

"I've seen them operated, that's all. I could feed one, maybe."
Eastman knew a little concerning rapid-firers. He fell to work on the disabled piece, his fingers flying, and when the Teuton reserves were within two hundred yards of them at the closest point, he had the gun in working condition! Withers helped him, and they soon began to rake the massed ranks of the Boches at the rate of six hundred shots to the minute, a deadly fire that spared nothing. There was plenty of ammunition, fortunately, and the Germans dropped into their own trenches to escape the hall of lead.

"Throw it at them!" Withers kept saying. "They don't know there's only two of us; we sound like a regiment!"

Dawn broke, and the Americans filled their forward trenches, thereby surrounding a thousand of the enemy. Then came the stretcher-bearers, picking up those who had fallen. Two of them halted under the machine-gun that had done such magnificent work. Withers sat there; he was holding the inert body of Lester Eastman in his arms.

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"It's Eastman," Withers told them in a thick voice, "Private Eastman, who held the Boche reserves and saved us all. Handle him carefully—he's got a leg nearly off! And get this, men; he did all that fighting standing on his one

good leg?"
Eastman opened his eyes in the early morning light. He smiled at Withers, then he made his youthful countenance stern.
"Cut it out, Withers," he said weakly. "It wasn't anything."
Eastman was the last of the badly wounded men taken from the trenches in the clean-up. Where the stretcher-bearers connected with motor ambulances, an American girl, her brown eyes weary and anxious, scanned the pale faces of the

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War Situation Brightening with Germans Checked in France and Austrians Driven Back in Italy

To good purpose would be served by trying to disguise the plain fact that since the total collapse of Russia closely followed by the near collapse of Italy, last fall, the war situation has been perilous until within a few weeks and even now is critical, although very recent events have given it a decidedly brighter aspect.

If Russia, with her huge army and immense resources, had kept her solemn promise to fight to a finish and not make a separate peace the war would have ended in the triumph of the Allies before now-in all probability last fall. For in June of last year the iron ring of the Allies was pressing back the German, Austrian and Turkish armies on all fronts with crushing force. The English and French were steadily advancing their lines in France and Belgium; Turkey was in despair over the rout of her armies by the British and Russians, while Austria, unable to check the progress of the Italian invasion on the west, was panic stricken by the brilliant victory of the great Russian army pressing from the east toward Vienna. Such was the situation the latter part of June, last year, which induced the lower branch of the German parliament at that time to adopt a resolution in favor of "peace without annexation or indemnity." But at this critical juncture treachery wrought for Germany what all her vaunted military power could not accomplish.

The Russian Socialists, the Bolsheviki, led by the infamous Lenine and craven Trotsky, and aided by German gold and Prussian propaganda, corrupted the Russian army and induced the greater part of the rank and file to mutiny, so that the same troops, which had won so gloriously before, in the next battle a few weeks later refused to fight, murdered their officers and fled before the enemy, abandoning the French aviation and British artillery corps and such few of their own comrades, including the Russian woman's "Battalion of Death," as remained loyal, to meet the attack of the combined German and Austrian armies. Thousands deserted and returned to their homes, but a large majority joined the Bolsheviki-Socialist-Anarchist-I. W. W. movement and assisted in the forcible overthrow of the last remnant of reputable government and in its place instituted the Bolsheviki reign of terror, murdering those who opposed them, pillaging the towns and cities and confiscating property generally on the pretext that private ownership is

By such means and with such a backing the Kaiser's tools, Lenine and Trotsky, made themselves masters of Petrograd and of a considerable part of Russia and straightway made a three months truce with Germany for the purpose of arranging the terms of a separate peace for Russia. Both these traitors were recently returned Russian exiles, Lenine from Switzerland by courtesy of the German government, and Trotsky from New York. They denounced the Allies and especially vilified the people and government of the United States which had entered the war and helped Russia with much material, food, ships, Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross service and a loan of two hundred million dollars which the Bolsheviki government dishonestly refuses to acknowledge as a debt.

How perfectly to the Kaiser's taste these pro-German Russian Socialists have played the game appears in the grand result. By the peace treaty, concluded last winter, Russia has lost the best and richest part of her territory. An area larger than the German Empire, stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea and inhabited by fifty-seven million people, rich in agricultural products ranging from wheat to cotton, and in mines and mineral deposits including the wonderfully productive Russian oil fields, has been passed over to Germany and is now being occupied, organized, developed and exploited by the Germans. Of course the acquisition of this vast territory has greatly strengthened Germany's material resources which were running low.

The Russian truce enabled Germany and Austria to withdraw large forces from the Russian front for the great drive last fall which routed the Italian army out of Austria, conquered northeastern Italy and came dangerously near to being a crushing blow

The separate peace with Russia, last winter, permitted Germany to transfer millions of troops from the Russian to the western front. Thus augmented her forces in France and Belgium largely outnumbered the combined armies of England, France and America and made possible the succession of terrific drives, begun last March, which compelled the retirement of the Allied armies and imperiled the safety of Paris and the Channel ports. The gain of ground, however, has been at the cost of enormous losses in the German army and each drive has diminished in force and effectiveness, while the resistence of the Allies has been increasing until now, since the last drive, the Allies have been making counter attacks with considerable success. The tide of battle seems to be turning and good news is now the order of the day, the most significant of which came recently from Italy where the big Austrian drive, late in June, not only failed but was turned into a signal victory for the Italians who forced the Austrians to retreat with heavy losses.

As we go to press another grand attack is in course of preparation by the German army in France; but the commanding generals of the Allies are confident that they can resist it successfully. And another bit of cheering news, published on July fourth, is that the American army in Europe has now reached the million mark and is being augmented at the rate of more than two hundred thousand each month. Needless to say that our soldiers are doing their share of the fighting and in a manner that is simply glorious.

United States to Intervene in Russia

7AST quantities of food and war munitions furnished by the United States and our Allies are stored at Archangel, in the Russian province of that name, and at Vladivostok in Siberia, and small bodies of allied troops are assisting the local authorities at these places in guarding these supplies to prevent their falling into the hands of the Germans and Bolsheviki who are reported to be preparing to attempt to capture them and subdue Siberia and Archangel Province, which have not acknowledged but are resisting the German-Bolsheviki authority. It is believed that the Bolsheviki are about to declare war against the Allies, including the United States. It is of the utmost importance to stop the further extension of pro-German Bolsheviki power in Russia and Siberia, and it is for this purpose that the United States is to join our Allies in armed intervention in Russia.

No Packages Accepted for Oversea Delivery Unless on Soldier's Written Request Approved by Commanding Officer

HE sending of packages to our soldiers in Europe has been overdone to an extent and in such manner as to have become not only an intolerable burden on transportation facilities but a positive detriment to the discipline of the army. An examination of five thousand sacks of parcel post mail destined for General Pershing's soldiers disclosed the fact that the articles therein not only were, in the main absolutely unnecessary but very undesirable. The amount of such mail had reached the extraordinary total of half a million pounds per week last February and was growing at the rate of a

hundred per cent increase each succeeding month. With transatlantic cargo space the most precious thing in the world the Government was obliged to enforce restrictions on the sending of these packages which had reached such a degree of congestion on the other side that the French railroads were unable to move them.

Therefore a general order has been issued, and is being strictly enforced, to the effect that post offices, express companies and freight stations are not to accept any article for shipment to a soldier oversea unless accompanied by the soldier's written request approved by a major or higher commanding officer of our Expeditionary Forces. The same rule applies to parcels destined for persons connected with the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other organizations in France, except that in such case the request is to be approved by an executive officer of the organization.

Many of the articles sent to soldiers are not only undesirable but absolutely prohibited, while most of those which are useful or permissible can be purchased at the army canteens or quartermaster's stores in France at cost to the Government which is less than the retail price in America. According to a recently published statement by the War Department, "tobacco is now being supplied as part of the Army rations, and merchandise of practically all kinds can be purchased in France through a general store established by the quartermaster corps." The restrictions on parcels do not apply to magazines and newspapers. These can be mailed without request and without military approval. The Government needs all available cargo space for shipment of munitions, food and other necessaries, but the friends and relatives at home may rest assured that General Pershing, who attends so carefully to the welfare of his men, will see to it that any reasonable requests for packages from home shall have the necessary approval.

England Joins in Celebrating the Fourth of July

THERE were public demonstrations of joy all over England when the United States entered the war and since then the Stars and Stripes have been much in evidence in public places. The people of London went wild when the first American troops paraded the streets of the British capital a year ago. Our navy has stations and our army has camps in England where hundreds of thousands of our troops have stopped over on their way to France, and everywhere our soldiers and sailors have received a hearty welcome and the best of treatment by the British officials and people. But for England to officially recognize and celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of the independence of the United States surely is going the limit of international courtesy. That is just what England has done spontaneously and with genuine enthusiasm. Preparations were made for a gala day. At Sheffield accommodations were prepared for fifty thousand spectators at the armynavy baseball game and due celebration was held in all American camps throughout Great Britain. In London the bells of Saint Paul's Cathedral were rung as on the great British holidays and five hundred American soldiers were brought to the city. The King conferred signal honor on the occasion by consenting to open the ball game by pitching out the first ball himself. Whatever their past differences, the great nations arrayed against the military despotism that seeks to conquer the world are now in perfect accord and it is to be devoutly hoped that they will continue forever bound by a bond of sympathy and common interest stronger than treaty alliances for the future peace and liberty of humanity.

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Out will not find Portsmouth Peterslisted in "Who's Who" even under his proper name, which I know but may not tell, but to this day his fame survives in all those places in the world where seamen gather.

His first leap into the dazzling publicity which lluminated his later career was simultaneous with his lodgment in Honolulu jail, after he had engaged the combined forces of the Royal Havaiian Navy and Revenue Service in a three lours' pitched battle, single handed, while his bur comrades lugged two thousand five-tael tins of opium, which they had just landed below the fall, out of danger of confiscation. Next he bobbed up on the Russian frontier of Mongolia, bading a raid of Manchu brigands on the penal settlement of Akatou. The result of this exploit was the liberation of half-a-dozen noted political prisoners whose loss so incensed the Czar's government that for months two brigades of Cossacks bovered along the Chinese frontier, threatening hternational complications.

When I first knew Peters, in Hong Kong, he had settled down to the comparatively obscure, though lucrative, occupation of filibustering military supplies over to the Island of Luzon for the Filipino Revolutionary Junta. He was then just the sort of picturesque figure that would catch a voman's eye; barely an inch under six feet, agile as well as powerful of build, deep-set eyes that were sometimes green, and a chestnut-brown hair that harmonized well with his sun-tanned, tawny complexion.

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It was only natural that I should have met her in Hong Kong, for she mixed a good deal with the English and American residents. I believe her mother was an American, for she spoke a New England English with such purity that it was only with the closest attention that you could detect the Spanish accent here and there. Physically, she was a remarkably handsome girl, though I fancy most men would have preferred a more softly rounded chin, a smaller mouth, fuller lips, and a figure not quite so tall. But I can easily imagine the appeal she would make to a man like Portsmouth Peters. Just what there was between them, I never knew. Quite a good deal, I fancy, for a man of Peters' temperament does not succumb to fatal nervous disorders at the age of thirty-four without some very deep cause.

"I was Sir Arthur Conningsby." said Peters, continuing his narrative; "and Miss Balmaceda was, of course, Lady Conningsby. British globe trotters, you know, taking passage on a freighter from Hong Kong to Singapore, via Manila and Mindanae, just for an experience. Then there was an elderly mestiza as lady's maid. I had a real French valet. Bill Simons, my chief mate, as skipper. And the crew—all Chinese, some of my old Akatou crowd that would have followed me to hell. There you have the cast.

"Well, things worked out pretty much as we had figured. The port officials swallowed our story of a cracked crank shaft, and they allowed us to dock alongside the jetty by the arsenal machine shop for repairs. I guess we looked our parts, for those two young



Guam, who thought the Charleston was saluting when she was bombarding the citadel, and came to apologize because he hadn't the powder to

reply.

"Finally, out came the commandante, sleepy, but all smiles and politeness. His quarters were just off the passageway from the front entrance to the courtyard opposite the guard room. The rest of the quadrangle was all barracks and prison cells, I suppose.

"Well, our talk was mostly smiles and polite exclamations, for Bill's Spanish was mighty lame, and we weren't supposed to know any. And, then after we'd drunk chocolate, came what we had hoped for—an invitation to inspect the prison.

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"So the commandante sends for the alcaide, a sneaky, spindle-shanked little chap, who brought his keys, and we began to make the rounds. Right behind the commandante's room was the corridor, then the first cell. We passed through that, talking, looking at the poor devils stretched out on their mats, through one big cell after another, each containing thirty or forty prisoners. And finally we reached the end of the row, and there was a barred door which the alcaide did not offer to open. But the commandante told us to look in—we might see the "incommunicados." "I saw there were three light-colored natives in there, and I suddenly got interested in a view from a window, overlooking the sea. We could barely make out the coast line of Mindanao. We, that is, Bill, and I, kept that up to the full limit. Finally, from the corner of my eye, I caught Miss Balmaceda's face. She'd done the job. Of course, all the prisoners in the cell we were in must have seen her hand in the blank check and the fountain pen to the doctor, and take both back from him, but that was a chance we had to take. "We started back along through the cells. It was like walking along the brink of a precipice: I regretted that I had not come armed. When we got into the last cell to the corridor, I noticed that the alcaide wasn't with us. There was a minute's waiting, and he came sneaking in, and when I saw his face I smelt trouble. He took the commandante aside and whispered, rather louder than he would had he known how well both Inez and I knew Spanish. I caught enough to us.

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"In slangy English, I told Bill what was on and what to do. I watched my chance. I knew they didn't intend to do anything till they got back in the commandante's room and could summon a corporal's guard. Finally, the alcaide unlocked and opened the door to the corridor. With one sweep of my arm, I shoved Miss Balmaceda out. Bill gave the alcaide a kick in the stomach that doubled him up, and before the commandante had grasped the situation, both of us were out in the corridor, and had slammed the outer door to and shot the big boit.

"Then we just flew. As we shot through the commandante's room, I grabbed a revolver that was hanging from a chair-back in its holster.

"As we dashed out into the passageway between the main entrance and the courtyard we could hear the shouts of the commandante back in the building, calling the guard, but before the sentry had sensed anything out of the ordinary, I had the commandante's gun under his nose. And, while I beld him up, Bill slammed to the courtyard gate and barred it; then he and Inez got busy and slipped the breech blocks out of the Mauser rifles, in the rack in the guard room, and stuffed them into our pockets. We had just finished that job when the first soldiers in the barracks to respond to the commandante's shouts were shaking the inside gate, trying to get out into the passageway.

"Three minutes later the three of us, with the

She shaded her candle with her hand and went into the next room. A boy lay there in bed, a handsome child of ten, with something in his sleeping face that made her quiver and turn ghastly in the candle light.

"God, how like he is." she muttered "I didn't I didn't do it. If the worst comes to the worst I could swear that." She swallowed some thing in her throat. "I was treated like a do.," she gasped. "I was driven. But I can swear I never did it. Oh, I musn't think of it." I'd break down. I've got to hight—for Adrian."

For that sleeping child's name was Adrian, too. But the very thought of what she was going to light seemed to paralyze her, the danger of if, the — She put down the candle, knell with passion beside the child.

"I'll do it for you!" she said deliberately. Assiput away from her the thought that if she hid been a driven, desperate woman a week ago, she was more so now by a hundredfold, and with a harder taskmaster behind her. When she got up her face was steady.

"It's lucky I'd got back when he came!" she thought, harking back to Adrian Gordon. "Otherwise there might have been questions to the landlady. But all she knew was that for two or three nights I dined out, and came home in a hansom at half-past twelve. Even that she might not know, because of my latch-key. I defore she had assured herself that she was guiltess, and safe in any case.

The neighbor she knew nothing of had certainly not been reading the papers, and if he had, might very well have overlooked the small print, unimportant paragraph about a man named Murray having been run over in the street, while the worse for drinking, and taken to Guy's Hospital. But from Guy's Hospital Mrs. Murray had not long returned when he paid his foolish visit to her. It was long after visiting-hours, but lester was a pretty woman still. The house swas small chance for the man she asked for.

"He may linger one day, perhaps two," he said. "But in all probability he'll never be conscious, and he can't recover. Was he," marveling, "a relation?"

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"Oh, no!" said the woman in the faultless widow's weeds, prettily. "Only a—a sort of protege. He had come down in the world."

The surgeon thought that was a mild way of describing the sodden, dying wretch up stairs.

The woman who had lived with poor Bob Murray for years drove away with a lightened spirit. That which she had to do was robbed of half its peril since he was dying, was practically dead. If he had been alive and well, it would have had to be done just the same, if she cared to live in this world at all; but the doing of it might have been all but impossible. Now her safety lay almost in her hand. She slept that night.

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Mr. Atkinson—it was the name of the readymade clothing shop, and had seemed less like an alias than Smith or Brown—the new lodger at number fourteen, informed his landlady that he was an invalid. His drawn face confirmed him, and his occupation of sitting all day by the window and never going out was accounted for. Morning and evening he read the papers. The rest of the day he never took his eyes off Mrs. Murray's house—and all he got for his pains was to see her go out and in quietly, sometimes alone, sometimes with that boy, whose face was so like another face. She never had a visitor, man or woman, and certainly if Miss Brown had been described as being given to drink, Mrs. Murray was not. Pale, dainty, mournful, she came and went; and if he had had a purpose in watching fier he thought it a mad dream as the days flew by. A whole week and he saw nothing; a night when he slipped out to his own rooms, in Charles Street, and came back with a letter from Boulogne, that he dared not sign Atkinson. And the letter give him no shred of hope that Hester had lied to him. It was in a man's hand, short and businesslike.

"Madam Murray, the friend after whom he asked, had certainly spent the summer at the Pension Bocaze, which she had left, indeed, not ten days ago. The writer was unable to supply her present address."

It was signed Jean-Paul Berthier. And on inquiry it was no pleasure to Adrian Gordon to find that Jean-Paul Berthier and the pension were well, and reputably enough, known in Boulogne.

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"Hester is out of it," he said to himself. Yet he lingered another week in his sordid lodgings, among smells of bad cooking. It was madness, perhaps time wasted, when there was but a fortnight now to Valehampton Assizes, where the woman he loved would be tried for her life. Yet haggard-eyed, worn to a shadow, Adrian Gordon still sat peering through his half-closed shutters; still searching the papers for he knew not what. Perhaps a tramp dying in a workhouse, a swell mobman arrested and turning queen's evidence. It began to enter his head that he might do that equally well at Levallion Castle; began to rend his soul from his body to stay away from Ravenel. But he knew, perhaps, it would be madness to go to see her, considering the part he must bear in the circumstantial evidence that lied and yet was true; for he stayed on.

And one wet, ghastly evening he flung down the Star, and then caught it up again. With blazing eyes he read a long article.

**A little after one, the three of us started up for the state of the

MLLE MARIANNA BOOLETTA!!!
THE ARRIVAL QUEEN
WHO DISROBES IN THE AIR !!! ICE EREAM HUNDER Marianna B!" Bernice gasped under her breath. Why Mlle. Booletta must be See Marianna the creature whom Bob was The plane boasted a stock which is a stock of the plane boasted a stock of the plane is a stock of the at 3.00 o'clock going to see. For th'love o'Mike! You're a fine This place boasted a stock | "I couldn't get This place boasted a stock company of near-musical away sooner. were putting a melange of players who changed their program nightly. All the smart-set of the hotel attended —the show was so rotten it was good.

As Bernice neared the theater, her eye caught an immense poster, finning across the side of the building. It bore the picture of a floridly handsome woman, and likewise the legend:

"Couldn't get away sooner. We're putting on a new show it an immense poster, finning across the side of the can get your a at the theater in for it, you sit do "Well. it's all husband Copyright, 1918, by W. H. Gannett, Pub., Inc.



Y dear," began Mr. Bob Charlton, as he prepared to leave the table, "I have an appointment with a gentleman at three o'clock this afternoon, so I shall be obliged to leave you for a

be obliged to leave you for a couple of hours."

"Oh, Bobby, must you really? Can't you take me with you?"

Now, if Bob Charlton hadn't been married but a week, he might have given a gently sarcastic hint as to the lucidity of his statement, but this was his honeymoon-time, so he smiled indulgently as he replied:

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"I'm sure I would if I could; but in this particular case it would spoil everything if you came. Now, you be a good girl, and while I am gone you can read or sleep and the time will pass quickly. Come, we'll take a little stroll before I go."

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Bob and Bernice were spending their honeymoon at a Florida resort. Their honeymoon was conventional, but heavenly. It consisted of dips in the surf during the morning, motoring or yachting through the day, and at night long strolls down palm avenues to romantic piers which jutted out into the ocean and from which they could watch the southern moon shedding its glade on the mercurial waves below.

Acting upon Bob's suggestion, they left the dining-room and went out upon the big hotel piazza with its tall Corinthian columns, and down the steps and along the walk lined on either side with tall hibiscus, the glowing red blossoms burning brilliantly against their deep green leaves.

They followed this path to a little pergola in a palm grove and here for more than half an hour they rested.

"Well, little girl, I really must go," Bob said at last. "I believe I'll change my Palm-beach for a heavier suit; the wind is getting chilly." Together they went to their rooms. Bernice picked up a book and Bob went into the bedroom to change his clothes. He presently emerged, watch in hand.

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"Gracious!" he exclaimed, "it's later than I
expected. Just pick up that suit and lay it over
a chair until I return, will you, sweet?"

"All right," she answered, as she raised up her
lips for his kiss.

Bob left, and as soon as the door banged,
Bernice flew to the window, where she stood
watching until she saw his figure go the full
length of the board-walk which terminated at
the beach. Then she went to the bedroom and
picked up the suit he had just discarded.

"Just like a man," she said, in imitation of
her mother, whose favorite expression it was.
She held the suit tenderly; somehow, Bob's
clothes seemed a part of him. Then with a little
blush and a quick glance around, she caught the
coat to her breast, and kissed the inanimate
thing.

"How perfectly idiotic I am about him," she

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"How perfectly idiotic I am about him," she confided to herself. Then defiantly: "But I don't care. He's mine!"

The next moment she was attending to business. She carefully smoothed the wrinkles from the coat and hung it up on a hanger, creased the trousers according to their crease and hung them up likewise, and then put the soiled collar and crumpled handkerchief with the laundry.

Pleased, she stood admiring her work, when suddenly she noticed one of Bob's business cards lying on the floor, and before she knew it, she had picked it up and sensed what he had written on the reverse side:

lying on the noor, and before she knew it, she had picked it up and sensed what he had written on the reverse side:

"See Marianna B. at 3:00 o'clock."

Horrified, she stood with dreadful, unbidden thoughts clamoring for consideration. Who was Marianna B., and why must he see the creature? Was she some old sweetheart of his, and was she going to annoy him? She had heard that often old-time sweethearts blackmailed the objects of their love after they had married. Was this woman going to do the same thing?

Bernice had never asked Bob whether she was the only girl he had ever loved, but he assured her that though he had admired many girls, she alone was his heart's first choice. But if it wasn't anything dreadful, why hadn't he taken her along? And then his words of an hour before came to her with horrific clarity: "It would spoil everything if you came!"

At the thought, Bernice did the only thing possible—she cried; and with crying came decision.

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"I'll follow him, and if Marianna B. is going to bother him, I'll claw her." she decided fiercely, as she wiped her eyes. "I don't care what she was to Bob before; he's mine now. I don't care who she is, even if she's a big—husky—Amazon!" and Bernice started to cry all over again, for you see she would have liked to swear, but not being practiced, she really didn't know how, and the awful appellation she had bestowed upon the unknown "Marianna B." seemed the closest she ever came to it!

came to it!

Bernice having decided on her course, picked up her light coat and marched out of the hotel determined to confront the woman who threatened

her happiness.

She hurried along the palm avenue and to the beach and then followed the board-walk past various amusement concessions. There was the usual miscellany, side-shows, curio shops, shooting galleries, crazy rides and a summer theater.

after all!

As they entered the boathouse, Bernice came from her place of concealment, and hurried to the pier, and hid behind a heavy trestle. Right above her was the boathouse, and she could hear Boletta groaning and Bob trying to soothe her. In another moment, she heard the scrape of feet on the sand on the pier, and then she heard Bob halloo.

She looked in the direction his voice was hurled, and beheld a structure of the same contents.

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Davidge and Lord Levallion took place at the registrar's office in Islington, but the bride, with excellent reasons, refused to have it made public, and went abroad with him under the name of Mrs. Gordon, by which surname he also called himself. Needless to say, the bride was anxious to avoid France and Mr. Murray, although assured he could have no claim on her. And she also never allowed Lord Levallion to introduce or mention her to any friends whom he encountered, giving as an excuse that she was in delicate health and fanciful.

"In 1890 her son was born, at Vevay, where he was christened and registered as Adrian Gordon, Lord Valehampton, Levallion's second title, and described as the only son of Adrian Gordon, Lord Levallion, and his wife. And at Vevay the bubble burst. Murray, by some trick of fate, came face to face with the pair; claimed and denounced his wife, and, to her surprise, had discovered that she had been not only his wife, but Davidge's.

"Lord Levallion was furiously angry. There

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She looked in the direction his voice was burled, and beheld a strapping fellow, who noting the signal was for him, came up on a run. He climbed up the trestle work of the pier and went into the boathouse.

And then Bermee heard:

"For th' love o' Mike! You're a fine husband, you are! I told you to meet me here, and you're late as usual."

"Oh, pshaw, Marie," a man's voice returned.

came face to face with the pair; claimed and denounced his wife, and, to her surprise, had discovered that she had been not only his wife, but Davidge's.

"Lord Levallion was furiously angry. There is no doubt that he would have thrown her back on Murray's hands if it had been possible. But at first it was not. Davidge had been undoubtedly alive at the time of Mrs. Gordon's supposed marriage with Murray, and as undoubtedly dead when she secretly became Lady Levallion. But Mur-

or the late Sir Thomas Annesley, the same unfortunate lady who, justly or unjustly, now awaits her trial for his murder. Mrs. Murray was powerless, never having been his wife, as she thought. But no later than a fortnight ago fate's kaleidoscope shifted. It turned out, by a curious turn of events, that the late Lord Levalion was right about the death of Davidge. It was he and no other who was killed in a scandalous brawl in Paris, but his death was hidden by a namesake, a cousin, Maurice Davidge, who quietly changed identities with the dead man, who was in receipt of an allowance from their family; buried himself, so to speak, and as John Davidge went to America, when quite casually the thing leaked out. Mrs. Murray, be she good or bad, is probably Lady Levallion, for Murray's wife she never was. He had left her for months, having somehow discovered about Levallion, when the quondam John Davidge spoke out.

"Our readers will find the opening proceedings of the case against the present heirs of Lord Levallion, on our first page."

The reader dropped the paper. This was what had been up Hester Murray's sleeve!

"She can have the whole show for all I care!" he said, after a moment of wonder that any woman could be so shamelessly outspoken, even for money.

"She must know no one will accept her after all that story," he thought, though—except that Davidge was dead—he had known most of it.

His face grew very hopeless. This case of Levallion's death. She would far rather have forced herself on him, and shamed him; it seemed to Gordon that his death had taken away the point of the woman's revenge.

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NE of the most interesting letters which I received this month was from a woman in New York state who wrote that her most enjoyable vacation was the week after her city friends left her home in the country where they had been spending their vacation. She said that while August might be the vacation month for the city people who visited her, it certainly wasn't for her, that it was one of the busiest seasons on the farm anyway, that guests made so much more work and ended by asking if I thought her selfish or inhospitable.

Indeed, I do not, but I do think she takes her guests too seriously. She shouldn't allow them to upset the routine of the home, and the guest has a much better time if she can feel that she is causing no extra work or worry. With plenty of the good things we get om'a farm, such as milk, eggs and vegetables, the food question should be easny taken care of and if plenty of plain, well-cooked food is served instead of some thing more elaborate, and the time taken to enjoy each other's company, she will find that company isn't so tiresome after all.—Ed.

Norfolk, Va.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have taken COMPORT off and on for twelve years and have derived lots of help from it, and now I would like to know how to make a rose jar.

Miss Zella Prichard, you surely spoke my thoughts on the subject of charity. So many people have the chance to do good right at home but do not see it, or do not want to.

Troubled Wife, let me tell you something from my own experience. I, too, have a husband who does not believe in showing his love and calls it foolishness, but down in his heart he loves me and there is not a thing he will not get for me, if possible, but he does not want me to kiss him or fuss over him and that at first was very hard for me as I am of a loving nature but let me tell you what I do. I got him to buy a nice little bungalow with plenty of land and I bought ten chickens and some seeds and went to work. Am raising chickens (also rabbits) besides putting in a lot one hundred by thirty-seven and one half feet into a garden. Between my outdoor work and my housework I haven't much time left to think of my troubles or would-be troubles, and when he comes home at night I have everything the way he likes it and all goes well. You can get yourself accustomed to his ways and be happy if you will just try and have a little patience. So take heart, all will come out right in the end.

Mrss. Della B. Boone, you are a mother after my own heart.

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Mrs. Delia B. Boone, you are a mother after my own heart.

Perplexed, don't be selfish. You have made your bed, mow lie in it, and if it makes trouble to take more than the two weeks, don't do it, for we have enough trouble in this world without bringing it on ourselves. You should be glad he is willing to take you back home for even those two weeks and you should improve every minute while there. I have not been able to go to my home for six years and see no chance ahead. If you were not willing to leave your home and go among strangers you should not have married, for, from your letter, you knew you would have to go away.

With love to the sisters and Mrs. Wilkinson,

Mrs. John Anast.

Mrs. Anast.—June with its roses will be gone by the time this reaches you, but since we have every reason to believe there will be other Junes and other roses, just as sweet, I'll tell you how I make my rose jars.

Gather the roses every morning as soon as the dew has dried. Strip the petals from the calyx, throwing away decayed petals. When half a peck, or more, has been collected take a large porcelain bowl and in it place alternate layers of rose leaves and table salt, with salt for the last layer, and cover with a plate the size of the howl. Let them remain like this for ten or twelve hours, then turn, stir and mix them every day for a week. When it begins to turn moist, add three ounces of allspice. Turn it three days more, adding each day a little more allspice and ground cinnamon. By this time it is ready to put into the Jar, and have one that will close up tightly. Then add the following ingredients, coarsely powdered: Cloves, mutmeg, cinnamon, allspice, mace, anise seed and root, one ounce each, and a little black pepper. Then add a few drops of oil of lavender and rosemary and any other desired oil. The contents of the Jar must be frequently stirred and shaken and the various perfumes -and oils can be added as they are obtained. Keep the jar tightly closed for a month after making. When it becomes dry it can be slightly moistened with fresh oil of flowers. Other sweet smelling flowers may be added, after being prepared in the same way if one wishes.—Ed.

BERGERSVILLE, IND.

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After reading the letter from Perplexed and sitting here trying to imagine myself in her place, I felt that I would like to write to this corner. I wonder how many sisters are doing just the same as Perplexed is doing. Do you know that try as I will I cannot feel sorry for such women. Now I know you are wondering how I can talk so.

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Let me tell you the only way to live with any manmo matter how good he is—is to let him know you have a head of your own and that you are entitled to your way of thinking and doing, at least half of the time. If I were in Perplexed's place I would gently and firmly tell my husband that I had my mind all made up for a nice long visit this summer and would go ahead and have my visit half over so that when he came I could visit his folks with him and then we could return home together, which, to my way of thinking, is the very best part of a visit as there is no place like home and no matter how much we want to go away it is always good to get home. I am sure that if you do not let that husband of yours know that you have rights as well as he that yok will not be a very happy wife.

I expect that someone is saying I must be an old maid, but I have been married almost fourteen years to one of the very best of husbands. Neither of us boss but each try to do as we please when we can and if not we always try to please each other in our plans,

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

HE secret of salad making is to have everything ready, even the dishes, cold before beginning. If the letture is not perfectly fresh, it is better to let it stand in ice water half an hour before serving, but be sure the leaves are thoroughly dry, and this can be accomplished by putting them into a clean cloth and shaking lightly until the water is absorbed. The greens will wilt if allowed to stand in salad dressing, so do not add it until ready to serve.

Left-overs, in small quantities, can be combined to make a dainty appetizing dish which is easy to prepare and more healthful during the hot weather than heavy food.

SPANISH CREAN —Soal and stand in salad dressing the hours of water and boil all together for one and one half hours.—Kathering D. Hoza, Hse, Colo.

Potato Sour.—Four large potatoes, one onion; bell in two quarts of water with mayonnaise.

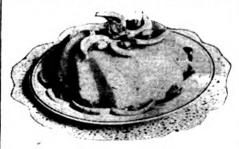
SHANGH AND CHEAR.—Cook well-washed spinach until tender in boiling, saited water, drain, chop fine and season with pepper, sait and kend in which as buttered mold. When cool, turn from mold opto plate and serve with misconding the most into a buttered mold. When cool, turn from mold opto plate and serve with mayonnaise.

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Here A D., Augusta, Maine.

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SPANISH CREAM.—Soak one quarter of a box of gelatine in one quarter of a cup of cold water half an hour; dissolve in three quarters of a cup of boiling water. Bring two cups of rich milk to the boiling point, and pour over the yelk of three eggs that have been beaten to a light creamy yellow with three table-



SPANISH CREAM.

on. This costs much less than chicken and is almost as good.

PINEAPPLE AND CHEESE SALAD.—In the center of salad dish, arrange a mound of cream cheese cut in small cubes and sprinkled with chopped walnut meats. Around this arrange rings of canned pineapple, and outside a border of tender lettuce leaves. Sprinkle ka, and pour over a French dressing made by mixing quarter of a teaspoon of salt and half as much pepper. Slowly add three tablespoons of olive oil, and lastly three teaspoons of vinegar. Serve with toasted crackers.

ing. — Evangeling M., Camden, Maine.

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PRUNE SALAD.—

Wash and steam one half pound large prunes. Remove stones and fill cavity with the following mixture: One and one half cups of cottage cheese, one half cup chopped nuts and one quarter cup chopped olives. Chill and serve on lettuce leaves with salad dressing.

BASKET SALAD.—Remove inside part of green peppers and cut in form of baskets. Fill with chopped string beans, chopped beets and chopped olives. Serve on lettuce leaves, using an ordinary salad dressing.

PINEAPPLE AND CELERY SALAD.—Mix two cups of shredded pineapple with one cup of finely cut celery, half-a-dozen olives, cut into small pieces, and one half cup of chopped nuts. Moisten with salad dressing and serve on crisp lettuce leaves.

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BEET AND CARROT SALAD.—Boil beets and carrots until tender; peel and set away until cold. Chop equal parts quite fine and thoroughly mix with French dressing and let stand three quarters of an hour. To four good-sized beets and an equal amount of carrot,



BEET AND CARROT SALAD.

use four hard-boiled eggs. Remove the whites and cut into rings and put in layers through salad. Rice the yolks over the top of salad.

STUFFED TOMATO SALAD. - Peel six large, smooth to-STUFFED TOMATO SALAD.—Peel six large, smooth or matoes, cut off stems and scoop out centers, saving the solid portions. Mix with this one half cup chopped celery, a little chopped onion, one tablespoon of chopped nuts, and salt to taste. Fill the tomato shells with this and serve with mayonnaise, on lettuce leaves.

FRENCH DRESSING.—Blend well together two tea-poons of salt, one eighth teaspoon each white pepper nd paprika, a dash of cayenne and four tablespoons f vinegar and four of olive oil. Add one teaspoon of craped onion if desired.

BAKED BEAN SALAD.—This is a good way to use left-over beans. Chop fine or run through food chopper, add a small quantity of chopped beets, a little chopped celery, and half a teaspoon of onion juice. Place on lettuce leaves and serve with salad dressing.

JRILIED SALMON SALAD.—Take two cups of canned salmon, drain and remove the skin and bones. Mince fine and add a tablespoon of lemon juice, a little red pepper, one teaspoon of minced parsley and salt to taste. Mix together with salad dressing and a tablespoon of powdered gelatine dissolved in one quarter of a cup of water. Fill small molds with this and set them on ice to cool. Turn out on crisp lettuce leaves,

POTATO SOUP.—Four large potatoes, one onion; boil in two quarts of water until soft. 4 Press through a sieve and add one pint of sweet milk, one tablespoon of butter and a little salt and pepper. Let boil up again and serve.—Grace C., Augusta, Me.

VEAL FINGERS.—Cut pieces of bread one inch thick and three inches square. Toast brown in the oven. In



VEAL FINGERS.

a stew pan have ready hot slices of left-over veal and gravy. Cover toast with veal and pour enough gravy over to moisten the toast. Cover the veal with rings of boiled carrot and surround with canned peas that have been drained, then heated in a double boiler, and butter, pepper and salt added.

WAR COOKIES.—One cup each sugar, shortening and molasses and buttermilk. Put one teaspoon baking powder, one level teaspoon soda and one of salt in one cup of graham flour, oat flour, rice flour and three of white flour. Sift well, mix in order given. Roll thin. These are healthy and good.—Mrs. MAGDALEN CLARK, The Dalles, Ore.

CABBAGE SOUP.—One half head of cabbage, chopped fine and boiled one half hour in a little water. Drain and add one pint of boiling milk, one half cup of cream, butter size of an egg and pepper and sait to taste.

MOCK RAREBIT WITH OATMEAL.—Cook two cups of oatmeal, as usual, and just before serving add one cup of soft, mild, grated cheese, one tablespoon of butter and one teaspoon of salt. Stir until cheese is thoroughly blended.—Mrs. James Spurway, Billings, Mont.

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COTTAGE CHEESE.—Place sour milk on back of store and let warm slowly. Cook until a spoonful can be taken up and drained and the curd left will be firm.

Take from stove and turn into cloth strainer and hang up to drain. When drained, add a piece of butter and some cream or milk and a little salt.

Beat while warm.

Press into molds or form into balls.

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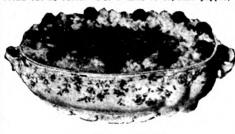
salt into the boiling water. Cook forty-five minutes.
e: One add hamburg steak and tomatoes and stir until red color disappears. Add salt and pepper. A sweet pepper adds to the flavor. Grease baking dish, put in layer of corn-meal mush and seasoned meat and cover with mush. Bake one half hour. This serves six people.—Mrs. Hazel Black, Randsburg, Cal.

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DRED PEACH TURNOWERS.—Soak dried peaches over night. Remove skins after soaking. Put in stew pan, cover with water and cook about one hour, sweeten to taste and cook about half an hour longer. Season with any desired spices. Make a dough as for ple, roll out, cut into small pieces, cover one half with the peacles, turn the other half over and pinch the edges together. Bake.

Bake.
PRUNE TARTS.—To one cupful of prune pulp previously boiled and rubbed through a sieve, add one cup of sugar, one half cup of milk and the yolks of two well beaten eggs. Line a pie tin with rich paste, fill it with the mixture and bake until the crust is done. Beat the whites of two eggs, adding one quarter of a cup of white sugar, spread over the top of the tart or pie and brown slightly.

SPANISH TOMATO. — Fill a buttered pudding dish about two thirds full of layers of canned tomato and bread cut in cubes. Put a dash of cayenne pepper, a



SPANISH TOMATO.

little onion juice, salt and butter on each layer. Bake half an hour in fairly hot oven. Flake one cup of cooked fish, add a little pepper and salt, one cup of mashed potato, two tablespoons of butter, one egg beaten light and one third of a cup of rich cream. Put the mixture over moderate heat, and keep tossing until it is creamy and blended, then spread over the scalloped tomato. Put riced mashed potato around the edge and dot with pimolas.

POTATOES AU GRATIN .- Cover bottom of baking dish POTATOES AU GRATIN.—Cover bottom of baking dish with silees of left-over potato, cover with grated cheese and bread crumbs, corn meal bread crumbs may be used. Season with salt and pepper and dot with pieces of butter: repeat until dish is full, with top layer of crumbs. Fill dish to top of potatoes with milk, and bake until brown.

BLACKBERRY JELLY.—Pick the blackberries over carefully and mash them in preserving kettle and heat slowly until the juice is all drawn out. Squeeze through a double thickness of cheese-cloth and boil the juice fifteen minutes, then add as much hot sugar as you have juice and boil until it thicknes when poured on cool plate.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them, they stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Silvyl, who walts on them. Her winning ways, her admittance own mother would not do it, convince them that the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, they learn that a woman who had been in a rallroad smash up and injured leaves the child, who for weeks cries for Nansie. Mistress to leat the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Silvy is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures "I. A." which she dimly remembers and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Silvyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck, with Lady Prescott Silvyl assists in receiving the guests. Raymond, watching and anxious, admits to his mother how beautiful Silvyl is, and that no one attracts him as she does, and that his mother has the first right to his confidence. She will like nothing better than to keep her children with her. Silvyl in Maplewood. Seized with a sudden faintness, Miss Therwin is carried to a quiet room. Silvyl remains with her. Regaining consciousness, Miss Therwin refers to the ornamest Silvyl wears, and to hegasurprise discovers the letters S. H. S. intervovo in this gives to the ornamest Silvyl wears, and to hegasurprise discovers the letters S. H. S. intervovo in this gives to the room of the carry fire thousand pounds, enlists the aid of an unscruption of early life, the vision of a beautiful face, the faint remembrance SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

CHAPTER XXVII.

DUC D'AUBIGNE'S ATTENTIONS.

HE will conquer me yet in spite of myself," she said at last. "I cannot do it—I must not do it! Oh! Ada Therwin, I believe you are rearing a fabric which will some day fall and crush us both repeated, with a shudder, and dropped her head again into her hands.

A long time she sat there in deep, troubled thought, but lifting her eyes now and then to look out at that pretty figure down by the sea.

Finally she opened the sacred book upon her lap, and began to read.

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Meanwhile, Sibyl rambled along the smooth, white beach in a happier frame of mind than she had been for many a long day.

"Ah!" she murmured, as she breathed in the pure, strengthening air, and looked thoughtfully out over the blue waters, "what greater reward could I desire than to help lead the dear wanderer home to her father's house?"

Many, many times Sibyl would thus review the past, and this was always where she had to stop, because she could go no further.

Who could have tempted her mother—who had ruined her life when she was young, and pure, and happy? And more than all she wondered, yet dreaded to know, who had been her father.

She could never think of it at all without a feeling of faintness and dizzy horror creeping over her, and her whole soul crying out for help to bear this great and terrible burden of her life.

But today, even this grief seemed less fearful beside the light of the new hope that had come to her—that her mother was perhaps being led toward a better and higher life.

A half hour later, while she was sitting there, thinking and listening to the waves as they broke on the crags beneath, she heard steps crunching the gravel behind her.

Glancing over her shoulder, she saw a manly form approaching, and thought there was something familiar in his appearance, yet she did not at the moment recognize him.

The stranger came nearer, and lifting his hat said, politely:

"Madam, can you point me the nearest way to the village?"

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Sibyl lifted her face to answer him, pushing back her wide-brim hat as she did so, when, with an exclamation of pleasure he sprang toward her. "Miss Prescott — or, pardon, Miss Stillman! truly this is an unexpected pleasure," the stranger cried, extending his hand, and then she saw that he was none other than the Duc d'Aubigne. He had shaven his beard, leaving only his long, curling mustache, which made him look much younger than when she had last seen him in Dumfries and which had also prevented her from recognizing him.

She gave him her hand in kindly greeting, and then answered his query regarding the nearest way to the village, but he seemed in no haste to depart now, and seating himself upon a boulder beside her, began chatting in his usual lively, officiand manner.

He had left Dumfries only three weeks before, and had all the latest news to tell her—for, be it known, Sibyl, to her great anxiety and perplexity, had received no Jetter from either Raymond or his mother for a longer time than that—and she listened with eager interest to all he had to say, which fact he was quick to perceive and to make the most of.

"Do you enjoy Barmouth?" he asked, bound to make her talk.

"I do not know much about the place, for I seldom go to the village, but I love the sea wherever it is."

"Are you fond of yachting, Miss Stillman?—if you love the sea, I should think you would like it."

"I don't know," she answered with a little smile. "I never was in a yacht in my life."

"Would you like to try it?" he asked eagerly.

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"Would you like to try it?" he asked eagerly. "Mine is at your disposal any day. We could take a run down the bay some fine morning and return by moonlight. I should be delighted to give you the pleasure."

Sibyl thanked him, but declined, because of her mother's feeble health and she could not leave her long at a time.

Then she changed the subject and inquired after Miss Therwin.

"I have not seen her for a month," the duke replied, gnawing his lip with vexation at her refusal, "but," he added, with a keen glance at her out of the corner of his eyes, "report says that she contemplates changing her name one of these days."

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Sibyl looked her astonishment.
"Is it possible?" she said, at last.
"Yes; have not your friends, the Prescotts, written you about it?"

Her beautiful face paled.
It was so very strange, that she had received no word from them for the past four weeks.
But she answered, quietly.
"No, they have written me nothing about it."
"That is singular; but perhaps young Prescott-your adopted brother, is he not?—wishes to surprise you. You and Miss Therwin were quite intimate, I believe, before you left Dumfries—how would you enjoy her as a sister?"
Sibyl turned her dark eyes full upon him.
"I do not think I fully understand you, my lord," she said.
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A beautiful color rose to Sibyl's checks, and her lip curled a trifle in scornful unbelief, while her slender fingers almost unconsciously turned the diamond circlet which gleamed on her left hand.

'It cannot be true, my lord. Mrs. Grundy is at fault for once," she quietly replied.
"By George, they are engaged!" was his lord-ship's mental exclamation, as he caught the sparkle of the moving diamonds, and noted her

place, and I warn you never to go so near the edge again."
"Thank you," she said, quietly, as she released herself from the hand which he had put forth to save her. "I have been here often, and I have no fear."
"Nevertheless, the waters are deep beneath these rocks and there would be danger of your drowning if you should fall—that is, unless you can swim," he returned, wondering at her composure.

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"I cannot swim, but I do not fear," and she found herself feeling thankful to that rolling stone for saving her the necessity of replying to his lordship's request to call upon her.

But the day came when she would have given worlds, had she possessed them, if she had paid better heed to his warning.

He accompanied her to her own door, having apparently forgotten his own request, though inwardly chafing at the cool indifference which she manifested toward him.

She did not invite him to enter, and he left her with a smile and bow, and went his way.

The next morning, as Sibyl took her seat at the breakfast table, she found beside her plate an enchanting little basket filled with the freshest, dewiest, sweetest roses.

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A card lay on top, directed to Miss Sibyl Stillman, with the compliments of a friend."

The following day a basket of choicest fruit "for Mrs. Stillman" found its way within their

"Who sent it, do you suppose?" she asked, her eyes gleaming with pleasure, as she observed its dainty arrangement and inhaled the sweet per-

fume.
Sibyl then told of her meeting and interview with the Duc d'Aubigne, and said she supposed the attention must have come from him.

Mrs. Stillman made no reply to this information, but the basket of fruit remained untouched from that moment, and she retired to her room immediately after breakfast, where she remained all day, upon the plea that she did not feel as well as usual.

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One bright day Sibyl took her book and a little basket in which to gather ferns and mosses, and strolled away from the seashore, part way up the mountains, which rose very abruptly from the coast, and not far from their cottage.

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A half hour later her basket was filled to the brim with lichens, ferns, and delicate moss.

Seating herself upon a rustic throne, and throwing aside her hat, she lay back against the great gray rock, and prepared to enjoy her solitude to the utmost.

She read for an hour or more, when she was suddenly startled by the sound of steps not far from her retreat.

The steps came nearer, and soon, to her great annoyance, the Duc d'Aubigne came into view, clad in a handsome hunting costume, a rifle and a well-filled game bag hanging from his shoulder.

His face lighted with a smile of intense gratification as he saw her, and noted the pretty picture she made outlined against the brown, moss-grown rocks.

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"I fear I am intruding, but I pray your leniency for a little season, for I do assure you, most gracious lady, that this heat and the weariness of my bones are unsupportable; while nature, with her wondrous charms," looking into her flushed face, "binds me irresistibly to this spot," he said.

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He bowed with pretended humility and supplication before her, and Sibyl laughed, in spite of her vexation, at his words.

"Rest yourself, my lord; I have not the right, if I had the heart, to forbid you," she replied; but her color rose higher beneath his glance of undisguised admiration.

"What book have you there to beguile the quiet hours, oh, maid of the mountain?" he asked, a moment later, and holding out his hand for the volume.

She gave it to him.

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"Ah! Tennyson. Are you fond of him?"

"I have always liked him since I was a child," she answered, remembering who, by his eloquence and power, had first taught her to love the "Poet Laureate." she

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"What think you of "The Princess?" he asked, with a peculiar look.

Again Sibyl's eyes drooped beneath the glance which told her very plainly what he thought of the one whom Raymond called "Princess."

"I have not yet read it thoroughly enough to pass judgment upon it as a whole. Some parts of it I like, some I do not," she answered, wishing that he would go, or that she could find some excuse for leaving him.

"Let me read you a little of it, will you?" he asked.

She smiled, and nodded assent.

He turned to the seventh part of the tale, and read it through—read it with a power and expression that held her wrapped throughout the whole, until he came to those last few passionate lines, when he dropped his tones to a tender cadence, and threw his whole soul into his voice:

Indeed I love thee; come, Yield thyself up; my hopes and thine are one; Accomplish thou my manhood and thyself; Lay thy sweet hands in mine, and trust to me.

With one swift glance at the flushed, downcast face opposite him, the Duc d'Aubigne laid down the book; then his eyes wandered off to the distant sea, which looked like one vast sheet of silver in the strong sunlight, and there was a silence of several minutes.

"Will you, Sibyl?"

"My lord, I do not understand you," she replied, quickly, and lifting her small head with a gesture of hauteur.

"Then, with increasing ardor, he went on:

"My beautiful one, I have long been wishing to tell you how I love you, but I saw how shy you were of me, and feared to startle you. Now I can keep the secret no longer; every day in your presence only serves to rivet anew the chains that hold me captive. Give me, my beloved, the right to care for you, and love you all that my fond heart dictates, and to make your life one long, enchanting dream."

Sibyl here stretched forth her hand with an exclanation of pain.

"Don't—please don't!" she said, with white lips.

"And why not, love? You have drawn me

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"And why not, love? You have drawn me irresistibly from the first moment that I saw you. Poor, little white dove!" he went on, looking compassionately into her pale face, and reaching forth his hand to take hers, "have I frightened you? Have I been too precipitate? I can wait, dearest, and give you all the time you wish to think of this."

He raised her hand to his lips, and, as it happened, they pressed the very spot over the circlet of diamonds where Raymond had kissed it that day when he had put it upon her finger. With a feeling as if it had been desecrated, she released it from his hand, saying, in tones of distress:

"No, my lord, I do not wish for time. I can never be your wife."

If she had looked up at him, she might have seen something very like a cruel sneer curling his lips beneath his heavy yellow mustache.

He had not asked her to be his wife, but her pure heart never dreamed but that his words had intended to convey an honorable offer of marriage.

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"I cannot have it 'no'," he said, with extreme gentleness. "I cannot give up this hope that has been growing within my heart for so long. Dear Sibyl, pray give me a little hope that I may some time win you."

"My.lord, my answer would have to be the same at any other time. I do not love you, and I can give you no hope," she said, deeply agitated.

"Why cannot you love me?" he demanded, in a

"Why cannot you love me?" he demanded, in a concentrated tone, his piercing eyes fixed in keenest scrutiny upon her troubled face.
"Pardon, but I think you should not ask me that," she replied, with gentle dignity.
"Do you love another?" he cried, in the same tone as before.
She arose and stood before him, calm, reserved, even haughty.
"My lord, I can only give one reply to your suit. I do not love you, and I never can love you, and I have no right to give you any hope for the future."

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"You will at least allow me to claim your friendship still?" he said, with a deep-drawn sigh, and an appealing quiver in his voice.

"I have too few friends to be willing to lose any," was her sad reply, as she thought how short a time ago they numbered legion, and now she stood almost alone in the world.

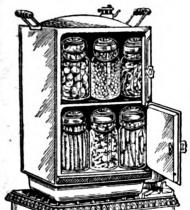
She stooped to pick up her book and basket, preparatory to returning home, but he gently took them from her, and then, with respectful attention, guided her steps down the steep mountain path, and attended her as usual to her own door.

A white, almost convulsed face, peered out at them through the closed blinds of the cottage, and a pair of dark eyes, filled with passionate fire and pain, watched the duke's figure as he passed down the street.

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Canning and Drying Is



EFFECTIVE FOOD THRIFT

STORE YOUR PANTRY WITH HOME PRODUCTS

By Violet Marsh

N this great hour it is necessary that all women live greatly. At the battle front they have performed prodigies of valor and have been decorated with the Cross of War for heroism under fire. You too would like to drive an ambulance and bring out the wounded under shell fire; but the work behind the lines is even more important. It is not the single act of heroism that will win the fight, but the steady sticking to the job.

This year's campaign is a struggle of reserve against reserve; America is the last reserve; in overwhelming numbers our forces are being moved to the front; and behind the lines the women are asked to bring up their last reserves of energy and intelligence in the practical carrying out of food orders.

The food situation must steadily degenerate as long as the war lasts. It is therefore of prime importance to add every item to the total production. No woman with fruits and vegetables at her disposal can afford to be merely a destroyer of rations; a dependent on the food supplies of a starving world. America is today the careful guardian of the needs of the world. As the Food Administration anxiously counts the dwiading bushels of wheat, it asks of every woman. To what extent can you make your home independent of the complex o

what extent can you make your home indepen-dent of this com-mon store?" And the answer is, that the women of America will continue their real war, work real war work of conservation, holding every po-sition they took last year, and go-ing forward to new ground this me ground this year. That they will back up their gardening plan with a cellar and pantry plan. To sit down with pencil and

To sit down with pencil and paper and put info figures just of stove. Top to figures just how many jars of fruit and vegetables it will require to carry the family from one harvest to another, how many potatoes and beans you will need, how much sorghum syrup and honey can be substituted for sugar, and to what extent rice and neighborhood meals and flours can be used in place of shipped breadstuffs, is a practical plan and most useful when the question of substitutes has to be met. And do not leave out the home-canned meats, that your home-pantry may be as independent as possible of the world pantry.

The preservation of foodstuffs by canning and

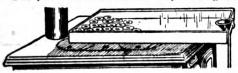


FIG. 4.—COMMERCIAL DRIER.

drying is always effective food thrift. It enables the housewife to take advantage of summer's low prices for fruit and vegetables, even if no garden has been planted. It effects the saving of a surplus of foodstuffs that would otherwise be wasted through excess of supply over immediate consumption. It eliminates the cold storage cost that must be added to the prices of commodities bought during the winter, but of vital importance to every individual is the saving of transportation, the greatest problem of the war, for shipping space has become the most precious thing in the world.

Food will win the war, and the willingness

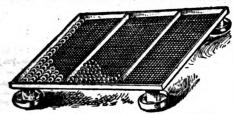


FIG. 3 .- SIMPLE TRAY FOR SUN DRYING.

with which American women are going about this real conservation and the hard and steady day-by-day work it involves, proves their intelligent insight and lofty spirit.

Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, gave a luncheon at her home, the entire menu of which was composed of dried foods. The meal was pronounced a success by all 'present. As one of the Cabinet wives present remarked afterwards: "A dried luncheon does not sound appetizing, but we have found today that it is; everything served from soup to dessert, was most delicious and delicate."

Drying or Condensing Food

Vegetable and fruit drying have been little practiced for a generation or more. Its revival on a general scale is the purpose of this article. There is no desire to detract from the importance of canning operations. Drying must not be regarded as taking the place of the preservation of vegetables and fruits in tins and glass jars. It must be viewed as an important adjunct thereto. This year's need for vegetable and fruit drying is given added emphasis by the shortage of tin for the manufacture of cans. This condition has created an unusual demand for glass

jars. Dried products can be stored in receptacles that could not be used for canning. Drying makes it possible for the over-abundance of summer to be made the normal supply of the winter. GENERAL RULES FOR DRYING.—As a general rule, vegetables or fruits, for drying, must be



FIG. 8 .- CARROTS CUT FOR DRYING.

cut into slices or shreds, with the skin removed. In using artificial heat, be careful to start at a comparatively low temperature and gradually increase. To be able to gauge the heat accurately, a thermometer must be used. An oven thermometer may be bought at slight cost. If the thermometer is placed in a glass of salad oil the true temperature of the oven may be obtained. The actual time required for drying cannot be given, and the person in charge must exercise judgment on this point. A little experience will make it easy to determine when products are sufficiently dried. When taken from the drier, vegetables should be rather brittle, but not so dry as to snap or crackle, and fruits rather leathery and pliable. One method of determining whether fruit is dry enough is to squeeze a handful, and if the fruit separates when the hand is opened, it is dry enough. Another way is to press a single piece; if no moisture comes to the surface, the piece is sufficiently dry. Berries are dry enough if they stick to the hand but do not crush when squeezed. Raspberries, particularly, should not be dried too hard, as this will keep them from resuming their natural shape when soaked in water for use. Material will mold if not dried enough.

Storage of Dried Products.—Of importance equal to proper dry-ing is proper packing and storage. Tin cans, pasteboard boxes having tight-

cans, pasteboard boxes having tight-fitting covers, strong fitting covers, strong paper bags, and patented paraffin paper boxes. Covers of either tin or pasteboard containers should be sealed by pasting a strip of paper around the top, covering the joint between box and cover.

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If a paper bag is used, the top should be twisted, doubled over and tied with a string. An extra precaution is to store paper bags in ordinary lard pails or other tin containers.

Produce should be stored in a cool, dry place, well ventilated mice and insects. In sections where the air is very moist, moisture-proof containers must be used. Label packages.

Methods of Drying

Oven Daying.—The simplest form of oven drying is to place small quantities of foodstuffs on plates in a slow oven. In this way left-overs and other bits of food may be saved for winter use with slight trouble and dried while the top of the stove is being used. This is especially effective for sweet corn. A few sweet potatoes, apples or peas, or even a single turnip, may be dried and saved. To keep the heat from being too great, leave the oven door partially open. For oven use a simple tray may be made of galvanized wire screen of convenient size, with the edges bent up for an inch or two on each side. At each corner this tray should have a leg an inch or two in length, to hold it up from the bottom of the oven and permit circulation of air around the product. See Fig. 5. Commercial Drier for Oven.

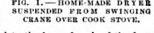
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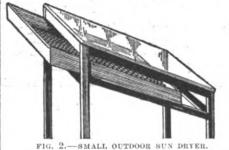
An effective drier for use over a stove may be made easily at home. As represented in Figure 1, use strips of wood one half inch thick and two inches wide. The trays or shelves are made of galvanized wire screen of small mesh tacked to the supports, or separate trays sliding on strips attached to the framework are desirable. This drier may be suspended from the ceiling over the kitchen stove, or over an oil, gasoline or gas stove, and it may be used while cooking is being done. If an oil stove is used, there must be a tightly fitting tin or galvanized iron bottom to the drier, to prevent the fumes of the oil from reaching and passing through the material which is to be dried. A bottom of this kind may be



ing has the double advantage of requiring no expense for fuel and of freedom from danger of overheating. For sun drying of vegetables and fruits the simplest form is to spread the slices or pieces on aheets of plain paper or lengths of muslin and expose them to the sun. Muslin is to be preferred if there is danger of sticking. Trays may be used instead of paper or muslin. Sun drying requires bright, hot days and a breeze. Once or twice a day the product should be turned or stirred and the dry pieces taken out. The drying product should be covered with cheese-cloth tacked to a frame for protection from dust and flying insects. If trays are rested on supports placed in pans of water, the products will be protected from crawling insects. Care must be taken to provide protection from rain, dew and moths. During rains and just before sunset, the products should be taken indoors for the purpose of protection.

To make as represented, use light strips of wood, a sheet of glass, a small amount of galven in the glass top is eighteen by twenty-four inches. To hold the glass top is eighteen by twenty-four inches. To hold the glass top is eighteen by twenty-four inches. To those in the rear. This will cause the top to slope, which aids in circulation of air and gives direct exposure to the rays of the sun. As a tray support, mail a strip of wood to the legs of each of the four sides, about four inches below the top framework and sloping parallel with the top. The tray is made of thin strips of wood about two inches wide, and has a galvanized wire screen bottom. There will be a space of about two inches between the top edges of the tray and the glass top of the drier, to allow for circulation. Protect both sides, the bottom and the front end of the drier, with cheese-cloth tacked on securely and snugly, to exclude insects and dust without interfering with circulation. At the rear end place a cheese-cloth





curtain tacked at the top but swinging free below, to allow the tray to be moved in and out. Brace the bottom of this curtain with a thin strip of wood, as is done in window shades. This curtain is to be fastened to the legs by buttons when the tray is in place.

FIG. 3.—SIMPLE TRAY FOR NUN DRYING.—It is made of wire mesh with light framework and rests on bricks placed in pans of water. This arrangement protects the material from creeping insects.

insects.

Fig. 4, Commercial Drier for Use on Top of Stove.—A shallow metal box to be filled with water, and so constructed that one end may rest on the back of the stove and the other on a leg reaching to the floor, or it may be suspended

over a lamp.

FIG. 5, COMMERCIAL DRIER FOR USE IN OVEN
OF STOVE.—Remove grates from oven. This re-

The eleven by ten inches.

FIG. 6, COMMERCIAL DRIER FOR USE ON TOP OF STOVE.—This same type of drier is also made with its own furnace underneath.

Preparing Food Material for Drying

A sharp kitchen knife will serve every purpose in slicing and cutting vegetables and fruits for drying, if no other device is at hand. The thickness of the slices should be from an eighth to a quarter of an inch. Whether sliced or cut into strips, the pieces should be small so as to dry quickly. They should not, however, be so small as to make them hard to handle or to keep them from being used to advantage in preparing dishes for the table such as would be prepared from fresh products.

FIG. 7.—This shows one form of preparing sweet potatoes for drying, which was done with a meat chopper, using the coarse cutter.



FIG. 9 .- APPLES PEELED AND SLICED FOR DRYING.

Fig. 8.—Carrots cut lengthwise for drying.

Fig. 9.—Apples peeled and sliced for drying.

Vegetables and fruits for drying should be fresh, young and tender. As a general rule, vegetables will dry better if cut into small pieces with the skins removed. Berries are dried whole. Apples, quince, peaches and pears dry better if cut into rings or quarters. Cleanliness is imperative. Knives and slicing devices must be carefully cleansed before and after use. A knife that is not bright and clean will discolor the product on which it is used, and this should be avoided.

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Blanching is desirable for successful vegetable drying. Blanching gives more thorough cleansing, removes objectionable odors and flavors, and softens and loosens the fiber, allowing quicker and more uniform evaporation of the moisture, and gives better color. It is done by placing the vegetables in a piece of cheese-cloth, a wire basket or other porous container, and plunging them into boiling water. The time required for this is short and varies with different vegetables. Blanching should be followed by the cold-dip, which means plunging the vegetables into cold water for an instant after removing from the boiling water. Cold-dipping hardens the pulp and sets the coloring matter. After blanching and dipping, the surface moisture may be removed by placing the vegetables between two towels.

eggs that may have been deposited. One measure that is useful is to subject the dried material to a heat of 160 degrees for from five to ten minutes before storing it away. By the application of this heat the eggs will be killed. Be careful not to apply the heat long chough to damage the product.

DRIED SWEET POTATOES.—Wash, boil until almost cooked, peel, slice or run through meat chopper, spread on trays and dry until brittle. Sliced sweet potatoes may be dried without boiling. If this is done, dipping in cold water just before drying will brighten color.

DRIED TOMATOES.—Blanch long enough to loosen skins, cold dip, peel, slice to thickness of one eighth of an inch. Start at temperature of 110 degrees and gradually raise to 145 degrees, continuing until thoroughly dried. Another method is, after peeling, to cut crosswise in center, sprinkle with sugar and dry at temperature as above until the finished product resembles dried figs.

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SWEET CORN.—Select ears that are young and tender and freshly gathered. Blanch on cob in steam or boiling water—preferably steam—for five to ten minutes to set milk. If boiling water is used, add a teaspoon of salt to each gallon. Cold dip, drain thoroughly and with a sharp knife cut off in layers or cut off half the kernel and scrape off the remainder, taking care not to include the chaff. Drying time, three to four hours. Start at temperature of 110 degrees and raise gradually to 145 degrees.

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To prepare for sun-drying, corn may first be dried in the oven for ten or fifteen minutes. After sun-drying is completed, the corn should be heated in oven to 145 degrees to kill possible insect eggs. Dried Pumpkin and Summer Squash.—Cut into one half inch strips and pare. Blanch three minutes. Cold dip, remove surface moisture and dry slowly. Drying time, three to four hours. Start at temperature of 110 degrees and raise to 140 degrees. The strips may be hung on strings and dried in the kitchen above the stove. Greens and Herns.—After washing carefully and removing leaves, slice or cut into strips a few inches long, and dry in sun or artificial heat. If steam is not easily available, dry without blanching or cold dipping. Drying time, three hours, starting at temperature of 110 degrees and raise gradually to 145 degrees. These directions apply to spinach, kale, dandelions and parsley. Celery tops, mint, sage and herbs of all kinds for flavoring are treated in the same way. This rule applies to cabbage, which should be blanched ten minutes and dipped.

Green Straing Beans.—Select only such beans as are in perfect condition for table use. Wash carefully and string. If full grown they should be slit lengthwise or cut—not snapped—into pieces one quarter to one inch long. If young and tender, dry them whole. Blanch six to ten minutes. To set color, add one half teaspoon of soda to each gallon of boiling water. After blanching, dip quickly into cold water, then drain thoroughly to remove surface moisture. Drying time for young beans, two hours, for those more mature, three hours. Start at temperature of 110 degrees and raise gradually to 145 degrees.

Dried Carrots and Parsnips.—Clean thoroughly and remove outer skin, preferably with a stiff bristle brush: or the skin may be removed by scraping. Slice into thickness of one eighth of an inch. Blanch sk minutes, cold dip and remove surface moisture. Carrots m

open with a sharp knife. Arrange haives on trays.

DRIED APPLES, PEARS AND QUINCES.—Pare, core and slice, dropping slices into cold water containing eight teaspoons of salt to the gallon, if a light-colored product is desired. Leaving them a minute or two in the salt water will prevent discoloration. Or the fruit may be cut into rings. Remove surface moisture. Drying time, four to six hours, or until leathery and pliable. Pears and quinces may be steamed ten minutes after slicing and before drying. Start temperature at 110 degrees and raise gradually to 150 degrees.

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Dried Peaches. — Dip peaches into boiling water long enough to loosen skin. Then dip in cold water and peel. Cut into halves or quarters, remove stones and dry.

Dried Berries. — Pick over, handling with care to prevent bruising. Spread in thin layers and dry slowly. The total time for drying is four or five hours. Start at temperature of 110 degrees, raising to 125 degrees in about two hours. Then raise temperature to 140 degrees and maintain two or three hours longer.

Dried Cherries. — After washing and removing surface moisture, spread unpitted in thin layers. Drying time two to four hours. Start at temperature of one hundred and ten degrees, and raise gradually to 150 degrees. If preferred, the pits may, be removed, although this causes loss of juice.

Dried Celery.—After washing carefully, cut into one-inch pieces, blanch three minutes, cold-dip and remove surface moisture. Dry slowly, about three or four hours. Useful as flavoring in soups and stews.

Dried Peppers.—Steam until skin softens, or place in biscuit pan in oven and heat until skin blisters. Peel, split in half, take out seed. Start drying at temperature of 110 degrees, and gradually increase at 140 degrees. Small varieties may be dried in the sun.

Can All Food That Can Be Canned

Modern methods have made the canning of fruit and vegetables a very easy matter. In many towns community work has proven very satisfactory. Several families club together for the work, meeting at some central place where heat and water can be had, and by joining in the purchase of equipment, each participant will be in a position to save money as against individual purchases and at the same time have the advantage of larger and more complete equipment.

ment.

Equipment should be bought as early as possible, to prevent disappointment in delivery. The cut in our heading shows one type of home or community canner and steam cooker, which holds fourteen one quart jars. Canning is very rapid when sterilization is done in steam maintained at a pressure. There are several canners of this type. Each is provided with pressure gauge and safety valve and they carry from five to thirty pounds of steam pressure.

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FIG. 2, SMALL OUTDOOR SUN DRIER.—Sun dry-

Cubby Bear's Mid-Summer Night Adventure

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IDSUMMER Night was always a time of frolics in the forest where Cubby Bear lived. No one wanted to sleep—they could do that next day—and all the animals met together for games and merry-making.

"What will you do with your Bunny Babies?" asked Cubby Bear of Bunny Rabbit. "They are not old enough to play with the others, and you cannot leave them at home alone." So the Baby Bunnies went to the Midsummer Night frolic. They will be happy sitting in their little cart and watching the games."

So the Baby Bunnies went to the Midsummer Night frolic. They laughed in glee as they watched the animals running around and around and singing loud enough to wake the echoes of the forest, while they played "Here we go 'round the mulberry bush."

The moon was shining brightly up in the sky, smilingly watching the happy little woods people below.

Tired with so much running, they stopped at

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Tired with so much running, they stopped at last to rest a while and get their breath and drink some cool, fresh water from the Big Brook.

And then it was they heard a chorus of frightened little shrieks, and the Bunny Babies tumbled out of their cart as fast as they could, and came running to Bunny Rabbit. Their round eyes were bulging with fright, and they cried shrilly:

"Foxy got one of us! Coming back for more!"

shrilly:

"Foxy got one of us! Coming back for more!"
Bunny Rabbit hurriedly counted his Baby Bunnies.

"One, two, three, four, five, six—why!" he cried, "there should be seven! You count them, Cubby Bear, to see that I have made no mistake."

So Cubby Bear stood them all in a row and counted carefully, "One—two—three—four—five—six," while all the other animals stood looking on.

—six," while all the other animals stood looking on.

"Yes," they said solemnly to each other, "it is quite true. One of Bunny Rabbit's babies has been carried off while we were at play!"

"Went that way! went that way!" cried the Bunny Babies, pointing with trembling little paws. Mamma Bruin stepped forward.

"I will stay with the Baby Bunnies and Betty Badger's children," she said, "while the rest of you follow Foxy. Nothing shall harm them while I am near."

Through the monlit forest they searched wild-

I am near."

Through the monlit forest they searched wildly, looking under clumps of bushes and behind rocks, diving into dark corners, peering up through branches of trees, but nowhere did they see the round face and long pink ears of the lost one.

Tears ran down Bunny Rabbit's fat cheeks, but he did not even stop to wipe them away.

They found Mr. Wise Owl sitting on a branch of a dead mountain-ash tree, staring with big eyes at the bright moon.

"My Bunny Baby is lost!" Bunny Rabbit told him.

him.

Mr. Wise Owl slowly turned his staring eyes from the moon to the excited crowd of little forest

"Who? who?" he asked.
"My Bunny Baby! He was stolen and carried off!"

Owl's feathers bristled out, and his

ried off!"

Mr. Wise Owl's feathers bristled out, and his eyes were larger than ever with indignation, as he asked, "Who—whoo—whoo-oo dared do such a thing?" "It was Foxy Reynard," answered Bunny Rab-bit, "and we are all trying to find him."
"Who—who?"



"BABY?" ASKED FOXY. "ARE THEY NOT AT THE PARTY—OR IS THIS THE PARTY?"

"Good evening, good evening!" he called gaily, waving his hand at them.
"Ah, there you are, Foxy Reynard!"
"We have you now!"
"You shall not get away from us!"
"We were after you!"
"Oh, were you?" asked Foxy. "Now that is pleasant. I was on my way to the Midsummer

Buny Rabbit seized his rescued baby, and looked him over carefully, then gave a deep sigh of relief.

"I cannot see that he is hurt," he said. "Your name fits you, Mr. Wise Owl. You were wiser than all of us, and knew where to look."

"I was passing Mamma Bruin's house, said Mr. Wise Owl, "and heard a little cry! I looked in through the window, and these was the lost Bunny Baby sitting on Cubby Bear's bed, crying and rubbing his eyes. Finding that the door was not locked, I went in and brought him out with me."

"But why," asked Cubby Bear, wonderingly, "did he put him there?".

"It was to make us believe you stole him," said Bunny Rabbit.

"But you would never have believed that," said Cubby Bear.

"Not I, indeed," declared Bunny.

They found Busy Beaver and Brother Binny Beaver still holding grimly to Foxy Reynard, but tired, for Foxy had tried by many sly tricks to get away from them.

Mr. Wise Owl looked at Foxy soleinnly.

"The prisoner must be brought into court," he said. "Bring him to my hollow tree. You must all come, and the other Bunny Babies must be brought for witnesses."

When they reached the tree, Mr. Wise Owl went inside, but soon came out, wearing big glasses and a judge's black gown.

"Order in the court!" he commanded, though all was still.

Betty Badger had gone to bring the Bunny Babies, and soon came back, pushing their little cart, while Mamma Bruin and the little Badgers followed.

"We do not need a long trial," said Mr. Wise Owl.

"Wise Owl inside, but soon the Mideummer. Night."

Sibyl's Influence

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though she did not invite him to come again, he repeated his calls, until his visits grew to be quite frequent.

He always made some errand or excuse for coming. He wanted a book which he knew she had, or he had just receivd some new music, and would she play it for him?

He never saw Mrs. Stillman; she had not been as well of late, and did not feel able to receive visitors, was the excuse which the young girl always made when he inquired for her, while he felt an intense curiosity to behold the woman who claimed his beautiful inamorata as her daughter.

He was destined to have his curiosity satisfied "WE MEET AT LAST."

For several days after the duke's proposal Sibyl did not go on her accustomed strolls, for she was fearful of meeting him, and she heartily wished that he would go away entirely from the place, and leave her in peace.

He, on the other hand, sought her continually, in every place she was accustomed to go, and grew furious as he became conscious that she was intentionally avoiding him.

In proportion as his designs seemed likely to fail, his purpose to win strengthened.

At length, driven to desperation, he made a bold venture and called at the cottage.

Sibyl received him courteously, and entertained him like the perfect lady she was, and, finding that she did not resent his assurance, even

ceremony of ringing, and tapped gently upon the half-opened door.

half-opened door.

A voice bade him enter, and he obeyed.

The room had been darkened to keep it cool, and coming in so suddenly from the strong sunlight without, it was a minute or two before he could distinguish a single object in the apartment.

ment.

At last he discovered a figure rocking slowly back and forth in a large comfortable chair; he saw a white cap above a startlingly colorless face, and a spotless lace handkerchief folded across a pair of symmetrical shoulders.

Instinctively he knew at once that he was in the presence of Mrs. Stillman.

Disappointed at not finding Sibyl there, yet somewhat anxious to see what manner of woman this was, he advanced nearer to her, and said, suavely:

"Pardon, madam; but I expected to find Miss Stillman here. I did not mean to intrude." He stopped suddenly, for at the first sound of

his voice the woman had risen from her chair, her face like marble, and bent forward, seeking in the dim light to distinguish his features.

"Sibyl has gone down to the beach," she said, in a voice that made him start and regard her with surprise.

She advanced and stood before him locking.

m a voice that made him start and regard her with surprise.

She advanced and stood before him, looking into his eyes with great dark orbs that made the cold sweat start suddenly out upon his brow. With a sudden movement she tore the cap from her head, then laid her hand upon his arm in a grip that made him wince, while bending toward him, until her lips nearly touched his ears, she hissed rather than spoke:

"Arthur d'Aubigne, we meet at last!"

"Great Heaven! Judith!"

"Hush," she said, authoritatively, but with a bitter sneer, "you must not call me that here. My name, just at present, is Mrs. Sylvia Stillman. I am neither Judith Hoffman nor Mrs. Aubrey now."

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A man's eyes are spectacles through which his heart may be read. Moderate riches will carry you; if you have more you

To have learned to say "No" is better than to have learned Latin and Greek.

We have to arrive somewhere; why not reach a place worthy of the journey?

There can be no persevering industry without a deep sense of the value of time.

When there is much pretension, much has been borrowed, for Nature never pretends.

The ideal that you enthrone in your heart, this you build our life by, this you will become,

Life is like a game of chess, where an ill move may bring loss, and a pawn can insure victory.

Through the determination to be kind a life may be increased in happiness and usefulness.

Every man has within himself a gold mine whose riches are limited only by his own industry.

In order that men should change their way of living, they must first of all change their way of thinking.

Nine times out of ten, the first things a man's companion knows of his shortcomings is from his apology.

We suffer more from our anger and grief than from the things for which we are angered and grieved. A man who defers working because he wants tranquility of mind, will have lost the habit when tranquility comes.

The world would be both happier and brighter, if we would dwell on the duty of happiness as well as on the happiness of duty.



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Read this, you pro-German fanatics, you Britain haters, you worshippers of the vilest monster that ever cursed the earth or disgraced a throne—and the Kaiser is no worse than the rest of the ruling party in Germany. Here is what Lichnow-sky says: "My London mission was wrecked by the perfidy of our own policy. I had to support in London, a policy which I knew to be fallacious. I was paid out for it, for it was a sin against the Holy Ghost. We pressed for war. We deliberately destroyed the possibility of a peaceful settlement. Sir Edward Grey (Great Britain's foreign secretary) throughout the whole of the negotiations never took open sides with Russia or France. We encouraged Count Berchtold (the Austrian foreign minister) to attack Serbia, although no German interests were involved. We rejected the British proposals of mediation. We, without Austria having been attacked, replied to Russia's mere mobilization by sending am ultimatum to St. Petersburg (Russia) and on July 31, we declared war on the Russians, although the Czar had pledged his word that so long as negotiations continued not a man should march—so that we deliberately destroyed the possibility of a peaceful settlement. In view of these indisputable facts, it is not surprising that the whole civilized world outside Germany attributes to us the sole guilt of the world's war."

Germany's ex-foreign minister, von Jagow, also acquits Great Britain of having any hand in starting the war. The leading newspapers of Germany also exonerate England. The Berliner Tageblatt says: "An understanding ought to be easier now since we have heard from two opposing forces that England was not responsible for the war." The Mannheim Volkestimme comments as follows: "The memorandum is an important testimony, accusing Germany and acquiting English policy. The Bremerburger Scitung speaks thus: "The German lun earth, humbugged the German people into believing that Britain, who had practically no army, wanted Belgium as a base to attack Germany. The Mumchner Post, a German paper, exposes the ridiculousness of this malicious foolery in the following paragraph: "Now we learn that England intended no war against Germany, and with this the whole Anglo-Belgian legend explodes. Through an untruth we have been driven into an attitude of unconsciously intensified opposition to England. The German government knew that this lie was a lie, but had not the courage to resist Pan-German Anglophobia." Another lie has been going the rounds that the Crown Prince and the German general staff forced the Kaiser into the war against his will. Prince Lichnowsky confirms a fact already well known that the war was decided on at a conference at the Kaiser's Potsdam Palace on July 5, 1914. Later the Kaiser, to further fool the world, went off on a brief yachting trip to Norway, though he was in constant communication with Berlin. At the psychological moment he dashed back home, unleashed the dogs of war and swore, like the lying hypocrite he is, that the sword had been forced into his hands. Now Captain Persius, Germany's greatest naval critic, writing in the Berliner Tageblatt, explodes another lie which German propogandists have spread broadcast in this country and the entire world. England was supposed to be jealous of Germany's growing sea power and trade expansion generally. It is well to remember in connection with this, that England is a free trade nation, that German goods on into England without paying any duty, while English goods going into Germany are taxed to the limit. But listen to what Captain Persius says, and he is German to the bone: "It is unquestionable that England's economic jealousy is a phantom that rose under the pressure of war psychology in heads that were not capable of

HEN this terrible war started, millions of simple minded Americans, who let others do their thinking for them, were, thanks to German lying, spying and buying, fooled into them, were, thanks to German lying, spying and buying, fooled into forced into the saw surrounded by cavious ending that Germany was surrounded by cavious ending the same was a lie. All himself the same was surrounded by cavious ending the same was a lie. All himself the same was surrounded by cavious ending the same was surrounded by a continuous states of the same was surrounded by a ribitration. Germany steadily opposed all that, it was not only the outside spots settled by arbitration. Germany steadily opposed all that, it was not only the outside spots of the same was surrounded by the fact that instead of attacking this supposed menace, she dashed into Belgium and headed straight for France. German hate at first was decadent and had no army and would not the French people were a bunch of degenerates who could be easily swallowed, so to hate them was suprefutous: England cared only for money, was decadent and had no army and would not get the prejudiced and the credulous who had been looked by the German hate at first was switched from Russia to England. Next Italy, came in and got her does of hate or "straing, and now it is tack Sam who is catching it."

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truths that though they may not be palatable to fanatics, will be mightily comforting to all honest men.

On the twenty-fifth of next month I celebrate my fifty-fifth birthday, and shall be glad if everyone of you will write me as cheerful a letter as possible. At the beginning of this year I suffered a complete physical breakdown, and for months it looked as if your Uncle ('harlie would never see another birthday, and that your old friend and relative who has talked to you so many years in these columns was going to become emerly a memory. I am still on the ragged edge but am hanging on with all the courage I can muster. The strain of this terrible war, every move of which I have followed night and day has been almost unbearable. I knew the break would come sooner or later. As I write I can see the airplanes and dirigibles and hear the roar of their engines as they scoot seaward to watch for enemy submarines. The war has been brought to our very doorsteps, but with a few sunny letters from you I think I can hang on until we get the Kaiser licked, and once he is licked, nothing else matters, so send those letters along and God bless you.

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My picture book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the

Now for the letters.

TOSHES, R. R. 2, Box 33, VA.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLE:

I can do most all kinds of housework, such as cook, sew, milk, churn and can cut wood like a boy. I love outdoor life. Will you please make me a good little verse for my collection, which I am collecting from different people and I hope to have printed some day for a souvenir. Would be proud to have yours among the list. I thought once the letters that appeared in Comport were not written by real boys and girls. I however, have corresponded with some of those whose letters have appeared in print and now I know that the letters are genuine and I appreciate Comport all the more. Am a brunette, weigh 120 pounds, have dark brown hair and eyes. Guess my age and I will send you a dime, as soon as I see this letter in print and find your reply is correct. I am in the fourth grade. Love and best wishes. Your niece,

LILY F. LIPSCOMS.

Lily, I shall be only too happy to contribute to your verse collection, so here goes:

Lily, Lily Lipscomb, you have given my heart a And if Miss Lipscomb's lips come near me, they're likely to be

quite an artist if you can cut wood like a boy. Who taught you this wonderful art of wood carving? The Goat says you mean that you can cut wood as well as a boy can. If that is so, Lily, it is evidently a case of muscle and not of art. Glad you have proved to your complete satisfaction that all the letters that appear in Comfort are genuine. As I receive thousands of letters from all over the United States and even from the remotest corners of the earth, I would be an awful chump to waste time inventing what others so liberally supply. I also am supposed to be a myth and not to exist. A peep into Uncle Charlie's picture book would settle that matter quickly. I won't guess your age, Lily, not even for a whole dime. You are a bright girl, however, no matter what your age, and when you have time some day you can carve out a statue of me in wood for the Goat's breakfast.

Battery A, 52nd Artillery, C. A. C.,

American Expeditionary Force.

Via New York.

I write this to let you and the cousins know that

Fritz hasn't got me yet and that I'm still on top. It
is impossible for me to answer all the letters received from the cousins as I have not much time, but
will reply to all I can. I am deeply grateful for all
the kind and welcome letters I received. The greatest
battle of the war is now being fought. The Kaiser is
licked and he knows it but he won't give up until the
last moment. If I were the Allies I would take no
prisoners and after the war would parcel Germany
out to the different nations, for the Prussians are the
most treacherous and brutish people the world has ever
known. I want to see this cruel war ended, but not
until it is ended right. As long as Prussianism exists
the war will have to go on, for freedom and justice
are what we are fighting for and the whole civilized
world knows it. Some day I hope to see America's
starty banner waving triumphantly over the black flag
of Prussian oppression. With lots of love to you and
the cousins, I am,

Your affectionate nephew,

JOHN W. Moskison.

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attry banner waving triumphantily over the black flag of Prussian oppression. With lots of love to you and the cousins, I am, Your affectionate nephew, John W. Mourison.

I am delighted to get John Morrison's letter, and for a reason which you will probably not guess. Before the war, his ideas were in line with a lot of other half-baked pacifists and progerman socialists who have an idea they can tame the Prussian wolf by reading Bible texts to him and whispering words of brotherhood in his ear. John has got the truth now, but he had to go to France to get it. I had been giving him and others the truth for years but they refused to accept it. Experience, after all, is the only teacher for some people. If I could take very man, woman and child in America, including the Budweiser beer followers of the great German fingo Kaiser "socialist" Herr Berger, over to Europe and show them the devastation Germany has wrought in the countries she has conquered and devastated, I could convince even native-born Germans that the country of their birth needed licking and that their own blood relatives ought to be given the same dose that they have given others, or be locked up in a prison or a madhouse. Feed a child in the cradle of Maiserism, and by the time that child comes to manhood be will be a raving fannatic ready to murder or slaughter anybody who comes within his reach. Even the German socialist prattling of brotherhood was ready to betray his comrades and wade up to his neck in the blood of innocent people and the same bunch are using socialism to do the Kaiser's dirty work in this country right now. Once we thought only the German ruling class was at fault, but the preachers in the pulpits, the professors in the universities, are all tarred with the same murderous brush; they and the common people are all cogs in the great state machine of murder and pillage, and they boast and glory in Prussian deeds of rapine and violence. They have no sense of shame and decency, let alone a sense of fair play, honor and righteousn

ELMIRA, OREGON.

DEAR UNGLE CHARLIE:

I am a little girl, twelve years of age, have brown hair and brown eyes. I have one sister who is sixteen years old and one brother who is fifteen. I am in the fifth grade. I can tat, crochet and embroider a little. I wash and dry the dishes and help keep the house clean. Our cow has a little calf now. My mother takes the COMFORT and I like it very much. My father is a carpenter. I would like to see you and all the children that write letters to you, I should like to see Billy the Goat too. We had a spelling contest last Friday and I got one hundred. I have three dolls, the largest is twenty-four inches high. I like to read books but Mama will not allow me to read much while school is going, on account of my eyes. Your loving friend, Leola Moode.

Leola, we should all be delighted to see you embroider a little, if we only knew what that little was. Now try and get out of the little class and embroider a whole lot and Billy the Goat, Maria and I will come and build a house on the lot and we will let you embroider a chimney for the roof to set it all off. So, Leola, you got a hundred at a spelling contest, did you? One hundred what? Dollars, planos, steam yachts, or automobiles? The Goat says you mean you One hundred what? Dollars, pianos, steam yachts, or automobiles? The Goat says you mean you got one hundred marks. When I was a boy I got one hundred marks. When I was a boy I got one hundred marks in a similar contest, and when I look in the mirror I can see some of those marks today. After one spelling contest, one of my marks was so painful that the doctor said he would give me something for it. I told him he did not need to give me anything for it, as I would gladly let him have it for nothing. I'm glad your mother is taking care of your eyes and does not allow you to strain them. In a previous letter I spoke of something that is good for overstrained and inflamed condition of the eyes. It did wonders for me. It is prescribed by the best known specialists and is called argyrol. Ask your doctor about it as it is unwise to use anything on the eyes except boracic acid solution, without the advice of a physician. Drugglists, however, can always secure anything in the drug line from their wholesale houses.

WOLFE CREEK, UREGON.

I am a country boy sixteen years old. I am greatly, interested in the war, and if old enough, would be in France by now, exerting my energies, upholding the principles of humanity against the fiendish desires of the German Kaiser. I admire the stand Ernest Graf has taken, and heartily wish that all socialists would believe the same way. I'm not against socialism in particular, but there are many who claim to be socialists when in reality they are traitors and anarchists. It is as the saying goes, "A bad egg spoils them all."

Your sincere friend,
CLYDE WILLIAMS.

Range of the state of the socialist movement in America is, that it has been, and still is, essentially a foreign movement, dominated by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be clearly a foreign movement, dominated by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings around the house, Lily, and you must be considered by fathings are considered by fathing are considered by fathing are





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even before the war was only skin deep, a mere humbug and camouflage. Since the war started, these dastardly hypocrites have thrown off the mask of deceit and under the guidance of Schiedemann, their leader, who is one of the Kaiser's chief boot lickers, the whole movement has been used both here and the world over, not to boost socialism, but to poison the minds of the workers, to undermine their loyalty to their native lands and make them believe that they had no enemies except those at home, and that protecting their homes and families would be a crime, as their only salvation lay in licking the Kaiser's feet and having Germany conquer and rearrange the world along lines that would be eminently advantageous to them. It is these wretches who tumbled Russia isto the dust and made it one vast bughouse and slaughter house; it is these wretches who are responsible for Northern Italy being overrum by the troops of the Central Powers and reduced to a heap of ashes, its women outraged and the whole adult population enslayed. It is these wretches who have gained control of the movement in this country and linked it up with the I. W. W. gang and other Bolsheviki anarchists. Schiedemann visited this country a year before the war to fix up matters with certain German and Jewish socialist elements, who have done the Kaiser's dirty work to perfection, and are still doing it in secret where they dare not do it openly. Here is what Herr David, one of Germany's great fake socialists, said in the Reichstag soon after the war began: "Germany must squeeze her enemies with a pair of pincers, namely the military pincer and the pacifist pincer. The German armies must continue to fight vigorously whilst the German socialists encourage and stimulate pacifism among Germany's enemies." It is these wretches who made conditions so intolerable that genine Americans on this country lives

MAHAFFET, R. R. 4, Box 1, Pa.

DEAR UNGLE CHARLIE:

I am a little girl thirteen years of age and have red hair and brown eyes. I live on a farm on the top of a hill and it is very cold up there now. We have horses, cows, pigs and chickens and one dog named Mamie Bill, but not Kaiser Bill. I have a little song and I want you to help me get a tune for it:

Slip a pill to Kaiser Bill and make him shed a tear, Shoot the enemy in the back while he runs to the rear.

I go to school and teacher is very cross. I would like to know what to do to please her.

MARTHA BEATTY.

I would like to be introduced to that dog, Mamie Bill. That is the first time I ever knew a dog to bear both a lady's and a gentleman's name. Barnum would have given a fortune for that dog. It is not necessary to shoot the Germans in the back. No good soldier cares to shoot even the meanest enemy in the back. If those who start wanton, aggressive wars, no matter what their rank or station, were publicly hanged when the fighting was over, just as other common murderers are, there would be no wars. This war has been so wanton, wicked and horrible that Kaiser Bill and the Potsdam gang should get more than a pill. They should get the same treatment other murderers get, the rope or the electric chair. Sorry, Martha, you can't get along with your teacher, but if you want to (CONTINUED ON PAGE 17.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 17.)



Home Dressmaking Hints Forecasts for Summer Fashions

By Geneva Gladding

cotton foulards, and charming ginghamsand last but not least real calico is to be used for summer gowns. It is indeed a cotton age.
Surplice effects on waists and blouses, deep cross tucks on skirts, loose flowing sleeves, fichu collars, and ever so many pretty chemisettes, vestees and waist coats.

A waist coat is a dress accessory not to be despised. With a coat suit, the waist coat may fill the place of a blouse or guimpe, being fastened in place under the coat with snaps, hooks or buttons.

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2108.—A Comfortable Play or Beach Suit for Small Boys. Gingham, drill, serge, linen, cham-bray, poplin, repp and galatea are nice for this style.

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Cut in four sizes; two, three, four and five years. It requires two and one fourth yards of 36-inch material for a three-year size.

21 — A Set of Serviceable Caps. These models are nice for silk, satin, poplin, cravenette and other rubberized cloth. They are ideal for motoring and traveling. The pattern includes the three styles portrayed.

Cut in two sizes; medium and large. No. 1 will require one yard, No. 2 will require seven eighths yard, No. 3 will require seven eighths yard, No. 3 will require seven eighths yard, No. 3 will require seven eighths yard of 27-inch material for the medium size.

2162. — Ladies' Two-piece Morning or House Dress with sleeve in either of two lengths. Percale, seersacker, lawn, linen crepe, silk, washable satin, flannelette, challie and cashmere may be used for this model.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires for a 38-inch size, five and three eighths yards of 36-inch material.

2170.—An Ideal House Dress. This model is made with reversible closing, and its fullness is held by a belt that fastens at the center back. Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires for a 38-inch size, six and seven eighths yards of 36-inch material.

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2229.—A stylish Shirt-waist with Long or Short Sleeve. This pattern is pretty for madras, pique, striped flannel, serge, taffeta, voile, crepe and crepe de chine.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires three and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2368.—A Neat, Practical Apron Model. Very attractive in brown checked gingham, with facings of brown or white, or in blue chambray, with white braid for trimming, or in khaki or galatea, with pipings of red or white.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires six and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2476.—A Smart Suit for the Little Boy.—This is a good style for flannel, serge, cheviot, galatea, gingham, velvet, corduroy, repp. pique and poplin. The shield is fastened to the jacket, underneath. The trousers are made with a straight lower edge.

Cut in four sizes; three, four, five and six

neath. The trousers are made with a straight lower edge.
Cut in four sizes; three, four, five and six years. Size four will require three and one eighth yards of 44-inch material.

2484.—A Pretty Slip-On Night Dress. You may have this in nainsook dimity, batiste, crepe or silk, or in muslin, cambric, longcloth or flannelette. The gown may be finished with openings at the shoulders if the slip-on style is not preferred.

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Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires seven\ and one half yards of 27-inch material.

2486.—A Comfortable Suit for the Small Boy. Serge, galatea, drill, corduroy, velvet, cheviot and khaki are nice for the trousers. The blouse may be of percale, linen, soisette or flamel.

Cut in four sizes; three, four, five and six years. Size four requires two and one eighth yards of 40-inch material.

2488.—A Pretty Frock for Summer. In organdle, batiste, dotted Swiss, foulard, linen, crepe, gabardine or serge this model will be very attractive. The bolero could be of contrasting material.

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Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 18 requires five yards of 36-inch material.

Coat 2491; Skirt 2462.—A Smart Sport Suit. White serge was used for the skirt and striped satin with facings of serge for the coat. Coat 2491 is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires two and three eighths yards of 44-inch material. Skirt 2462 is cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires two and one fourth yards of 36-inch material. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

Waist 2469. Skirt 2489.—Just the Dress for

terial. Two separate patterns, 22 pattern. Waist 2492: Skirt 2489.—Just the Dress for Business or General Wear. The waist pattern 2492 is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires three yards of 36-inch material. The skirt 2489 is cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 35 cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 36 cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 24 requires three

is cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires three and three fourths yards of 36-inch material. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern. 2493.—A Good Model for School or General Wear. This will do nicely for serge, gingham, galated, chambray, linen, or mixed suiting, plaids or checks.

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Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, ten and 12 years. Size 10 requires three and three fourths yards of 44-inch material.

2495.—A Good "Service" Uniform. This model will be excellent for housework or for domestic science or canning clubs, as a uniform. Gingham, seersucker, galatea, chambray, percale, drill, linen, poplin and repp are serviceable materials.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and seven eighths yards of 36-inch material.

2496.—A Pretty Frock. Flouncing, embroidered batiste or voile, crepe, challie, dimity, lawn, dotted Swiss, silk and gabardine could be used for this style.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10

cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size six requires three and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2499.—A Pretty Frock for a Little Girl. This is a lovely model for voile, batiste, dimity, lawn or Swiss. In silk, cashmere, challie or albatross, the style is also very attractive.

Cut in five sizes; two, three, four, five and

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2508.—A Practical Design. Lawn, crepe and batiste are nice for the guimpe, and the same materials may be used for the dress, which is good also for serge, gabardine, gingham, seer-sucker chambray and linen.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size eight requires two and one half yards of 36-inch material for the dress and one and three fourths yards for the guimpe.

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Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires seven and five eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2512.—Just the Style for Your New Dress of Silk or Cotton. The tunic may be omitted. This model is good for foulard, taffeta, lawn, batiste, gingham, chambray, gabardine, serge, wool or silk Jersey cloth.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six yards of 40-inch material.

2513.—A Practical Set of Short Clothes for a Little Girl. The dress is a design good for lawn, batiste, gingham, chambray, voile or percale. For the undergarments, muslin, cambric, long cloth and nainsook could be used. If the combination undergarment is used as rompers, it could be of galatea, gingham, drill, linen, repp or percale.

Cut in five sizes; one, two, three, four and five years. Size four requires, for the dress, two and three eighths yard; for the combination, ene and one half yard, of 36-inch material.

2525.—A Very Comfortable Dress. Gingham, galatea, percale, chambray, seersucker, voile, repp and poplin could be used. The bloomers may be of the same material or of sateen, linen, repp, or any other serviceable fabric.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 requires three yards of 36-inch material for the dress, and one and three fourths yard for the bloomers.

2529.—A Simple, Pretty Frock. Net over organdie, or dimity, organdie, batiste, lawn, crepe, washable silk, foulard and charmeuse, voile and marquisette; sall these are nice for this style. The sleeve may be gathered to the cuff or finished in short length, loose and flowing.

Cut in three sizes; 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 18 requires five and three eighths yards of 36-inch material.

2535.—A Smart Style for the Growing Girl. Here is a very attractive style, showing a smart collar trimming, under which the fronts ar

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The Girl He Loved

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"No, she's out of it," he said. "It could not have been her whom Tommy saw."

From sheer habit he stared once more at her house—and started to his feet in the dark, forlora room.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

"FALSE AS A PACK OF CARDS."

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Mrs. Murray and her story were a thunderbolt in society. It chanced that the only person who did not hear of it was Lady Annesley, whom fate had afflicted with a sharp attack of neuralgia in the eyes—real this time—and her doctor consigned to a rest-cure at Horrogate, where newspapers and the outside world did not exist.

The duchess sent for Tommy at Valehampton, and aired her views on the character of Mrs. Murray.

But the boy cared very little. The conversation turned soon enough to the topmost thing in both minds—Ravenel in jail, and the precious days that were flying by and bringing out nothing to help her.

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"I'll help her if I have to choke the home secretary," the duchess cried, tearful and regardless. "Oh, Tommy, it breaks my heart to see her! She's never cried, never broken down, they tell me. But I know she's past all hoping. I think she's just waiting to die."

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After all, he had nothing to tell the duchess; his thought that night in the garden had come to nothing. He had played secret police on the boot-boy in vain; had questioned him uselessly. Wide-eyed, frightened, almost idiotic, Towers had stared at him; what answers he did make were not what Tommy Annesley wanted.

"Will she talk to you?" he said.

The duchess could only nod. All that pitful, childish story of Adrian Gordon's letters and ring had Lady Levallion told her—and even the duchess could see that it would make Levallion's death look black enough—to a jury.

"Captain Gordon has never been near her. I suppose he dare not," she said heavily, as she wiped her eyes. "Where is he?"

"Nobody knows," and Tommy could have killed the man who, instead of moving heaven and earth to set Ravenel free, had seen fit to vanish and leave her to her fate. The whole world, except the duchess and her lawyers, was doing that Surely Gordon could not mean to do nothing at all!

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and leave her to her fate. The whole world, except the duchess and her lawyers, was doing that. Surely Gordon could not mean to do nothing at all!

"I must get home," he said, and got up to go. Not all the duchess could say would keep him away from Levallion Castle. The clue was there, if it were anywhere on Gōd's earth. Night after night, while the house was asleep, the boy examined every inch of it, and look and wondered and hoped in vain. If there had been any one in tweed clothes on the other side of Levallion's door when Mr. Jacob's banged it—and was forced for his pains to run back through a passage and Lady Levallion's suite of rooms before he could get out into the corridor again—that man would not have dared to go into any of the guest' rooms, where the dog might keep him besieged. Nor would he have had time to gain the kitchen, where Jacobs had rushed. The only place he could have got to would be the housekeeper's room, which was up two steps as you went to the kitchen. And that was out of the question, because the housekeeper had been in there, and Carrousel, too. No man bouncing into a quiet room to get away from a dog could do it without disturbing its occupants. The housekeeper had not heard a sound. And the theory of Carrousel having a hand in the poisoning did not hold water. A cook, dressed in white, could not tear tweed clothes on the latch of a door; nor if he had would have had time to change them.

Mr. Allington looked up as they were at dinner, a lovely pair in a desolate house. The new development anent Mrs. Murray had nearly driven the good man frantic, for he had little doubt that her story was true. Most of it was, to his own knowledge. And, as for Lady Levallion, he had never for one moment imagined her guilty. Perhaps Tommy's watch on the servants was not the only one in that house that so far had been fruitless.

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"Carrousel is out, sir," the butler put in respectfully. "The steward gave him leave to go at luncheon-time. He will be back tonight."

"Ah!" said Allington; too much annoyed to utter. If any servant left, the house he had been able, so far, to ascertain just where he or she went. This was unbearable! "Has he friends in the neighborhood?"

"He went to take Towers, the boot-boy, to a new place in London, sir! Towers was frightened to go alone."

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Sir Thomas nearly leaped off his chair. Not for one moment did he ever imagine Carrousel would be back tonight or any other night. "Tommy!" said Allington quietly, and his eyes flashed warning, "let me advise you, at least, to drink your claret." He knew nothing about

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Comfort Sisters' Corner (SONTINUED PROM PAGE 5.)

have only the evenings for personal corre With all good wishes for the continuance of Com-sonris good work and kindest regards to Mrs. Wilkin-son and all the large Compost family of sisters and

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need. I am a Red Cross member and want to do my bit.

We live on a farm of one hundred acres and have 115 pigs and 20 brood sows, and of course it keeps us hustling to raise corn enough to feed them, beside food for the other stock.

With love to all the sisters and dear Mrs. Wilkinson, I remain a silent reader.

Mrs. G. N.

MES. G. N.—How your husband must appreciate such a wife and helper as you are, and may the home you are both working for be yours. You are doing right in joining your children in their sports, for not only does it enable you to retain their confidence but it helps keep you young.—Ed.

"The home of the brave and the land of the free, Where the mighty Columbia rolls down to the sea. Where a man is a man if he is willing to toil, And earn his bread by the fruits of the soil."

APTAIN Tom always said that he was an "unreconstructed rebel." In his slouch hat and black the his straight, little, militant figure, was a decided bit of local color on the platform at reunions, Memorial Days, and on that peculiarly Georgia holiday, Jeff Davis's birthday. Iffs oratory teemed with references to the "flower of Southern chivairy" and the "beautiful women of the Southland." In more or less private conversation he was reputed to have said that, when he died, he hoped to "reat on the bosom of Father Abraham and look down and see the last Yankee roasting in hell."

In the younger social set there mingled with the native-born, schoolmates from above the Mason and Dixon line. New England schoolteachers taught the grandchildren of Confederate veterans, bankers entertained Northern financiers and millimen Yankee directors, yet Captain Tom preserved the eternal vertites. He was as a rock in a changing sea—at least on the aforementioned holidays.

He had two grandchildren, who did not share his rabid views on the general odlousness of Yankees. His grandson, Leonard Crawford, on the transport of the propersion of the propersion of the propersion of the general odlousness of Yankees. His grandson, Leonard Crawford, on the transport of the propersion of the propersion

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTEMS:

I have been a silent but interested reader of Control or years but after reading Frepleacy's letter have decided to keep silent no longer. The state of the Southland." In more or less private control or years but after reading Frepleacy's letter have decided to keep silent no longer most of us cannot afford a trip so far very often; but I would tell my husband in a very kind but irm way that I was going and would stay, at least, four weeks, for most of us cannot afford a trip so far very often; but I would tell my husband in a very kind but irm way that I was going and would stay, at least, four weeks, possibly five. Of course I would arrange to have the bome astisfactorily cared for in my absence. I would also tell him that I would be giad to have him go along for company and to help care for the children; but if he really felt that he ought to stay at home that perhaps it would be the better plan. I would not far the proparations for my trip intending that he go, for I am auce our visit will be more pleasant without him if he is of the disposition I think he is.

In regard to that suitcase, leave out everything you think you can possibly do without, taking a supply of plain, near clothers. By all means dreas yourself and the kiddles loose to a good time and children in plain, dark clothes while traveling and upon arriving at your destination, turn yourself and the kiddles loose to a good time and children in plain, dark clothes while traveling and upon a construction of the fallest extent. Don't try or even pretend to try, and when the possibly afford it. If that busband of yours of the fullest extent is not the fullest extent. Don't try or even pretend to try, and we have the children as next as yourself and the kindless loose to a good time and child one out it your visit to the fullest extent. Don't try or even pretend to try, and the possibly afford it. If that busband of yours of the fullest extent to think be will do—decides to go along—enjoy yourself just the s

unwisely sought to sing the praises of the engineer.

Sometimes when all alone in his office the Captain would recall the manly carriage and tones of John Woodman, and he unconsciously felt a warming of the heart. Then he would remember that the man was one of a hated race and he would steel himself against the Northerner. Even so, the remembrance of John's gentlemanly attitude grew of more frequent occurrence in the old man's mind and it worried him for fear that he was basely weakening.

One afternoon, as he left his office, he observed a crowd in front of the bulletin-board of the "Sun." He had come to avoid crowds, but there was a certain silent suspense about this one which aroused a vague alarm in his mind, and he turned his steps toward it.

"Black Bend Dam Breaks," he read.

He read no more, but dashed into the newspaper office and up to the group that surrounded the telegraph instrument. The operator read off as he received the jerky words.

"It—is—thought—that two—engineers—were carried away—in the flood of water——" Then all was quiet.

Captain Tom hung over the instrument, his thoughts revolving in a chrele of contecture.

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Captain Tom hung over the instrument, his thoughts revolving in a circle of conjecture. The city editor cursed under his breath at the wait. Now it ticked the next sentence.

"Construction Eagineer Woodman missing."

Drowned! The thought flashed through the soldier's brain. No enemy now. Just a brave man—and—the tears sprang into his eyes as he thought of Mary Belle.

The voice of the operator, no longer colorless,

The voice of the operator, no longer colorless,

"Assistant Leonard Crawford—Missing."
His daughter's son! He stood there hopeless, helpless, while the world seemed to slip from under his feet.

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The first paroxysm of joy over she became caim, and, doubt assailing her once more, she gently released herself from her grandfather's clasp and, backing away, stood looking at him. There was an obvious question in her eyes.

The Captain hesitated, the muscles of his face working in the agony of a brief struggle. Then he reached out and forcibly took her in his arms. With a mixture of command and shamefacedness on his stern countenance, he looked over her head at the group of friends.

"Mr. Mo'ton," he said to the city editor, "I reckon I've an interesting piece of news fo' youah social column. It goes about like this: 'We learn that at an early date there is to be a wedding solemnized at the home of our well-known citizen. Captain Thomas Benton. The contracting parties will be the Captain's lovely granddaughter, Miss Mary Belle Benton, and Mr. here the old man's voice faitered a bit—'and Mr. John Woodman of Boston. Massachusetts, a popular and—'"

The rest was smothered by Mary Belle's kisses, and a spontaneous outburst of congratulations came from the others present.

"Ah reckon, suh, there's no geographical limitations to bravery, suh," the old soldier said to the editor.

the editor.

divisible need. I am a Red Cross member and want to do my

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
Please make room in your comfy corner for one of your neighbors from the beautiful West,

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Terms Used in Crochet

Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through both loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert hook in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over, draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half. treble, same as tr. c., only work off two loops; thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread over and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl. st., slip stitch; insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working a sl. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw that thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out Toop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, a st. in each of a given number of sts., preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number of sts. in preceding row; sk., skip, to miss or omit number of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., padding cord; **stars m

Some Patriotic Pillows

ITH flags flying, service flags and war posters here, there and every-where, it is only natural that the influence of the war spirit which

influence of the war spirit which now fills our thoughts should reflect even in designs for fancy work.

In sofa pillows especially one can introduce a touch of up-to-date patriotism in home decorations, very easily.

A noticeably striking and handsome cover which requires little time and no fine work, can be made of one yard each of red, white and blue material of any kind.

Cut each color in half lengthwise and join

blue material of any kind.

Cut each color in half lengthwise and join the lengthwise edges. This will result in a circular band or tube of red, white and blue. Gather the edges of both ends, draw up closely and fit over a pillow finishing the center of each side with a larger button made of the material stuffed with cotton.

Service Flag Pillow

Such a pillow as this can be made up on

Such a pillow as this can be made up on either a blue or white background.

For crocheting the center use red, white and blue silkateen of any soft finished mercerized cotton, and a suitable steel hook, five balls of red, three white and three blue will be needed.

With the white make a chain of seven inches, the and single crochet in each stitch, ch. 1.

turn and single crochet in each stitch, ch. 1.
2nd row.—1 s. c. in each st., ch. 1, turn 3 to
12th rows same as 2nd row.
13th row.—Count stitches, work with white
then make center stitch blue balance of row

14th row.—White, 3 s. c. blue, white.
15th row.—Same as 14th row.
16th and 17th rows.—White, 5 s. c. blue.
18th row.—White, 7 s. c. blue, white.
19th and 20th rows.—White, 19 s. c. blue,

21st row.-White, 17 s. c. blue, white. 22nd row.—White, 15 s. c. blue, white, 23rd row.—White, 15 s. c. blue, white, 23rd row.—White, 11 s. c. blue, white. 24th row.—White, 11 s. c. blue, white. 26th row.—White, 11 s. c. blue, white. 27th row.—Same as last row.

28th row.—White, 12 s. c. blue, white.

27th row.—Same as last row.
28th row.—White, 13 s. c. blue, white.
29th row.—White, 6 s. c. blue, 1 s. c. white, 6
s. c. blue, white.
30th row.—White, 6 s. c. blue, 3 s. c. white,
6 s. c. blue, white.
31st row.—White, 4 s. c. blue, 7 s. c. white, 4

31st row.—White, 4 s. c. blue, 7 s. c. white, 4 s. c. blue, white.
32nd row.—White, 2 s. c. blue, 11 s. c. white, 2 s. c. blue, white.
Next 13 rows all of white.
14th row.—Join in red and s. c. all around making 7 s. c. on each corner, thus 3 s. c. in corner st. and 2 s. c. in st. just before and after.
Every other row only make 3 s. c. at corners, work a blue band 3 inches wide. If more than one star is wanted, count stitches and plan



st., * ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in same space; repeat from * around (12 widenings in round); join as in let round space;

st., * ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in same space; repeat from * around (12 widenings in round); join as in 1st round and ch. 3.

2rd round.—1 d. c. in same space as sl. st., * ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 1 d. c. in same space; repeat from * around. Continue in this manner, in every round having 1 more d. c. between each of the 12 widenings, until there are 13 d. c. between; join and ch. 3.

1st round of border.—* over, a loop in same space, over and through 2 loops on hook, over, a loop in next space, over and through 2 loops, over and through all 3 loops on hook, ch. 1; repeat from * to end of round; join and ch. 3.

2nd round.—1 d. c. in first space, ch. 1, 2 d. c. in same space, * ch. 1, skip 1 space, over, a loop in next space, over and through 2 loops, over and through all 3 loops on hook (a V stitch), ch. 1, skip 1 space, 2 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 2 d. c. in same space.

3rd round.—1 skip 1 space, 2 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, 2 d. c. in same space (a shell); repeat from * around. Join with a sl. st., another sl. st. on top of next d. c., 1 sl. st. under ch. 1, ch. 3. Join this way in every round.

3rd round.—1 d. c., ch. 1, 2 d. c. in same space, * ch. 1, 1 d. c. in next space, ch. 1, V st. on V st. in round below (over, a loop in space before V st., over and through 2 loops, over, a loop in space on other side of V st., over and through 2 loops, over, a loop in space before T shell in center space of shell below, ch. 1, 2 d. c. in same space; repeat from * around. Make 2 more rounds like the last, but skip 1 space before and after V st.; 3 rounds with 1 d. c. in each of the 2 spaces on each side of shell.

Final round.—Like last round, but make a picot (ch. 3, 1 s. c. in top of d. c. below) on all but the last d. c. of scallop, skip 1 space on each side of V st. and make only 3 d. c. in center of shell in round below; fasten off.

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Spider Web Lace

o, 1 d. c. on last d. c. of shell making another shell, ch. 16, d. c. in first d. c. of shell 2 d. c. under ch. 7, ch. 7, 6 s. c. on s. c. skipping first and last s. c., ch. 7, 2 d. c., 1 d. c. on d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on last d. forming a gauge last d. c., forming a square, make squares on end ch. 4,

3rd row —Make 5 squares, 1 shell, ch. 7, 4 s. c. on s. c., skipping first and last ch. 7, shell on ch. 7, ch. 7, 2 s. c. in center of ch. 16, begin-

5th row.—7 squares, 1 shell, ch. 2, 1 shell, ch. 7, s. c. under ch. 4 s. c., on s. c., s. c. under ch. making ch. 6, 1 shell in loop, ch. 8, turn.

6th row.—1 shell, ch. 7, s. c. under ch. 6, s. c. on s. c., s. c. under ch. 7, 1 shell under ch. 2, closing up web, make 8 squares to end, ch. 4.

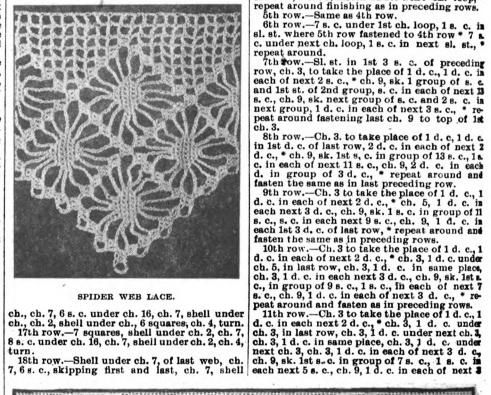
Materials required. 1 lb. of either black Germantown or Scotch knitting worsted, 1 bone crochet hook No. 7.

Work loosely. Ch. 15.1 d. c. in 4th ch. from hook; taking up 2 threads of ch., * ch. 1, 1 d. c. in ext ch; repeat from * to end of chain and then continue around on other side of ch., * web, ch. 8, turn.

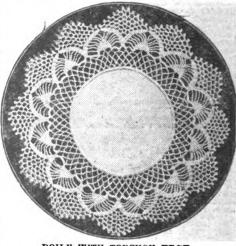
squares, ch. 4, turn.

15th row.—Make 5 squares,
shell under ch., ch. 7, 2 s. c., ch. 7, shell under
ch., ch. 7, 4 s. c. under ch., ch. 7, shell under
ch., ch. 7, 2 s. c., ch. 7, shell under ch., ch. 7, shell under ch., ch. 7, shell under ch., ch. 2, shell under

16th row.—Shell under ch., ch. 2, shell under



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rect.

2nd row.—Ch. 7, fasten under 1st ch. loop in preceding row. * Ch. 7, fasten under next loop, * repeat around making last loop same as last loop in preceding row.

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3rd row.—Ch. S., fasten under 1st ch. loop in 2nd row * ch. S., fasten under next loop * repeat around finishing as in preceding row.

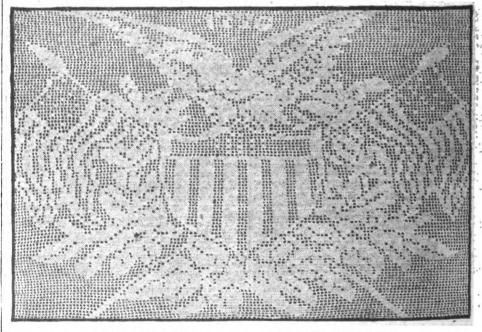
4th row.—Ch. 9, fasten under 1st ch. loop in 3rd row, * ch. 9, fasten under next ch. loop, * repeat around finishing as in preceding rows.

5th row.—Same as 4th row.

6th row.—7 s. c. under 1st ch. loop, 1 s. c. in sl. st. where 5th row fastened to 4th row 7 s. c. under next ch. loop, 1 s. c. in prext sl. st. *

sl. st. where 5th row fastened to 4th row * 7 a.c. under next ch. loop, 1 s. c. in next sl. st., *

c. under next ch. loop, 1 s. c. in next sl. st., * repeat around.
7th *ww.—Sl. st. in 1st 3 s. c. of preceding row, ch. 3, to take the place of 1 d. c., 1 d. c. in each of next 2 s. c., * ch. 9, sk. 1 group of s. c. and 1st st. of 2nd group, s. c. in each of next 13 s. c., ch. 9, sk. next group of s. c. and 2 s. c. in next group, 1 d. c. in each of next 3 s. c., * repeat around fastening last ch. 9 to top of 1st ch. 3.



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under ch. 7, ch. 16, shell in square, 6 squares, | d. c., * repeat around and fasten as in preced-

under ch. 7, ch. 16, shell in square, 6 squares, ch. 4, turn.

19th row.—5 squares, shell in square, ch. 7, 2 s. c. in center of ch. 16, ch. 7, shell under ch. 7, ch. 7, 4 s. c., ch. 7, shell under ch., ch. 4, turn.

20th row.—Shell under ch., ch. 7, 2 s. c., ch. 7, shell under ch. 4, s. c. in ch. 16, ch. 7, shell in square, 4 squares, ch. 4, turn.

21st row.—3 squares, shell in square, ch. 7, 6 s. c., ch. 7, shell under ch., ch. 2, shell under ch., fasten in corner, ch. 4, turn.

22nd row.—Shell under ch. 2, ch. 7, 8 s. c., ch. 7, shell in square, make 2 squares, ch. 4, turn.

ing rows.

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In and Around the Home

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12.)

12th row.—Ch. 3 to take the place of 1 d. c., 1 d. c. in each of next 2 d. c., *ch. 3, 1 d. c. under ch. 3 of last row, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same vace, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. in each of next 3 d. c., ch. 9, sk. 1st s. c. in group of 5 s. c. 1s. c. in each next 3 d. c., *repeat around and fasten as in preceding rows. 13th row.—Ch. 3 to take the place of 1 d. c., 1

c. in each next 2 d. c., * ch. 3, 1 d. c. under ch. 3, of last row, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same place, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 d. c. in each of next 3 d. c., ch. 7, 1 s. c., in center st. of 3 s. c., ch. 7, 1 d. c. in each of next 3 d. c., * repeat around and fasten as in preceding rows.

14th row .- Ch. 3 to take the place of 1 d. c., 14th row.—Ch. 3 to take the place of 1 d. c., 1-2 d. c. in each of next 2 d. c. This leaves 3 loops on hook, thread over pull through 3 loops to finish in point * ch. 7, fasten back in 3rd ch. to form a p., ch. 3, 1 d. c., under ch. 3 of last row, * repeat 5 times, ch. 7, fasten back to form p., ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same place with last d. c., * ch. 7, fasten back to form p., ch. 3, 1 d. c. under next ch. 3, * repeat 4 times, ch. 7, fasten back to form p., 1-2 d. c. in each next 3 d. c., finishing to form point to correspond with other ishing to form point to correspond with other group of 3 d. c., repeat around, fasten securely and break thread. MRS. FRANK BEAL.

Rickrack Edging

No. 1. Fasten in front of braid * ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next point. Repeat from * until you have length desired.



RICKRACK EDGING. NO. 1.

2nd row .- 1 d. c. and ch. 2 in every third st

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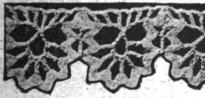
2nd row.—1 d. c. in first point * ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same place, ch. 3, 1 d. c. in same place, ch. 4, 1 d. c. in next point.

Repeat from * fasten, break thread.

No. 2. This pattern is worked out with a narrow braid and No. 40 cotton.

Begin by fastening cotton in 2nd point, * ch. 7, 1 d. c. in each of next 7 picots, ch. 3, 1 sl. st. in 4th of ch. 7, ch. 3, 1 s. c. in next point, ch. 6, skip 1 point, fasten thread in next point.

Repeat from * until work is desired length.
2nd row.—Fasten in 1st point * ch. 2, 1 d. c.



RICKRACK EDGING. NO. 2.

in next point (ch. 2, skip 1 ch. 1 d. c. in next ch.), four times, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same picot where scallop was finished, ch. 2, 1 s. c. in next point, repeat from * working on other edge, draw cotton through a point each side of the one in which 1 s. c. is made, ch. 3, 1 sl. st. through corresponding 2 points on 2 scallops, ch. 3, 1 sl. st. through corresponding next 2, fasten off.

Crocheted Lingerie Ribbon

For these ribbons one can use either the mercerized cotton fiber silk or any of the silk substitutes which are well twisted and a steel

hook of suitable size.

The ribbons wear well and are very inexpensive. Begin with ch. 5 * draw up loop under this ch., close to hook, thread over hook and draw a loop through. This loop is kept on the hook. Repeat this three times then thread over hook and draw through all loops, keeping this loop on hook until needed. Insert the hook in the last or fifth loop drawn up under the first ch. 5. draw up loop and make hook of suitable size. under the first ch. 5, draw up loop and make ch. 5, drawing the last st. through the idle loop on the hook. Repeat from * until the ribbon is the desired length, which will be about one and one third yards.

The ends can be finished with little crocheted rings balls or small crocheted ones.

rings, balls or small crocheted ros

The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

The Little Things Which Count

OW'S the hair this month, girls? Have you been watching over it carefully, shaking and airing and brushing and shampooing since our last month's talk together? If you have, I know you are all as sweet and dainty as can be, in spite of the hot summer days.

There are some other things, though, to which we must give more than ordinary attention at this season of the year. I expect you can guess what some of them are.

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Armpits, did some one say? Indeed, yes! Most of us, I am sorry to say, perspire quite freely in this particular portion of the body, and need to exercise great care to avoid being unpleasant to ourselves and others. Of course it goes without saying that we either jump into the bathtub the moment we are out of bed in the morning, of if we cannot do that, stand on a folded towel and sponge the body off quickly. The armpits need hot water and soap, a good hard scrubbing,



THE GENEROUS POWDER SHAKER WHICH MAKES SUMMER BEARABLE

then rinsing in warm water and finally in cool. A little grain alcohol (not the wood alcohol) rubbed into the armpit is cleansing if one can use such expensive stuff these economical days. Hair in the armpits not only holds the perspiration but is unpleasant to view through the thin gowns so many of us wear. Remove yours with a depilatory. Here is a home-made one:

To Remove Those Objectionable Hairs

Add an ounce of sulphate of barium to four ounces of water. Have a little corn-starch in a saucer and pour the liquid upon it, mixing into a spreadable paste. Apply to the hairy spot and let remain until it dries and the skin begins to itch slightly. Then use the blunt side of a silver knife and scrape off paste. The hair will come with it. If left on too long, it will irritate skin.

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If you incline to excessive perspiration in spite of bathing the armpits several times a day, try using a corn-starch pad to powder the armpits after rubbing a cake of soap lightly over them. To make the pad, cut two pieces of white flannel, not too firmly woven, each about two inches square. Stitch together all but one part of one side and fill loosely with corn-starch. Then sew up the remaining slit. The armpits should, of course, be freshly bathed and dried before rubbing with the slightly moistened cake of soap Be sure you do not apply the soap heavily or it will perhaps spot your sleeve. Dust quite heavily with the corn-starch pad.

Use the powderpuif quite liberally in summertime—it is the greatest preventive of a greasy, damp appearance. The body needs powdering as well as the face, but here a powderpuff is rather inadequate. There are tin powder cans sold, with a handle and a coarsely perforated top, and these are just the thing to apply the powder to the body, which should afterwards be gone over lightly with a huge pad of absorbent cotton. If you cannot find one of these powder shakers in your stores, you can adapt one of the large kitchen salt-shakers to your purpose. The main thing is to get the body powdered well from head to foot before putting on your undergarments.

Change your hose daily. It takes only a minute or two to wash out a pair of stockings and alf of us can have fresh ones daily with a little care. On taking off your shoes, put them to air in a good breezy spot of your bedroom, and never hang up a gown you have been wearing without putting it by the window inside out, to air thoroughly.

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Perfectly spotless underwear and fresh ribbons go a long way toward making one both look and feel dainty. In fact the only way to be attractive in summer is to be scrupulously, consistently, constantly clean!

Answers to Questions

Butterfly.—Indeed I am very glad you decided to write me. It ought not take a great deal of courage to do that, when I feel such a good friend to my girls. The first thing you should do is to try to gain in weight and strength. If you only weigh about ninety pounds, you have a good deal of work to do in this direction, my dear, for you ought to weigh one hundred and fifteen or twenty. So let's get at our job. One of the best ways for you to gain, if you are able to get plenty of milk, would be by the milk diet. I believe you could gain three pounds a week, and you would find your complexion clearing up beautifully in the process, and that is something you would like, I am sure. Suppose you start at it right away. The first thing to do is to eat very little for a day, drinking quantities of water and orange juice. At night put half-a-dozen prunes to soak in a tumbler of water. The next morning on rising, drink two glasses of hot water as soon as you get out of bed. Fifteen minutes later drink the prune juice and eat the prunes, masticating thoroughly before swallowing. Indeed it is not a bad idea to rub the prunes through a sleve. Wait another twenty minutes or half hour and take a glass and a half of cool milk, chewing each mouthful before swallowing. Milk is a starchy food, and is almost entirely digested in the mouth, and if you swallow it quickly before it is thoroughly mixed with the saliva it is only partly digested. After your first dose of milk, take a glass and a half every hour until about 3.30 or 4. Between that hour and supper, drink a glass of water. For supper eat only light foods—green vegetables, fruits, a little bread and butter or toast. Before going to bed, drink a couple of glasses of water (do this about an hour before retiring). Keep this program up every day for a week, and at the end of that time, take two glasses of milk each hour, and do not eat any supper. You should begin your milk about 7.30 in the morning, say, and continue it until seven. Keep this milk diet up for about six weeks—

not take water with your meals but lots of it between meals. Drink a glass of good rich cool milk in the middle of the morning and in the middle of the afternoon. For dinner, if you eat it in the middle of the day, any kind of meat if it is roasted or brolled, but never fried. Salt meats will not make you gain—such as ham and salt pork, chipped beef, etc. Fresh fish is excellent for you, and chicken or any other kind of fowl. Eat plenty of potatoes and butter, spinach, asparagus, peas, string beans, buttered beets, boiled onions (very soft), slieed tomatoes, summer squash, etc., etc., bon't eat ples or cake, but fruit for dessert. For supper, bread and milk or milk toast (plenty of it), or creamed fish, with boiled rice or a baked potato (do not eat fried potatoes), and a dish of fruit with plenty of bread and butter. As to the other matter you write me about, build yourself up until you welgh one hundred and fifteen or twenty. There is nothing to be worried about—you just haven't realized that it is your job to make yourself weigh the right amount.

X. Y. Z.—No, do not use a fine comb on your scalp; it irritates it and is not good for the hair. Wash your hair, which you say is dry, about once in three or four weeks. Use the soap jelly, directions for which have been given in many issues of COMPORT. Be sure to rinse and rinse the hair many times after washing it, and dry it in the sun. Then brush it gently for about one hundred strokes. Give it the same amount of brushing every night, and be sure that your brush is washed in warm soapy water once a week, well rinsed in many waters, finally in cool, and dried in the sun standing on its side. Never use a brush used by anybody else. Always let your hair down at night when undressing and toes: it about in the air; either let it hang loose all night or braid it very loosely indeed. Have your druggist put up the following hair lotion:

For Thin or Falling Hair

Jamaica rum, two and one half ounces. Tincture of cantharides (alcoholic) two and one half

Tincture of cantharides (alcoholic) two and one half ounces.
Glycerine, one half ounce.
Sesquicarbonate of ammonia, two drams.
Oil of rosemary, twenty drops.
To this mixture have your druggist add nine ounces of distilled water. Every night after you have brushed your hair as directed, part your hair and pour a little of this lotion along the part; part in another place and moisten that part; and go over the head in this way. If you have a medicine dropper, it is easier to rum it along the part and apply the lotion in that manner. Then slip the flats of the fingers along each side of the head, and move the scalp back and forth on the skull. Do not lift the fingers or let them rub back and forth on the hair, but press them firmly against scalp and move scalp, hair and all. Go over the entire head in this way; it will rub the lotion into the scalp, and at the same time stimulate the circulation of the blood, bringing it to the scalp to nourish the hair.

Remember this about hair: If the rest of your body is not strong and well-nourished, your hair is not likely to be. It is more than likely that the first thing to do to make your hair healthier is to build up your own general strength; so do your best in this way, in the meantime massaging your scalp, using the lotion, brushing the hair daily.

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PINK ROSE.—I think you would be very foolish to try to dye your hair. I do not give directions for it. If you think your hair is not "live" enough now, you certainly would not like it after dyeing, for it would lose even part of the life it now has. What you need to do is to shampoo. It frequently, and brush it every night for fifty or one hundred strokes. You will be surprised how soon it will begin to wake up and look alive. Shampoo your hair once in two weeks, if it is ordinarily oily; once in three weeks if it is inclined to be dry. See directions to "X. Y. Z." If your nails are very hard, you probably use a steel knifs or other steel instrument to clean them with. Never do this. The first thing your nails need, at present, is a soaking in a bowl of warm soapy water, and a good scrubbing with a stiff nail brush. Then clean them with your orange-wood stick, and use the flat end of the stick to gently press back the cuticle at the base of the nail. The nail should disclose a small half-moon at their base. If you have neglected yours, it will take a little time to make this half-moon show, so don't try to produce it all at once, but each day as you wash your hands, press back the cuticle. Form the habit of doing this with the towel when you wipe



USE A CORN-STARCH PAD FOR THE ARM PITS.

your hands, as well as with the orange-wood stick once daily. When nails are thoroughly cleaned (soak only one hand at a time), take your thin flexible nail file and gently file the nail into shape, following the shape of the end of your finger. Do not keep your nails too short. Scrub again, and use the orange-wood stick to remove any nail dust which might have clung beneath the nail. Your manicure scissors should be called into action to gently remove any hangnails or roughness. Now attend to the other hand in the same manner, and when both hands are ready, polish each with the paim of the other hand or with a bit of silk. This is a very simple manicure; you can use a polishing powder, and a cleaning ointment, etc., but this treatment is sufficient. Shape the nails with a file once a week, but attend to cleaning them several times a day, and to the cuticle daily.

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"Yes."

"Yes."
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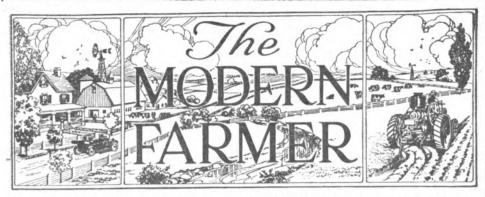
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The Dairy Cow in August

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To this season of the year the dairy cow has a hard time of it on many a farm and the consequence is that the milk or cream check diminishes sadly, in addition to the discomfort, if not actual suffering, of the animal. It is no advantage to allow the dairy cow at this time to stand all day in a pond, stream or iver keeping herself free from pestiferous flies of the ox warble or gaddy variety. When a cow is not eating good feed she should be chewing the cud and so making milk; or getting ready to calve and supply plenty of milk for her offspring, or the market where calves are not allowed to nurse. Better to keep the cows in a dean, well ventilated, screened and darkened stable during the hot hours of the day than to turn them on pasture, and indoors supply plenty of nutritious feed, such as forage catch crops, such as oats and peas, green vetch, green corn of sweet or field varieties, or any nourishing green feed that succeeds well in the district where the cows happen to be kept.

Turning the cows out at night, on grass, is a hardly to the animal, provided mosquitoes do not forment. In breezy fields after eight at night the mosquito generally quits tormenting stock and on such pastures the cow will thrive better than if kept indoors all of the time; but we should prefer to keep cattle stabled when grass is dry and short and insect pests torment night and day. It is now that the standpipe individual frinking cup proves of greatest benefit to the cow. It saves turning the cow out and insures a drink of fresh water just as often as she cares to take it, whereas allowing the cows to drink morning abon and night is not enough in hot weather and who shall say what torment and damage is enabled by allowing the cows to drink but once or twice daily when the "boss gets around to it?"

August also is the season of the year when summer silage" proves of greatest benefit. With scarcity of labor, the cutting and haulling of soling crops of green forage for the cows tempts many a dairyman to pasture

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Gasoline has been the sovereign remedy for stomach worms, but the disadvantage of the treatment is that the dose has to be repeated on three consecutive mornings and that is a very big job when many lambs have to be handled. Now that help is scarce, it becomes more immediately an immediately and that is a very big job when many lambs have to be handled. Why Stack Grain

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tached to the free end of a small rubber tube having a funnel inserted in the other end. If the lambs are not well grown, one and one half ounces of the solution will suffice, while adult sheep might possibly take a larger dose; but two ounces is too much and one and one half ounces probably as small an amount as will prove effective for lambs.

When the lambs have to be treated, pen them closely so that they may be readily handled. Keep them in the pen overnight and in the morning give the medicine before feeding. One dose will suffice and no bad effects should follow if the medicine is carefully administered so as not to get it into the lungs.

In this connection it may be added that generous feeding is imperative when worms have shown their presence and also helps greatly to keep worms from getting the better of the lamb they infest. Prevention also is highly important and comes from providing new grass and a frequent change of such grass for the young lambs.

Dry Weather Plowing

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The fellow who owns a tractor is ahead of his neighbor in the dry weather of August and September, when plowing of stubbles should be done unless clover was seeded with the small grain, or hay is to follow the oats, barley or wheat. He can go ahead and plow when the land has become so dry that an ordinary farm team would be useless. And such plowing is advantageous. This spring on many a farm work was kept sadly behind for the reason that much dry weather prevented fall plowing. In many districts the usual fall rains did not arrive in due time or the land froze after the rainfall and so plowing was not done. The plowing in many instances was postponed until the conditions should become just right and they never became that. The lesson is that the vigilant farmer must plow the moment plowing is possible just after harvest and keep at it as long as the weather will allow. Of course there will be some manure to get out, but we should advise putting it on the hay land or meadow rather than the stubble if the plowing is to be held back by the manure spreading.

It seems certain that in these times of war and lack of man-power, that every possible acre of plowing should be done in fall so that small grain may be got in the moment the weather allows in spring. The fall plowing almost absolutely insures timely seeding in spring. Leaving the plowing until spring, on the contrary, will almost inevitably mean loss of the exactly right seeding day or week, and so we advise every reader to do all the plowing he can, even if the weather is hot and dry, and three, four or six horses have to be put on one plow.

It will be fortunate indeed when community tractors can be hired to do the plowing just when it should be done, and that time no doubt is coming in many districts. It is going to be an absolute necessity if war continues and all our young men have to be diverted from the farm to make the world safe for democracy and that every man may have a fair show, equal opportunity and assurance of a justly ga

Smaller Better Shocks of Grain

it will be "in the sweat" when threshed and the straw will be tough and the grain will be damp. There will be much grain lost in the straw and the grain in the bin will be likely to mold. Hence it is important that grain should be dry when stacked and should stand at least a month in the stack before threshing.

WHY NOT THRESH FROM THE SHOCK?—The farmer may well ask,—Why not save all this bother by threshing from the shock? We have already said that grain is very likely to heat in the bin. But this is not all. Out west, where it never rains during harvest time, where wheat may be seen piled up like cord wood in sacks, lying for weeks in the middle of the field, threshing from the field is by all means the best plan. But this will not do in damp climates. Once in a, while for a day or two, one man's grain may be in good shape for threshing, but by far the majority of those in a neighborhood will have to thresh under this plan when they do not want to, that is when it is too wet. Again, the dew will always make the first load or two in the morning damp and tough.

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If a whole neighborhood, however, stacks its If a whole neighborhood, however, stacks its grain, they can get a machine in when threshing time comes and the grain is in good shape to thresh. This plan also makes threshing come later in the season when the weather is cooler and the rush of work is past.

Save Wheat at Threshing Time

We will need every bushel of wheat that we raise this year for our boys in the trenches, our soldiers in training, our allies over seas and for home use. Every kernel should be saved. There are large losses, in harvesting, in stacking and threshing, that should be carefully saved this year, no matter what we may have done about it in the

ing, that should be carefully saved this year, no matter what we may have done about it in the past.

Threshing Over Straw.—In Kansas last year there were threshing crews that went from farm to farm buying up old straw piles and threshing often yielded from three to ten per cent of the original yield. With wheat at thirty bushels per acre this means that from one to three bushels of grain was left in the straw. The loss on a forty-acre field would thus be from 40 to 120 bushels, worth at present prices from \$88\$ to \$264—a pretty neat sum. It is no wonder therefore that expert threshermen were willing to buy old straw piles and thresh them over for the grain they contained.

Government Plans for Saving Wheat.—The Food Administration has asked that a threshing county to help save these large losses at threshing time. Not only are we asked to thresh cleaner but also to waste less in hauling, in careless handling and in cleaning up around the stack. Some Necessary Precautions.—In hauling grain from the field to the stack or machine, care should be taken to prevent shelling. Either a tight-bottom rack should be used or a canvas stack cover should be spread over the bottom of the rack to catch the grain. In threshing, this same canvas should be pread under the feeding table to catch the grain shelled in this manner. Around and under the machine the most thorough cleaning should be practiced.

In stacking, arrangements should be made to protect the bottom of the stack from wet weather or other losses. Careless handling all along the line, from the field to the bin, should not be permitted. And, finally, the grain should be stored in bins proof against rats and mice.

Seed for Fall Wheat

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One objection to fall wheat in the colder states is winter killing. In some sections practically all of the fall sowing was wiped out during the winter. This was particularly true in those sections where new seed was sown,—that is, seed from last fall's threshing.

WHY SOW OLD WHEAT INSTEAD?—The question may well be asked,—Why does old wheat do better than new for fall seeding? The answer is clear. All seeds must dry out and lie dormant for a time before they will germinate. If new wheat fresh from the machine is sown before it has gone through the sweat and dried out, it will have to go through a similar period of incubation in the soil. This means that its germination will be late and weak. The plants will be weak and grow slowly. This poor weak stand will come on late. It is well known that wheat that best withstands the hard winter is that which has a heavy top growth before winter sets in. This heavy growth catches and holds the snow and together with the snow forms a blanket that protects the roots against the cold of winter or the more disastrous thawing and freezing of spring.

With new seed no such growth is possible and the poorly protected plants are easily winter killed.

The lesson from all this is,—Never sow seed from the same season's harvest unless it is practically impossible to secure old seed. If new seed must be sown, get it into the ground as early as you possibly can.

Have a Fall Garden

Plant another crop of vegetables and enjey the garden as long as possible. Such vegetables as bush beans, beets, Swiss chard, kale, parsley, peas, radish, spinach and turnip may be planted as late as August,—lettuce, too, as the fall rains commence. Then it affords another chance to fill extra cans you may have—all helping to solve the food problem during the coming winter.

What is more appetizing in winter months than to have spinach, beets, peas, or some other good garden stuff to serve with the heavier foods that we cook? Don't think because you have planted a spring garden that you are to be satisfied with that. Plan on a fall garden and make the good things last as long as you can.



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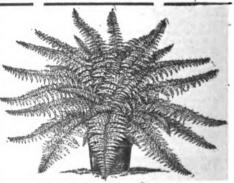
Destroy Weeds First.—After you have harvested the early garden crop, hoe out all weeds and keep working the soil as long as any crop remains in the garden. Lettuce, radishes, spinach, peas, can be planted in succession and the permanent crops like tomato, potato, and such, which are to be used later, need lots of cultivation during the hot, dry months. Working the soil fhoroughly holds moisture for the plants and lets the air into the root system which is so necessary for the plant's growth. Again, thorough cultivation keeps down the weeds and breaks up the heavy soil which bakes so hard during the dry weather of late summer. When the plants have established a good root system, only a shallow working of the soil is necessary, as the roots which lie near the surface of the ground must not be disturbed.

Save Seed for Next Year

If you have a fine variety of vegetable, it is a good plan to pick out the most promising plant and mark it with a bit of string, for your seed plant. Go through your garden and make selections of such plants, and be sure they are your best plants. Do not save seed from inferior plants or from any that may be diseased. If by wise selection you save seeds from the same vegetables from year to year, you may develop an improved variety.

Since many vegetable seeds have been imported from Europe in the past and the demand has been so strong during the past year for seeds for "War Gardens," it is not unlikely that we may be short of good seed next spring. Hence it will be a good plan to save as much seed as possible of our own growing for home use next year.

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Sometimes both testicles are in sight, 'but not often, as the other usually lies beyond and more to the other side.

Now comes the only dangerous part of the whole operation—getting hold of and removing the testicles. But with a steady hand and plenty of light, not one bird in a hundred should be lost. Attached to the testicte and lying back of it is one of the principal arteries of the fowl, and this, if ruptured, is sure to cause death. It is here that the proper tools prove of the greatest advantage. The wire being small and very fine, is easily slipped between the testicle and artery without injury to either, and a clear, clean cut made. Take the canula in the right hand and adjust the wire in it so that the loop, about one half an inch long, will extend from the small end of tube, leaving the two ends of wire extending far enough out of the open end to secure a good hold. Insert the end of the tube that has the loop on it very carefully, and slip the loop over both ends of the testicle and entirely around it: hold end of tube close down to the testicle. When it is entirely encircled by the loop, take both ends of the tube, with thumb and first finger, holding it tight, and draw it up firmly but carefully until it is severed: then remove the other skin which you pressed down with your hand at the beginning of the operation, and as the skin resumes its natural place the outer cut will be upwards of an inch above the inner cut; in this way, the outer skin makes a covering for the inner cut. And keeps out all dirt and insures its healing qulckly.

To complete the operation, turn the bird on its other side and proceed exactly as before. Some experts can work entirely from one side, but it is risky, and difficult for an amateur to try.

its other side and proceed exactly as before. Some experts can work entirely from one side, but it is risky, and difficult for an amateur to try. After the operation, keep the bird in a small coop and feed lightly for a few days, and there will be no ill effects.

Capons, like all poultry, must be kept free from vermin to be profitable. A man having examined his birds and found them free from vermin, thinks he has every right to congratulate himself. It is my duty to warn him not to be "too previous." He must know that after dark, an army of fiendish, blood-sucking mites, swarm from every crack and crevice of old, neglected houses, to feed themselves at the expense of his fowls.

fowls.

Theobald asserts that there are eighteen varieties of mites. Dr. Woods, one of the best authorities, assures us that only five sorts are common—we must all be thankful-it is no worse. After many years' experience, it would in no way distress me to dispense with, say four of these varieties. Really, the poultry keeper's worst enemy is vermin. varieties. Reall enemy is vermin.

The bird tick, Dermanyssus Aviman—Imposing name for something about the size of a grain of sand—is particularly partial to pigeon lofts, and no wild bird is without it. Martins and swallows, that build in the barn, often infect eattle and horses, causing considerable annoyance. When empty, Mr. Dermanyssus is nearly colorless, but after its meal of blood, it is blood red for a while, then nearly brown. So close to this comes the gray or red mite, or poultry tick, that they are almost identical, the only difference being that they are slightly larger and usually much more plentiful.

Other unexpected menaces to poultry are har-



ners serve for breeding places for their eggs, so let in all the sunlight possible.

If there are any parts of the house inaccessible to sun, scatter air slaked lime on them. That is a fair catalogue of the often unsuspected enemies which must be fought constantly.

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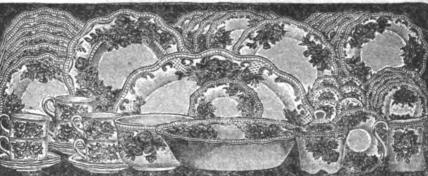
F. C. F.—Turkeys, or any other kind of hens, should have whole corn when setting, as it takes longer to digest, and pass through the intestines. When a bird is setting, she is liable to contract bowel trouble, if fed on rich mash food, and as her instinct tells her that the eggs must not be uncovered frequently, she will remain on the nest and suffer, as it is against bird or animal etiquette to defile their nests. The old henhouse in which you confined the setting turkey, probably contained cholera germs. It is always best to set turkeys under rough shelters in the open air. When the eggs under the common hens hatch, put the brood coops on fresh ground, as far as possible from other poultry. Give them nothing to eat for thirty-six hours; then only a pinch of bird gravel and sour milk cheese mixed. A thimbleful is enough for three baby turkeys. They should have that amount at least five times a day. Leave a small dish of sour milk always before them, in place of drinking water. After the fourth day add a small pinch of finely cracked grain to her food.

G. W. J.—The chicks had pneumonia. As you were

G. W. J.—The chicks had pneumonia. As you were using a fireless brooder, they may have been too cold at night, or, what is more likely, you neglected to dry out the pad or filling each day. And till you investigate, you have no idea of the amount of moisture which collects at the top of a fireless brooder during the night and if it is allowed to accumulate for two or three days, the atmosphere of the brooder when shut up at night is damp or unwholesome, and chicks are almost sure to contract either pneumonia or tuberculosis.

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R. L. P.—The pen or stock could not have been healthy. Use a small quantity of iron in the drinking water. Give them free range on grass, clean, dry sleeping quarters and milk to drink. The old birds have "white comb," which shows that they are in a debilitated state. Look to the ventilation of the chicken house. Give them free range, if possible. If not, clean the house, and let in all the sun and air possible, by taking out the windows and doors, and covering with wire netting. Feed plenty of vegetable food, and add a small quantity of nux vomica to the drinking water. Rub the combs, wattles and head with sulphate of zinc ointment or carbolic vaseline.



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the boot-boy, but he knew that Sir Thomas' mind was running in the same channel as his own.

"I'll have some beef," said Tommy to the butler, waving away a proferred dish. It was quite
might to keep up appearances, but every minute
might be precious. And then it came over him
with a flat, deadly sinking that he was imagining
monsense; because a cook chose to beat a boy
and take a day's outing.

Strung up, tense, he felt as if every trivial
word might mean something tonight. As he cut
ap his beef he grew suddenly rigid in his chair.
A footnan was handing Allington a telegram,
the pinky envelope seemed to swim on the silver
tray to the boy's excited eyes.

Was this something—at last—from the detectives?

Allington with an impossive countenance.

tectives?
Allington, with an impassive countenance, crumpled the sheet and put it in his pocket.
"The Duchess of Avonmore would like to see you the first thing in the morning," he said.
"What for—" Tommy stopped himself. "Why didn't she wire me, I wonder?"
"That I don't know," said Allington. "If you don't want any more of an inferior dinner, suppose we adjourn. It seems to me," turning to the butler, "that the same sort of meal was served two days ago. Kindly give my compliments to the steward, and say I do not wish it to occur again."

again."
"Yes, sir.

again."
"Yes, sir. But Carrousel went out without leave last night. He is rather above himself, you know, sir," the butler explained hastily.
Allington made no answer. But as soon as he and Tommy reached the morning-room he shut the door, and his face was that of a different man.

man.
"Read that," he said. "Tell me what you think

commy smoothed out the crumpled telegram saw the duchess' message was fiction.

"Wire to Atkinson, 14 Starr Street, Paddington," he read, "who, if any, of the servants has been in town during the week. A. Gordon."

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"What does it mean?" He shook like a leaf.

"I hope it means a clue. Why, did you jump so about the boot-boy and the cook? I hear he takes a great interest in him?"

Sir Thomas agreed with hearsay, but his tale aboved the interest Carrousel took was peculiar.

"I believe Carrousel did the poisoning," he said, below his breath. "I think the boot-boy caught him at it! And we've lost them again."

"Carrousel had a good alibi. It isn't possible," Allington returned. "Yet I don't like this business of the boy. What sort of a place do you suppose—" thoughtfully.

"No place." Tommy cut in short. "He's going to put that boy out of the way. He knows something. "Does this thing," tapping the telegram, "mean Gordon's in Starr street? What would he be there for? And what made him think any of the servants were in London?"

"That I don't know. But I might have guessed he was in Starr Street," absently. "I'm afraid he's wasting time. There's no hope there."

"So are we," sharply. "Aren't you going to answer that wire?"

"Yes! But I don't want the servants to know there 'is an answer. Will you go out the back way, and send one?"

"What'll I say?" breathless. For it seemed for the first time as if some one were doing something.

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It was three miles to the telegraph office; he allowed two hours for Tommy to come and go; but when three had gone, and four, he began to wonder if in this house of horror there was still more to come. The night was dark as a wolf's mouth outside. After one glance without, Mr. Allington opened the door into the deserted hall. The house was absolutely silent, for it was after twelve, and the servants had gone to bed.

The lawyer slipped off his boots and vanished The lawyer slipped off his boots and vanished down the passage to the kitchen. When he returned there was a strange look on his face, though until tonight what he had discovered would have meant absolutely nothing to him. As he stood once more in the morning-room, a light tap came on the window. With instinctive, reasonless caution, he extinguished the light before he opened the wooden shutters and let Sir Thomas in.

"What kept you?" he said.

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"Hush!" said Tommy. "Carrousel's going by outside."

The Wishing Ring

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see you."

"All right," came back Jimmy's answer. "I'll have to practice it up a bit but you wait—next time I come over I'll do it for you."

Gertie laughed and both gave their attention to the closing act while Hathaway the Great in his dressing-room turned back the double with a first little black have parting the plantful. in his dressing-room turned back the double side of his little black bag patting the playful

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In the dark, Allington, the imperturbable, started.

"He's come back, then!" he whispered. "He's cleverer than I thought—or innocent."

"Why shouldn't he be innocent?" cried Tommy, hysterically. "Light a candle; it's so beastly dark here. I waited for an answer, and I saw Carrousel get off the train."

"Was the boy with him?"

"It doesn't matter whether he was or wasn't. Read that:" as the candle burned blue and then yellow, he flung a telegram to Allington, and hid his weary face on his arms. "We're all wrong."

"Not my man at all," Allington read, and the badly written lines sickened him with disappointment. "I was mistaken. Am doing no good here. Will be down tomorrow to consult. Unless you know something, am worse than when I started. "A. G."

Allington's discovery of the evening dwindled away to nothing again. He had no heart to speak of it since Carrousel was evidently not concerned in it.
"Don't despair till we find out what this means," he said slowly. But in his soul he knew that they had been led away by a will-o'the-wisp, made of suspicion, coincidence, and the ill treatment of a boot-boy. Their supposed clue was as false as a pack of cards!

CHAPTER XXXV.

But it was not to Levallion Castle that Adrian Gordon came in the crisp blue and gold of the autumn evening.

Ravenel, scated on her bed, with her sluggish blood barely moving in her veins, leaped to her feet as her door opened.

"You!" she cried, and if for am instant her face was transfigured, the next she put out her trembling hands as if to warn him to stay where he was. "How did you get in?"

"As men do who storm a city wall," he might have answered truly; but he only said: "Quite easily," and let his eyes look their fill on the face of the only woman in the world.

The matron after one shrewd glance turned her back on them. But it was trouble wasted; neither of them thought of her. Her eyes were on him as his on her. And the dead, ugly pallor of her face that had been like a rose, the black crisics round her dill eyes the thin trans. "What'll 1 say!" Divertainess for the first time as if some one were doing something.
"Say, "The artist. Day before yesterday and today. Answer." Sign your name."

He handed Sir Thomas some money and a stray cap from a table. He had never seemed so human before. But as Tommy disappeared through the French window the lawyer, closing the shutters behind him, gave a hopeless sigh.
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s Six feet of bare floor lay between them, that was all; yet shame and the grave could part them no more utterly.

"Nel," he said, for the minutes were flying, "I had to come. You're not angry?"

"No," she whispered. And if for a minute she had thought he brought her good news, she knew now he had none. Gordon turned and saw the matron. Before he could speak she deliberately put her fingers in her ears. Ten juries might is ask her what they said, and she could tell them nothing. The look in the woman's eyes sent. Adrian to Ravenel's side.

"Nel," he whispered, "tell me, for God's sake! who you saw in that room, and why you lied at the inquest? Did you think it was I?"

"I know it wasn't, now. I might always have known, but I couldn't think—afterward."

"But you did see some one?"

"I said not," quietly. "It wouldn't do me any good now to let them know I lied."

"If I had done it twenty times I wouldn't have had you hold your tongue to save me." He

rabbit that helped him earn two hundred and twenty-five dollars each week.

Four days after Gertie sat in the parlor expectantly waiting for Jim's periodical call. His familiar footsteps brought her to the door in

chief and displayed the old this state in that little invisible rabbit?" laughed Gertie.

"Oh, he's in there yet," interrupted her Dad putting his arm in the bag, "Feel him, Ma?"

"I do feel a little hare," said Ma rubbing her hand up his arm, "But you can't fool me. It took me two days to make that bag!"

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"I didn't think." She met his eyes with hers, dull from nights of agony. "I took down the bottle; looked up, and thought I saw you going out the door! I was frightened. I felt as if I had seen a ghost. When Jacobs growled and bristled, I ran. And then—the stuff killed him." Horror twisting her pale lips. "How could I tell? How was I to know you had not come back, for some reason? I—I never for one second thought you killed him."

"My own heart," said the man, with a breath like a sob, "don't defend yourself to me. I know you never thought that. But if you won't tell about the figure you saw, I will. Don't you know some one must?"

"You'd do no good," gently. "Only make me a llar. And even now, Adrian, I couldn't swear the figure was real and not my fancy. I'd been trying all that day to put you out of my mind."

"But you said the bottle was warm!"

"Quite warm," she shuddered, "like blood. But that was what frightened mo—afterward. I remembered what you'd said about poisoning him—and yet I wouldn't, wouldn't believe it!"

"Some one had been carrying it in a hot hand," he cried. "The same person who put those bottles in your room. Did you think I would have done that?" bitterly.

"I knew you wouldn't, buy ou must remember that I knew nothing about those bottles till my evidence was finished." simply.

"There's a God, they say!" he said, between his teeth. "If there is, He won't let the guilty escape. Nel, promise me something. Trust me, even if things come to the worst. There'll be help somewhere!" very low.

"Not for me," quietly. "You've been trying all this time and found out nothing. I see it in your face."

"It hought of Mrs. Murray," he said painfully, and I'm afraid I'm wrong. She had nothing to gain and revenge to lose. The talk would have been worse than death to him."

He answered with that utter honesty she had loved in him.

"Nel, you would not believe what Hester says about Levallion. He never went t

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"I'll see you hundreds of times, please God. Day in and day out." but his eyes were not on hers.

"You won't, you can't!" The self-control that, had held her since that dreadful night was gone now. "Adrian!" she wried, wild, terriffed, broken, "they!" hang me. I can't prove I did not do it. If ten matrons had been looking on, he would have caught her to him.

"Never," he said, low in her ear. "Not while I can speak and see." But what he meant never dawned on tier.

"Put that thought from you. I swear you can." For with that rag—and his tweed suit could easily be torn—there was one way open still.

"If they let me go tomorrow, the world would think we did it," she gasped. "There's blood between us. We'd be as far apart as if I died." "If I never see you on this side the grave." the man cried passionately, "do you think I'll ever be really parted from you? What are a few years—when some time we'll wake and find it's the Resurrection Day? Love, don't grieve!" For as he spoke she remembered how once it when the dead came out of their graves, and now God had made that the only hope left.

"Listen," he said, "I'll have to go in a minute. I came to tell you something. I let you think I'ld found out nothing; I've found out one way. There'll be no death for you, my sweetheart, no prison. I can't tell you what I know, but it will set you free."

"No, no, no!" Tears blinded her. She caught him to her madly. "Not that, never that."

"Not that." He hushed her like a child; and if ever a lie was pardoned, his was. "Be at peace; not that. Oh! what did we do that we should end like this?" he broke out fiercely, more to himself than to her.

"My heart, we'll wake some day in paradise," she said, very low, for his passion steadied her. "And perhaps it won't be long."

It estooped and kissed her as a man whose minutes are numbered; held her close in agony that hurt her and him.

"Be brave," he muttered, for he was broken utterly. "Remember you're safe. Eat what they give you," and the homely, kindly detail was and prayed he had n

he thought, turning away.
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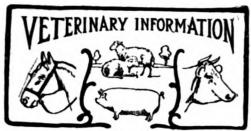
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LAMENESS.—I have a mare that stands sixteen hands high and weighs about nine hundred and fifty. She is pastured on quite a steep hill. The other morning she came down to the bars limping as though she had string halt. Her withers were bruised and dusty, as though she had fallen, and her right hind leg, above the hock was swollen and full of pus.—C. T.

A.—We cannot give confident advice in such a case of lameness, as a personal examination is necessary to determine the seat and cause of the trouble. When an injury causes soreness and swelling such as you describe, it is a good plan to keep the part wrapped with blankets wrung out of hot water. If the mare still is lame, have the local graduate veterinarian make the necessary examination.

GARGET.—I have a pure-bred Jersey cow that was

GARGET.—I have a pure-bred Jersey cow that was six years old last spring. She found her first calf at the age of twenty months. She was in splendid condition and did fine with that calf. With last two she has given lumpy milk, sometimes out of one side and then out of the other, the affected side being hard and lumpy. She is dry and fat enough for beef.—Mrs. J. W. C.

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A.—As such a condition will always give more or less trouble and unfits the milk for use, we should advise you to sell the cow to the butcher. It rarely pays to bother with an udder affected in the way you

describe.

Internal Bleeding.—Can you tell me what was the matter with my mare? Her tongue and gums were white and her ears cold. When I tried to drench her she would fail and lie still for a while, then get up. She didn't appear to be in much pain. She lived five hours. She had been running on the range eating bunch grass.—F. U.

A.—The fact that the tongue and gums turned white indicates that there was rupture of an internal blood vessel and fatal bleeding. You should have opened the mare to determine the cause of death.

HABLESS SPOT.—Please tell me how to make the

HARLESS SPOT.—Please tell me how to make the hair grow in a place that has been blistered on a horse.—P. L. S.

A.—H the hair roots were killed by the blister, and that is likely, hair will not grow again. The scar could be cut out by a surgeon and the new wound bealed so as to leave no unsightly, scar.

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AILING HEIFER.—I have a fourteen-months-old, half Holstein heifer calf that has something like a tumor in the wormb—a growth of some sort about one inch long and the size of a lead pencil. Could she be bred?

—D. F. H.

A.—It would be impossible to give a confident opinion without making an examination in this case. A tumor may be present, and if so could be easily removed by a surgeon, but there is a possibility that the animal is a Lermaphrodite and sterile.

Lermsphrodite and sterile.

DISEASED CATTLE.—Will you tell me what is the matter with my cow? A neighbor took the calf, which is small. It laid around for days before it could get up to suckle. I gave the cow slop; she doesn't eat it very good. A neighbor told me to cut her tail. If it didn't bleed she had the hollow horn. It bled.—R. C. M.

A.—We strongly suspect that the cow and heifer are afflicted with tuberculosis, which is contagious and incurable, and if that is so, all of the cows may be affected. At once have a qualified veterinarian apply the tuberculin test. There is no such disease as hollow horn. The horns of all adult cattle are hollow.

SCAR.—Will you give me a remedy to grow hair on

SCAR.—Will you give me a remedy to grow hair on a horse that has been burned or scalded, or burned from using a liniment and left a scar.—M. M. A.

A.—The hair roots in such cases have been killed so that hair cannot grow again, and medicines will not help. Have a surgeon cut out the scar and stitch the wound to effect healing by "primary intention."

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WOUND.—I have a fine mule, one year old, that received, two months ago, a wire cut across the side of nose, three or four inches above the opening of the nostril. Although it was cut clear across the side of the nose and bled freely, I did not give it much attention after the bleeding stopped. It soon healed and left but little scar. I notice it has begun to disfigure her nose. The nostril on that side appears to be hanging down and in too much of a closed condition and oblong in shape, while the other is full and round. The end of nose or lip seems turned to the right, the cut is on the left. I think in healing, the air passage in the nostril must have closed some, as I can hardly see any movement of the muscles there. I have thought of trying to open it. Can you tell me what to do?—A. S. S.

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A.—We suspect that paralysis of the part described has resulted from cutting of the nerves by the wound mentioned, and if so treatment will do no good, but it is barely possible that recovery may take place in time. Do not attempt treatment, but if possible take the mule to a graduate veterinarian for examination. Possibly the nasal bones were severed and are out of place.

ABORTION.—What caused three of my cows in good flesh and healthy to lose their calves three months before the freshening? They go up and down a ditch about three feet deep. Could the medicine put in chicken water hurt them? They might have drank some of it. They run on good wild grass pasture.—MRS. B. D. J.

A.—The chicken medicine would not be likely to injure the cows. Infection with germs no doubt has caused the abortions and there is no successful treatment, but cows in time may become immune and carry their calves the full time. If you keep the cows, they should not be rebred sooner than six months from date of aborting. Once daily for ten days and again daily for two or three weeks before breeding, syringe out the vagina of each cow with lukewarm water containing 30 grains of permagnante of potash per gallou. Use two quarts each time. Similarly treat heigrs. Cleanse, disinfect and whitewash the stable.

Sores.—I have a coming four-year-old cow. Her

Sories.—I have a coming four-year-old cow. Her back is broken out with sores that seem to be inflamed. She eats good and appears well. What is the trouble and what can be done?—H. J.

A.—We suspect that grubs (larvæ) of the ox warble fly will be found in the sores or boils upon this cow's back. Squeeze them out by pressing down hard upon each boil with the open mouth of a large bottle; then destroy the grubs. If we have not correctly understood the case, please give us a better description of the condition present.

GARDET.—About six months are my cow come in

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GARGET.—About six months ago my cow came in from pasture with one quarter of her udder swollen to nearly twice its size. She gave bloody milk from that teat for the first two or three days, but the milk looks as good as the other now. (2) I have another cow that has a hard lump, the size of a large hen's egg, on the small part of her neck. It is not attached to the jaw bone. What can I do?—O. W. C. A.—An injury caused the swelling and bleeding, and as the milk is normal now no further trouble may be experienced. It would be well, however, to give that quarter a good hand rubbing night and morning, using a little sweet oil or vaseline upon the hands. (2) The thyroid gland apparently is enlarged, but such a condition is not serious and we should advise leaving the lump alone.

Tumor.—I have a two-year-old heifer that has an

lump alone.

Tumor.—I have a two-year-old heifer that has an enlargement on her jaw just over the jugular vein. In three weeks it has grown to the size one half of a cocoanut. What is the trouble and cure?—Mss. W. J. K. A.—Without an examination we cannot determine the exact nature of the lump described, but as it may be enlargement of a gland from tuberculosis it would be enlargement of a gland from tuberculosis it would be well to have the helfer tested with tuberculin. Meanwhile clip off the hair and apply tincture of iodine every other day. If it softens, pus should be liberated by lancing. It may turn out to be "lump jaw" (actinomycosis).

Summer Itch.—I have a mule seven years old that

(actinomycosis).

SUMMER ITCH.—I have a mule seven years old that has been troubled every spring with a kind of dry scabby sores that break out over the body. He scratches continually and the hair comes off in patches.—C. D. A.—Clip the mule each spring and fall. Do not feed corn or grass in summer. If the trouble starts, mix one tablespoonful of granular hyposulphite of soda in the feed once daily and wet affected parts with a lotton composed of one dram of carbolic acid, 30 grains of menthol and one half ounce of granular hyposulphite of soda to the quart of cold soft water.

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Thrush.—My mule, ten years old, has thrush in her feet. She is stiff in her knee joints. They have little puffs swelled up on them and she is lame in her feet. In plowing she will bow her head up and down and stretch her neck as far forward as she can and then turn her head to one side. When I turn her in the lot, she is restless, walking for hours at a time back and forth in a narrow trail.—B. L. T.

A.—There is no cure for chronic founder and that may be present, but a personal examination would be necessary for a confident diagnosis. To cure thrush, cleanse the cleft of the frog; then pack in calomei with oakum on top and renew the dressing daily. Keep the stall floor clean and dry.

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be sure of squaring yourself, wait until next winter when it is forty below zero, and present her with a ton of coal and she will be your friend for life, and I think also she will find a tune for that little poem of yours. If she won't, I'm sure Mamie Bill will.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl sixteen years of age. I am five feet four inches tall and have brown eyes and real black hair. I had to quit school on account of my heart. Some of my girl friends and I want to start a little sewing club. Write and tell me your advice.

Your friend, HATTIE LOU.

P. S.—Please send me some boy's address.

that soon heated and has begun to disfigure de appears to be hanged to closed condition and er is full and round rise full and round organic heart trouble, and I fervently hope you have not, take things as easily as possible. Don't run or excite yourself, and remember nothing taxes the heart so much as running upstairs. I could tell you how to start an Indian club, but I don't know much about organizing a sewing club. The Indian club you just grab by the tail and start 4 twirling. A sewing club I imagine requires different treatment. You will of course want to buy some needles, probably a couple of carloads would do to start with. Next you have to buy a few quarts of sewing club I imagine requires different treatment. You will of course want to buy some needles, probably a couple of carloads would do to start with. Next you have to buy a few quarts of sewing club I imagine requires different treatment. You will of course want to buy some needles, probably a couple of carloads would do to start with. Next you have to buy a few quarts of sewing cub I imagine requires different treatment. You will of course want to buy some needles, probably a couple of carloads would do to start with. Next you have to buy a few quarts of sewing couple of carloads would do to start with. Next you have to buy a few quarts of sewing couple of carloads would do to start with. Next you have to buy a few quarts of sewing refresh the needle has jabbed you will know that the needle has jabbed you will know that the needle has jabbed you may be sued for damages, so be careful how you insert the thread. After you have you insert he thread. After you have you insert he thread through five full the most of the full that the ful

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Were I not so weak grammatically, I would like to tell you of some of the conditions in this county, and of which I suppose you never dreamed. A county official informed me that the population of McPherson County was seven eighths German, and a German frau told me that they were practically all German sympathizers excepting herself. It—the county—is almost solidly German from the east line of McPherson County to the Missouri river. Our officers in the court house are all German excepting one and he would not have gotten in but the register of deeds died and he was appointed. The Germans have the controlling power and the "whites" have no chance, and it is so with every other industry here. I hope however to see the time when there won't be a German hoding office in the United States, not even as road overseer. It should be that way. A short time before war was declared there was an address delivered here by a German and there were only three Americans present. The speaker became very enthused and leaped high in the air and shouted "Deutchland Uber Alles." He poisoned their uneducated minds most thoroughly. Some might ask why don't we try to Americanize them and teach them something? You

might talk all day and explain matters to them and when you got through they would only shrug the ir shoulders and say: "Der English (Americans) know not anytings." I could tell you more about their habits of living and many other things, but perhaps it would weary you to hear of it. If you know anything about them it would surprise you. We must lick the Kaiser and his Sunday school class

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For obvious reasons I have refrained from giving the name of the writer of this ietter. Living in what is practically a foreign community, as she does, things might be made very unpleasant for her by her Kaiser-worshipping neighbors. Conditions revealed in this letter are little short of appalling, but the menace of the unassimilated immigrant was realized and discussed thirty years ago, but only recently were any measures taken to deal drastically with the arrogant, impudent German colonists. It is encouraging to note that in South Dakota no church services are to be permitted to be field in the German language until further notice. No speaker or Jecturer may use German in a public address, and no school, public or private, is to be allowed to employ German as a means of instruction or expression. In Iowa the authorities have done all that South Dakota has done and a lot more, for there nobody is to be allowed to talk German on the trains, street cars, in places of public assemblage, or over the telephone. Strange to say, however, nothing has been done to prevent the printing or circulating of German newspapers, which naturally did all that lay in their power to keep their readers from becoming Americanized. Thank God, the war and its menace to this country and world liberty is beginning to open the eyes of a vast number of our citizens of German birth or blood. They are beginning to realize that they have not given this country, to which they owe everything, a square deal, and they now see that their interests lie with Uncle Sam and not with the Butcher of Berlin. The Turnverein of Jopilin, Missouri, disbanded recently and gave all its property, valued at \$25,000, to the American Red Cross. The organization then made public this announcement, which every American will read with joy and which should inspire every German who has sought these shores to better himself, with a sense of loyality and devotion to a land who to the worst gang of brutes and beasts that ever disgraced the earth.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a young girl sixteen years old and a member of your family. I live on a small farm of twenty acres, fourteen miles from the city. My father goes to market every week and we have a lot of work to do. I raise a lot of chickens but it seems some of them were slackers because they do not lay. Do you know what will make hens lay? Last year I raised a nice calf and this year I will raise a pig, because bacon is as necessary as bullets to lick the Kaiser, and I sure do hope this horrid war will soon stop. I have a brother in the service. He is a marine and is probably "over there" by now. What do you think about the war bread Uncle? Do you think it will make us have indigestion? I have heard that it was healthy. Your loving niece, EMMA M. KLINE.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

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I deeply regret, Emma, that your hens refuse to help Mr. Hoover and decline to lay. What I suggest is that you go out and call a meeting of all your hen family and explain to them that they must do their bit toward winning the war by producing all the eggs they can. Maybe these hens have had their minds poisoned by German propaganda. One of the Kaiser's agents has possibly been reading extracts to them from German-American "socialist papers." That kind of treasonable Bolsheviki bunk would stop a hen from laying anything except a beer stein, an iron cross, a Zeppelin or a tintype of the Kaiser. That war bread filled me full of something. I'm not sure yet whether it is patriotism or indigestion, anyhow it has so thrilled me with martial ardor that I'm ready not only to go out and swat the Kaiser, but also the man who made the bread. Most people have not learned the art of making good war bread. Why not try a little war bread on the chickens and start the phonograph playing the Sar Spangled Banner, while they are eating it? That surely ought to get results. When you remember that it took this country nearly four years before it got war conscious and realized that Germany had to be licked, don't wonder if a lot of poor benighted old hens have forgotten their patriotism, are failing to do their bit and are following in the slimy trail of the pacifist, the conscienceless objector and the slacker. Of course if the hens refuse to lay you'll have to get an axe and lay for them, as feed is too expensive to waste on hens with pro-German tendencies. You should not hope for this horrid war to stop until it stops right. If this war were to stop right now we should have a Prussianized world which would simply mean hell with the lid off. You would probably have an experience worse than death and have the pleasure and privilege of seeing your parents murdered before your eyes. Of six thousand young carries and the way the Hun wages wa

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Conducted by Cousin Marion

In writing this department always sign your true name and give your address; if not, your letter will receive no attention. Name will not be published.

Y unusual amiability this month is partly due to the pleasing sights I witnessed while on my vacation. No, Imogene and Troubled Girlie and Sad Brown Eyes, I shall not tell you where I spend my vacations and it perfectly good money just for a rest and change, do you suppose I want you pouring your troubles into my control of the state of the perfectly good money just for a rest and change, do you suppose I want you pouring your troubles into my ears and shedding tears all over my newest summer dresses. I should say not. But this is what pleased me so much. Instead of letting some man hold her hands and whisper sweet mothings to her, in usual summer girl style, every girl's hands were holding knitting of some sort and they were so busy with their "knit one, purl one," that they couldn't stop to listen to the sweetest nothings man ever thought of, and some of them are great little thinkers, aren't they? But, after all, I was very glad to get back to my work.

The first letter is from Bright Eyes, of Arkansas and you've got the right idea, Bright Eyes, when you say you always try to look on the bright side of life, and you will find there are more bright sides in life to the unengaged girl than there are to the one that is engaged; at least when she is only sixteen years old. Don't take your love affairs too seriously and don't give up the attentions of other boys until your fance gives up other girls. Tell him that you don't care for other boys but go with them just for fun and that you shall continue to do so just as long as he goes with other girls, even if it is just for fun, as he tries to make you believe. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, though that doesn't mean that I'm calling you a goose.

Arkansas Hoosier.—Yours was a very sensible let-

ARKANSAS HOOSIER.—Yours was a very sensible letter and I think you are doing right in refusing to let an old family feud come between you and your life's happiness and it is wrong of your parents to insist upon it. Wait a year or two and then if you think as you do now, get married and I'll give you my good wishes now to accumulate until that happy day, and forever after.

BLACK EYE, Decatur, Ky,—How did you lose the other one, dearie, or is it a different color? If you had both eyes you could see that you are better off mmarried and happy than married and unhappy and I really don't think you would be happy to marry a of nineteen.

I really don't think you would be happy to marry a boy of nineteen.

Bum, Lebanon, Ohio.—Don't let your farmer friend take too much for granted, and feel too sure of you. Some Sunday when he calls, do not be at home and if he wants to know why you were not, tell him that if he had said he was coming or asked if he could come, you would have stayed home. Perhaps that will wake him up. Tell him about the plenic but don't ask him to take you. Perhaps he wasn't so much to blame about the automobile ride, so forgive him this time, though he acted unfairly in not telling you about it.

HANS AND FRITZ, TCRAS.—If your mother was married when she was only fourteen and thinks it all right for her fourteen-year-old daughters to have beaux, I don't see how I can prevent it, but I am sorry you have such an unwise mother. If you will pay more attention to your studies and less to your teacher I don't think he will fall in love with you. As for having so many dates—are you sure you are not to blame? You are both conceited.

PRISCILLA, Morrow, Ark.—You did right in refusing

PRISCILLA, Morrow, Ark.—You did right in refusing to get married until you had completed your high school course. Maybe in two years you won't want to, though if you have such a horrer of being an old maid I suppose you'll snap up the first man that offers himself. Yes, one would naturally suppose that a girl of twenty would know enough to choose a husband, but very few of them do, even when they are older, so I think you had better take your mother's advice and wait a while longer.

Worked Soul, Versailles, Ky.—If he cares more for the opinion of his boy friends than he does for your wishes and prefers to "listen" to them rather than to you, why just let him "listen" all he wants. You wouldn't want a husband like that, would you?

BLUE EYES, Tenn.—I think you' had better regard.

BLUE EYES, Tenn.—I think you had better regard the seventeen-year-old boy as a younger brother in-stead of as a sweetheart.

PERILEZED ORPHAN, Decatur, Ark.—To be perfectly honest, don't you think you are acting rather like the proverbial dog in the manger? You want to keep this young man's love and attentions'for yourself and still you don't love him enough to marry him. Why not let some other girl have him?

not let some other girl have him?

LAUGHING EYES, Shell Lake, Wis.—I'm sure I don't know what your attractions are or how you can make yourself less attractive and I don't believe you'd do it if I told you. Your laughing eyes must be to blame for the admiration you receive.

DOLLIE DIMPLES, Shell Lake, Wis.—How can you attract more fellows? H'm, do you suppose if I knew how that I'd still be an old maid? Ask your friend, Laughing Eyes. She seems to be an authority on the subject.

Miss C. S., Leavenworth, Kans.—Perhaps it is all right to accept attentions from other fellows and write to them while your fiance is somewhere in France, but, personally, I wouldn't do it. However, that's a matter of personal opinion.

SHORTY, Bement, Ill.—Your heart must be easily captured if a fifteen-year-old Freshie can take it by storm. He must be some boy. Think of the conquests that will be his when he is grown up. I don't believe he has acquired a very lurid past in the first fifteen years of his life and since he has always used you "swell," I see no reason why you shouldn't be friends. Mind, I said friends, not sweethearts. Don't be silly.

J. V., Ky.—Don't judge all men by the unfortunate choice of your girl friend. There are some good ones. A boy and girl of eighteen should never be allowed to marry. Wait three years and then get married if you want to-only the chances are good that it won be to each other.

D. & E., Utah.—I realize, girls, that it is a serious proposition when a boy has your bracelet and won't give it up and you 'can't catch him to give him a flogging and it doesn't do any good to cuss him," and if I had the time, etc., etc., (meaning if I had the money) I'd come right out to Utah and fix things up for you. Since I can't do that you had better tell your troubles to your big brother or to a policeman. It is extremely inconsistent for the average girl of today to pretend to be offended because a boy rolls his trousers too high, though maybe Utah girls don't wear such short skirts as their Eastern sisters. I hope not.

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One Who Wants Abvices, Colorado.—Don't let him know you are afraid of him. Tell him you will sue him for breach of promise if he reveals any of the family secrets you have told him, and in the future don't get confidential with any one.

Anxious, Brownwood, Texas.—If you have told him you do not love him and have broken the engagement and he still wants to call on you and take you to places of amusement, I don't know as you are to blame. Don't give him any encouragement unless you really mean it.

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There, most of your questions are answered and those that didn't belong to me were sent to the proper departments and will be answered later. Run along and play and enlay engagements of the summer and be good girls. By by,

COUSIN MARION.

Only the very poor men and women doing the hardest kind of work may have more than seven ounces of war bread a day in France.

Wanderers By Anna S. Ells .

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N the autumn sunshine Belgium lay dying, Belgium the happy, the contented. All herr pleasant places lay waste, all her powers misspent. Her people were wanderers, or worse. Like a flower she had been trampeled upon by ruthless feet. A bitterness unless that the state of the flower she had been trampeled upon by ruthless feet. A bitterness unless that the state of the flower she had been trampeled upon by ruthless feet. A bitterness unless that the state of the flower she had been trampeled upon by ruthless feet. A bitterness unless the state of the flower she had supply the state of the flower every state of

terror, and every night sound touched a knell of horror for these homeless creatures tossed on a wave of ruthless war.

Warmed by the sunshine, she fumbled in her tattered gown for the remnant of bark that would serve for dinner. Supper was a myth too faint to seek to fathom. Leaning against the tree, she half slept, unconsciously crooning a lullaby of days now passed. Before her closed eyes pattered baby feet; a baby's tinkling laughter sounded in her ears; a wrecked smile trembled on the cracked lips. For a single moment, present woe was forgotten in past happiness. She started. The baby, her little granddaughter, was falling, failing. She stretched out eager hands to clasp—only empty air.

With a moan she leaned back against the charred tree, more desolate than before.

"The wee one," she crooned brokenly. "Where, oh, where is she? God in heaven, couldn't You spare the little ones? The helpless bables? God—Father, where, oh, where art Thou?" Her wail swept through the ruined wood like a shiver in the night, but no answer came to her waiting ear. The sun shoue; the breeze whispered, but the ruined wood sat black upon the land. She beat her worn hands and rocked back and forth in her misery.

The figure amid the ruins was standing with bent head whose scant grey hairs moved idly in

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The figure amid the ruins was standing with bent head whose scant grey hairs moved idly in the wind. No tears troubled his over-weary old eyes; no moan came from lips white with famine; his sorrow-laden heart sank and sank until there were no depths of earth it did not sound. Before him lay the scattered ruins of his home—little piles of ashes against the fallen walls. In these he had been groping, finding here and there some little common thing of sweet remembrance that had escaped the spoilers' hands. And then it had come upon him when he was weakest, worn with homelessness, faint from hunger, burdened by suffering and more than human sorrow. In this terrible hour it had come upon him, a thry heap of human bones, a strand of curling baby hair.

"Oh, God of sorrows! Did'st even Thou bear this? Our baby, our sunlight, our treasure, buried under the burning walls and left to die alone, while we were driven forth like cattle."

Dumbly he bent over the ungraved child and mourned.

The bright sun shown down; the autumn

mourned.

The bright sun shown down; the autumn breezes crept over the land. Somewhere water arms beside the ungraved child.

Worn, weak and famine stricken, the old man gathered the wife of his heart into his weary arms beside the ungraved child.

"Then you confess you are only amusing your self, as usual?"

"You won't? How would you like to have her undecelved regarding her relations with you?" sneered the duke.
"I have no fear of you. My proofs to strong to admit of any doubt in the matter, even if you should interfere. Besides, I have only to tell her one thing to make her shrink from you with the utmost horror and loathing."
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"She believes that she is the child of my shame; consequently she has none too much respect for the man who betrayed me. I have only to whisper the name of that man in her ear, in order to render all your vile schemes powerless. Therefore, you perceive that the advantage is all in my hands this time."

The duke swore a round oath.

After musing a while, he changed his tactics, and adopted a more conciliatory course.

"Come, come, Judith, I think you might lend me a hand in this matter. I love the girl, and, if you can only convince me that she is all right, I swear I will marry her fair and square."

"Providing you could gain her consent, I suppose you meam."

"But," he persisted, "it was understood between Miss Therwin and myself that I was to win her if I. could, so as to help her in her scheme; (CONTINUED ON PAGE 20.)

her own. With eager, stumbling footsteps she hastened toward the bent figure by the broken wall.

In his grief he did not hear her coming, and for a moment she looked, unseen, at his bended head; then a cry rang out on the quivering noontide air. The old man looked up; his thin lips parted; a wild look came into his faded blue eyes.

"Are you dead also?" he whispered hoarsely.

"No, no, oh, my husband, my love! No, I am not dead. There is a God, there is, or we would not have met again in this bitter world."

Stumblingly, half falling, they met, these two who had walked a hard path through a long wedded life only to find it rose-strewn beside the homeless waste now their only haven.

For a few minutes neither spoke. Dry sobs shook their weak frames until, together, they trembled like a tree in a strong wind.

Then he led her to the little place by the tottering wall where the baby lay, all its soft curves gone, all its beauty destroyed, just a tale that is told, a waft of humanity caught in debris to carry its message to these two old hearts.

A second cry rent the sweet autumn air as the old woman realized, then silence filled the place. Were the angels there, a heavenly host unseen, watching caring, loving, holding sheltering hands over hearts that mourned? No bird's song cheered the silence. The birds had long since vamished; vandal hands had ruined more than luman homes. "She's safe now, mother," crooned the old man. "Yes, now she's safe enough, but oh, what she may have suffered, and she so soft and tender! Do you remember, father, how we used to watch her lest she fall? She was just beginning to walk; how proud we were, and how she would laugh—laugh so hard it would tip her over; don't you remember, father?"

"Well, mother. I remember it well." The love light in his eyes gave tenderness to his sunken features.

"How she must have called for us, father, and we not there to answer." her mother not there

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DOYS-no need for you to wait until you have reatures.

"How she must have called for us, father, and we not there to answer; her mother not there—oh, father," her yolce sank to a horrified whisper, "where do you suppose her mother is?"

"God knows," replied the old man hopelessly. "They took her away, those cursed Huns. She was strong and comely; she could work and serve."

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"If there is a just God, I wonder why he does not send a thunderbolt to destroy you this instant."

Sibyl's Influence

harshly. "Pshaw! Jude, what is the use of making such a row over the past? You must know, of course, that it would never have done for me to make you the Duchess d'Aubigne," the duke returned, contemptuously.

Well, if you know that now you knew it then "Well, if you know that now you knew it then—over twenty years ago—but you deliberately went to work to win my heart and ruin me. You came to me in my brightest days, when I might have been a good, pure woman—a true and faithful wife. You won me with lies, you cheated me with fair, smooth words. You deserted me and left me with a legacy of shame, a breaking heart, and a hate that would have pursued you to your death had I met you earlier."

"What became of the children, Judith—they died, didn't they?"

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"Nothing much; only I had a sort of natural curiosity, you know," he answered, heartlessly.

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He looked at her for a while, too entirely overcome to speak.

At last:

"Where in ______ did you come from?" he demanded, sinking into a chair, and wiping the cold sweat from his forchead.

"I did not come from the place you so politely mention, although I suppose I shall receive no more than my just desserts if I have to go there before every long," she returned, with irreverent searchs.

"Well! so you are the respectable widow whom its Therwin procured to play the part of the long-lost mamma. The plot thickens, and grows you will not be supposed in the special state of the words "respectable widow whom it the words "respectable widowen likely to get. I want Miss Sibyl Stillman, Prescott, or whoever she may be. What are your relations toward the words "respectable widowen likely to get. I want Miss Sibyl Stillman, Prescott, or whoever she may be. What are your relations toward in your disposition, I perceive; but I do not intend to leave you until I learn the particulars of Miss Sibyl's history."

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"How do you know better than that." he added, after a moment, a look of relief chasing the fight way.

"Well, what do you know about Sibyl?"

"I know that she was the adopted child of Sir Athelstone and Lady Prescott; where they got want to you will an part of plotters and you will an part of plotters will an your disposition, I perceive; but I do not intend to leave you until I learn the particulars of Miss Sibyl's history."

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"Then you comess you are only amusing yourself, as usual?"

"I am willing to confess that I am deeply
enamored of the fair girl, and if you could convince me of the respectability of her birth, I
think I should have no objection to making her
the Duchess d'Aubigne."

"Heaven forbid! It would be like willfully consigning the dove to the talons of a vulture."

"Thank you: and it strikes me that that is an
exceedingly original remark." he answered, with
a sarcastic laugh, yet coloring, "but that is not
the point in question just at present. Who is
she? What is her parentage—do you know?"

His companion was silent, and he could see
that she looked pale and ill, and was breathing
with difficulty.

"Will you tell me what I want to know?" he
asked."

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Mrs. M. G., North Carolina.—We think that if the man you mention deserted his wife without good cause, she is entitled to support from him, unless she has independent means of her own sufficient to provide for her maintenance; we think that this right of support can be enforced by the wife against the husband's real estate or other property in the proper court action on proceeding brought for that purpose.

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Mas. R. N., Wisconsin.—If the company from which you purchased the goods you mention, fails to perform its part of the agreement with you, your legal remedy would be to bring an action for the return of your money or for the damages you have suffered; the bad feature, of your case, is the fact that the amount involved is so small that it would scarcely warrant the expense of such a litigation.

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Mrs. A. L. M., Alabama.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married maa, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow and five children, his widow would receive dower of a one third interest for life in his real estate, and one fifth of the personal estate absolutely, after payment of debts and expenses, the balance going in equal shares to his children, the children of a former marriage receiving the same share as his child by the surviving widow; we do not think property disposed of by him during his lifetime would form any part of his estate, unless disposed of to children by way of advancement on their interest in his estate.

Mrs. D. M. B., New Mexico.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the husband has the absolute management, control, and disposition, except testamentary, of the community property, except that he cannot give it away or convey it without a valuable consideration, and cannot sell or incumber the homestead property then used as a home by the husband and wife; nor the furnishings of the home, nor the wearing apparel of the wife and minor children, without the consent of the wife.

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L. S. T., North Carolina.—We think that if the paper you mention has discontinued publication, you are entitled to recover from the publishing company such an amount as would represent the unexpired balance of your subscription payment.

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and she also gave me to understand that I should meet with no opposition from you."

"Miss Therwin was not aware, probably, of some incidents connected with my past history when she made that statement," Judith answered, bitterly. "No, Arthur d'Aubigne, in spite of Ada Therwin's wishes, I will never let you come near that pure girl if I can help it. But I am confident that Ada Therwin will fail in that part of her plot."

"That part of her plot—what is the rest of it?" demanded her companion, eagerly.

"Perhaps you think I am going to play my cards all into your hands," was the sneering reply.

"Do be reasonable, and tell me, Judith; I'll make it worth your while;" and he put his hand into his pocket, showing her a handful of gold.

"Thank you; I'm in no pressing need just at present," she answered, her lip curling and her eye flashing, adding, "and I shall never reveal anything that can in any way place Sibyl within your power or reach."

"Then I'll discover some other way of getting at your secret," he cried, angrily. "I'll sift this matter to the bottom. Money will do anything, and you know me well enough to know that I will leave no stone unturned to accomplish my purpose. I swear I will have the girl now, if only to spite you!"

Judith made no reply, but sat watching him in dogged silence, and he continued:

"It has just come to me who Ada Therwin is, and why you should be connected with her. It is strange I did not think of it at first. She must be the child of the woman who was your

foster-sister, for I remember she married that rascal, Therwin. How would you like to have me go to Sir Athelstone Prescott and reveal the whole plot, telling him all about your early history, and this fine trick you have played upon his adopted daughter?"

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"If you are really in earnest about your liking for Sibyl, I have no fear of your doing any such thing, for it would upset everything, as young Prescott would undoubtedly be only too glad to get her back again, and would probably marry her at once."

He saw the force of her argument, and sat savagely gnawing at his yellow mustache.

At length he arose, saying:
"You'll find out yet, Jude, that I have not done with either you or Miss Sibyl. Do you think I am to be foiled by you? You'll hear from me again before long, and we'll see then who has the advantage in their hands. Au revoir." startlingly pale.

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When Sibyl returned from her favorite retreat on the beach, where, sheltered from the sun by the cool, overhanging rocks, and fanned by the sea breeze, she had spent two delightful hours with her book, she found Mrs. Stillman unconscious in her chair.

Sibyl immediately summoned help, had her conveyed to her bed, sent for the nearest physician, and then wrote an urgent appeal for Sir Athelstone, to come to her.

Mrs. Stillman revived after a while, but was evidently very ill—in a very critical condition, the Barmouth doctor said, when he came, and, as the days went by, they brought no improvement in her condition.

Sibyl was deeply distressed and anxious, all the more so because she heard no word from any of the dear ones at Dumfries.

Oh, how-she longed for the kind and loving care and sympathy of Lady Prescott, the manly encouragement of Raymond, and, above all, for Sir Athelstone's medical skill.

But he came not, and though at the end of a week she wrote again, she received no reply, and, sad and disheartened, she watched alone, but with unwearied vigilance, beside the invalid's bed.

"Why doesn't he come?" Mrs. Stillman murmured every little while, a terrible fear gradually settling down upon her.

"I am sure I cannot tell. I have written again and again, but have received no reply from any of them for many weeks," Sibyl had replied.

"It is more of her work," Mrs. Stillman had muttered to herself, with a clouded brow, and she never spoke of the doctor's coming again.

She knew well enough, without being told, why he did not come.

One day Sibyl saw her mother's look fastened longingly upon the Bible, which lay upon the table near the bed.

"May I read you a little from this?" she asked, taking it up.

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One morning she read from the beautiful chapter in Malachi, where it says:

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son who serveth him."

"Do you think God could possibly spare me, Sibyl?" the invalid asked with a deep sigh, turning her beseeching eyes upon the beautiful face beside her.

"He will spare all who really desire it, dear mother; we can all be 'jewels' if we will. Can not you believe it?" Sibyl answered, with lips that trembled.

"If I only could—but, Sibyl, I have been a very wicked woman; you cannot conceive how black the catalogue of my sins is."

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow," repeated the sweet voice, in low, clear tones.

"Can it be that those are the words of God, sent to comfort people like me?" Mrs. Stillman asked, after thinking them over.

"God's very own, sent just to you, dear," Sibyl answered, with tearful tenderness.

"Thank you, Sibyl; what a comfort you have been to me."

"I am glad; will you try to believe what I have been telling you?"

"Yes, I will try. I think I could, if—— But I must do much before I can claim anything," was the low, resolute response.

"Do you mean—"

Sibyl could go no further, but her white face said the rest.

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During the day she called for writing materials, and while Sibyl went to snatch a few hours' rest in the afternoon, she wrote several sheets, inclosed them in an envelope, and directed it. Then calling a maid, she desired it to be sent at once to the post office.

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That evening, when the young girl had arranged everything for the night, she bent over the invalid, asking if there was anything more that she desired.

"Only to have you kiss me and, then go to your rest, dear. Your face is growing thin and pale again, and is a continual reproach to me," she answered, fondly, yet regretfully.

"Do you feel as well as usual, dear mother? Would you not rather I would stay with you tonight?" she asked, gently.

"No, dear. I am very comfortable and free from pain tonight. But, Sibyl," catching her breath with a half sob, "I am not worthy that you should call me 'mother,' though the word comes very sweetly from your lips."

"Then I shall say it very often to please you," she answered, smiling.

"You must go, dear," Mrs. Stillman agaim said. "Marie will do everything, and I want you to be refreshed by morning, for I have something very important which I wish to communicate to you tomorrow."

She saw Sibyl shiver slightly at these words, as if she were destined to hear more about that story of shame, and she hastened to add:

"I hope what I have to tell you will give you great joy, and you will be glad to mark the day with a white stone. Now, good night."

Yet as she uttered those last words, Sibyl thought she clung to her with a strange yearning.

But she went to her rest wholly unconscious of what the morning was to bring forth.

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you. I loved your mother as well as I in my selfishness could love her. I have loved you, and I pray that the child of my kind foster-sister may be led to choose a better portion in life than she has hitherto known—that when this hour comes to you—the hour which reveals to you that death is near, and life, and time, and opportunity are all gone—you may not experience the sorrow and remorse which have made the struggle so hard for Judith Hoffman."

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BLUE EYES AND ANXIOUS, Center, Texas.—If a young man that you are both in love with has proposed to one of you, we would certainly think that was the one he liked best. What other way do you think there is of judging? And what kind of a young man can he be if he seems "more affectionate" to another than the girl he has asked to marry him.

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SUNSHINE SUE, Seneca, Mo.—After having broken your engagement with this young man for what you think are good reasons, you should return to him his presents and his ring.

PERPLEXED, Salem, Oregon.—In a menu marked as you have described, it would be correct for you to say: "I will take 'Lunch number one." If any dessert is included in the combination listed, that would be your dessert. If not, and you ordered separately, you would do this when you had finished the first part of your meal. In the ordinary restaurant you must specify each dish you desire in your order. The dessert need not be ordered at the beginning of the meal. Just ask for what you want to eat in a sensible manner, and the waiter will do the rest.

M. Z., Zearing, Iowa.—If you are 25, a man of 34

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M. Z. Zearing, lowa.—If you are 25, a man of 34 is not a bit too old for you to marry. That he comes from another country and does not speak our language with correct accent, is no reason why you should not be happy as his wife,—if you love him and he is the right kind of a man to deserve your love.

Puzzled, Nebr.—You can certainly regard yourself as engaged to be married to this young man if you have planned with him regarding a future home, and evep ran away at one time to locate a judge to do the "hitching." If he has given you no engagement ring, it would be proper for you to drop him a gentle hint concerning it. There should be no reason for a quarrel about the incident, if you do the thing tactfully.

M. R., Amsterdam, N. Y.—A schoolgirl of fourteen may certainly speak to boys who are her classmates when she meets them on the street—or anywhere else. They are right in thinking it peculiar that you do not greet them. You may have a seventeen-year-old boy as a friend but we would not "go around" very much with him, unless some older woman is of the party. Easter Lilly, Sand Point, Idaho.—You are wise in not letting this young man's attentions to you become too noticeable at a dance or public gathering. We would not have gone to him regarding this trouble-making gossip you mention, unless we had been certain that he knew of it and that it had influenced his actions. But no harm was done. As a general rule, it pays to be simple and direct in the case of any misunderstanding between friends—or lovers.

Sammie And Shoeffy, New Orleans, La.—We do not think a girl of sixteen should correspond with a sol-

understanding between friends—or lovers.

Sammis and Shorty, New Orleans, La.—We do not think a girl of sixteen should correspond with a soldier, and certainly a younger girl should not, when her father objects—as he very sensibly does. We cannot tell you if this young man cares for you. That he does not pay much attention to you in public goes for nothing, as he may be bashful.

A WEST VIRGINIA GIRL.—You can refuse this young man's request by saying: "No thank you; I have promised to go with some one else." As to the candy, you might say: "Thank you, but I would rather not accept it." And you probably will not have to refuse twice.

RED ROSE Minoral Walls, Towas—We think a barry.

RED ROSE, Mineral Wells, Texas.-We think a boy to MED ROSE, Mineral Wells, Texas.—We think a boy to whom you were engaged should have spoken to you when he had not seen you for two months—even if your father objects to him and was in the vicinity when you met. However, you should know him well enough to judge if he did it purposely. Why not write and ask him? (2) Yes, we think a boy that 'loved you better than anyone else in the world' should appreciate that you refuse the attentions of other suitors on his account.

on his account.

RLUE EYES AND BLACK EYES, Tenn.—If your soldier sweethearts are in France, it is not surprising that they do not write you. They have plenty of other things to do and think about. (2) Yes, join the Red Cross, by all means.

Brown HAIR, Etowah, Ark.—Yes, two girls of 17 and 18 may go to a dance at night with boy friends f their neighborhood. (2) Yes, the waltz is condered a "nice" dance—if you dance it nicely.

BLONDS AND BRUNETTE, Sweetwater, Texas.—A girl of fourteen or fifteen is too young to accept the attentions of young men, or to go with them to dances or other entertainments unless older women are of the party.

DIMPLE, Chinook, Mont.—A girl of seventeen would be wise not to marry a, man fifteen years older than herself—and one that her parents did not want her

Dolly, Chinook, Mont.—You may go to dances in your vicinity with boy friends, but you must not go driving after dark. (2) Do not be the first or the last to leave a dance. We should call midnight about as late as it would be well to remain.

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TROUBLED, West Va.—We do not think you can find much pleasure in being in the company of a boy that you think is "bigheaded" and that you semetimes can "hardly bear." Why not drop him and wait for one to come along that you like better? At sixteen there is plenty of time to wait. And you do not have to be beautiful to make boys like you—although we admit it helps. But being kind and sensible helps, too. And also knowing how to spell!

And also knowing how to spell!

Blue Eyrs, Etowah, Ark.—The Government is not in favor of many useless and often foolish letters being sent to our soldiers. If you are writing to three, we think you are making more than your share of trouble.

(2) Of course you may "talk" to a boy of 24—unless you are dumb and have to do it by signs.

Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17.)

Joyce, R. R. 1. Spencer, Va. Shut-in. No means of support. Needs food and clothing. Do something for her. T. H. Byers, Monson. Cal. Helpless from injuries of spine, hip and shoulders caused by loaded wagon running over him. No means of support. Alone in the world; 54 years of age. Open your hearts and pocketbooks and give him a boost. William Cobler, Price, N. C. Crippled from rheumatism. Also ruptured. Would appreciate second-hand clothing, and any assistance you care to send him.

Miss Myrtle Jones, Turner's Falls, Mass. A dear, sweet girl, and one of the best beloved of our shut-ins, has passed to her heavenly rest. The poor souls whose names are listed above are in too desperate need to care for anything but substantial financial aid. Sympathy and cash make a splendid combination, but sympathy without cash cuts no icicles. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Lovingly yours,

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.)

to worry them as well as you have...

Goodness knows I've had my shaee of trouble, but that is just between me and my God. I try to live up to the good old quotation:

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, Weep and you weep alone. For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth, But has troubles enough of its own."

Can any of the sisters send me the song, "Plant Sweet Flowers on My Grave." I would like to get it for an old lady friend of mine.

Thank you, dear sisters, for the time you have given me in reading this, my first attempt at letter writing to COMPORT. Best wishes to all.

MRS. FLORENCE HORNBECK

PIERCETON, IND.

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DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I am a farmer's wife, twenty-six years old, with brown hair and eyes and weigh 140 pounds. I have a little six-year-old girl named Nedra, and Ivan, a fat little chap, three years old the 11th day of last June. We also have an orphan boy, fifteen years old, that has been with us two years. He is as dear to us as if he were our own.

I noticed the Editor asked us to write of our best vacation. I will tell you of a little trip we have just had. As we are busy farmers on a farm of 160 acres, you may know that we couldn'st leave but for a few days but how we enjoyed the few days. One of our neighbors and his wife and our family rented a little cottage at "Yellow Banks," a beautiful resort on Webster Lake, just four miles from Lake Wawasee, Indiana's largest lake, and close to several smaller lakes and also near a small town. As to fish, you should have seen the strings we brought in. Of a morning, about "sunup" we would eat a bite and put the children on cushions in the bottom of the boat and fish until it got too warm. Then we'd take ar automobile trip or else sit on the porch and rest until evening, then fish a while, come in and get supper and take another ride or walk and come in for a good night's rest. I took my camera along and got some fine pictures that will serve as reminders of one of our least expensive and most enjoyable vacations.

Wishing you all a pleasant summer, I remain, a Comfort sister.

Mrs. Ethel. Wertenberger.—Valur vacation is one of

MRS. ETHEL WERTENBERGER. Mrs. Wertenberger.—Your vacation is one of my ideas of a good time. Let's hear from others.—Ed.

MIS. Wertenberger.—Four Vacation is one of my ideas of a good time. Let's hear from others.—Ed.

GRAND MARSH, WIS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

May I say just a few words on the food situation? We all know food is wasted in a great many homes and cating houses. It is awful to think of it but nevertheless it is true. We should eat no more food than our bodies need for growth and repair and to support health and fat instead of brawn, and makes us sluggish and indolent instead of brawn, and makes us sluggish and indolent instead of brawn, and makes us sluggish and indolent instead of herefold in cooking, improperly prepared and poorly seasoned, it will be left on the table and wasted. Buy food wisely and prepare it carefully. When too much food is prepared for a meal, unserved portions are thrown into the garbage paid or allowed of spoil. Such food should be given to some poor family, as many housekeepers do not know how to use left-over foods to make appetizing dishes. I have often seen uneaten portions of food left on plates and later thrown into the garbage pail. Learn to know the needs of your family and serve each no more than you think he will want. All food should be handled carefully. Buy clean food and keep it clean and be neat in all details of serving and cooking. This lessens waste and is a valuable health measure as well. Keep good food out of your garbage pail and kitchen sink. Demonstrate thrift in your home. Don't feed high-priced human food to hogs and chickens as we shall need it before this war is over. Don't pour into the sewer such nourishing food as milk, sweet or sour, soup, gravy, melted fat or water in which cereals or regetables have been cooked. Make use of everything. I find it a great advantage to market in person and see the food before buying it. In this way it is possible to get the best that is offered for sale. I always weigh articles that are sold by weight. In case the grocer gives short weight it should be discovered. Though the difference may be small, in a year's time i

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Remove stains from zinc with vinegar. Remove peach stains with spirits of camphor.

Use a nutmeg grater to scrape off the burned parts

Stand on a cushion while ironing and you will not

When setting bread sponge, omit the salt until the bread is light and ready to knead.

Moisten the spoon with water before serving jelly and it will be much easier to serve.

Sprinkle table salt on cabbages and it will help keep the worms away.—Mrs. Page, New York. Marks on wood work, made by scratching matches, can be removed by rubbing with a cut lemon.

To remove peach stains, put cream of tartar on the water-soaked stains and place article in the sun.

When necessary to boil a cracked egg, add a little negar to the water and the white will not run out. To clean silver, dip it in a boiling solution of baking soda and water, to which has been added a pinch of salt.

A thick slice of onion laid on top of a roast of beef and cooked with it gives a fine flavor to meat and

To clean a vinegar cruet, put a teaspoon of lye in it and fill with water. Let stand a day or two before washing.

SPRAIN.—Bathe well with hot vinegar and salt solution or one pint of hot water in which one tablespoon of epsom salts has been dissolved.—Mas. M. M., N. Dak.

Dak.

Polsoving by Morphinf or any Office Prefara-rion.—Give an emetic of mustard and water or salt and water, in large quantities until comiting is pro-duced. Give plenty of strong coffee and keep the per-son awake by any means.

Rheumatism.—One to three drops of wintergreen oil on a lump of loaf sugar, three or four times a day. Touch the sore spots with feather moistened with the oil. Keep the bowels in good condition. Mrs. Harrier E. Trott, Solon Springs, Mo.

NECEALGIA -- Macerate the leaves of the common field NEURALDIA.—Macerate the leaves of the common nead thistle and use as a poultice on the parts affected, while a small quantity of the leaves are boiled down from one quart to one pint of liquid. Drink a small wineglass of this before each meal.

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SUNSTROKE.—Treat this by removing the clothing and applying ice to the head and arm pits or wrapping the patient in sheets wrung out of ice water, which must be kept wet and cold by water or ice. If the latter is done, the body must be rubled to prevent shock and to bring the heated blood to the surface. When consciousness returns, cold water may be given freely. Do not give any stimulants, and if there is any return of the symptoms, renew the application of ice or cold water.

Requests

How to make wax and paper flowers.

Song, 'I have a Package of Old Letters."-Mrs. MINNIE DRYBREAD, Ramah, Colo.

How to cure meat (hogs) without smoking. Also ow to make head cheese and blood pudding. Poem, "The Lily of Peace," printed thirty years ago in "The Saturday Night." The paper is not published now.

Will some sister who has a book of old-fashioned dance music, sell it or exchange with me.—Mas. Zella Coom, Wayne, Neb.

Will some one please send me "The Illustrated Companion for March and April, 1918. Will return postage or favor in any way possible.—Mrs. Sadie Mil-Lee, Dandridge, Tenn.

Will some one please send me the following songs:
"Just Before the Battle, Mother," "Somewhere in
France," "Over There," "Good by Broadway, Hello
France."—MISS BETTIE STALLINGS, Lebanon Jet., Ky. If any of the readers have photographic or teachers' magazines they can send me, I will return the favor in any way I can. Other magazines accepted, and I will pass them on to the shut-ins when I read them.—IRMA ANDERSON, LOWRY, Minn.

Missing Relatives and Friends

Any one knowing the whereabouts of Oliver Gentry, last heard of in Memphis, Tenn., please notify Jennie Scheltinga, Creve Coeur, Box 74, Missouri.

Information of Archie H. Penman, last heard of in Stockton, California. Notify his sister, Mrs. Robert Clark, Tiffany, Colo.

Information of William B. Humber, last heard of at Lakeland, Florida. Mollie Humber, R. R. 3, Box 6, Honey Grove, Texas.

Information of Morgan Blair in Civil War, or home on sick furlough at surrender. Joined army near Charleston, S. C. Write Mrs. M. L. Blair, 409 Chickamauga Ave., Rossville, Ga.

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Seven Wheel Chairs in July 481 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The seven July wheel chairs go to the following mamed shut-ins, carrying sunshine and a ray of happiness into their joyless lives. The figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Vern Sparks, Marionville, Mo., 200; Mrs. Frank J. Libby, Mill St., Orono, Maine, 170; Mrs. Sarah E. Whittington, R. I, Box 58, Monroe, La., 168; Melvin F. Barker, Chapmanville, W. Va., 157; Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 524 S. Workman St., Los Angeles, Calif., 140; Ira E. Huddleston, Carterville, Mo., 127, T. J. Ragland, Winters, Texas, 120.

Vern Sparks, age 14, has been afflicted with tuberculosis of the spine seven years and confined to his bed the last two years. The wheel chair will be a joy to him and a great help to his good mother in caring for him.

Mrs. Libby, age 45, has been an invalid eleven years, the last five years confined to the house and unable to walk. With the help of her husband and two sons she will be able to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine in her wheel chair.

Mrs. Whittington, age 62, widow, lives with her anmarried daughter. She writes that she is badly crippled with rheumatism and will be so thankful for COMFORT'S help in procuring a wheel chair of which she is in great need.

Melvin F. Barker, age 5, has been sick with spinal meningitis two years and unable to walk the last three months and can not sit up long at a time. The

wheel chair will be a relief to this poor little sufferer.

Mrs. Hughey, age 29, an invalid for the last two years and until recently dangerously sick, but surgery has brought her some relief so that she will be able to get about in her wheel chair.

ira E. Huddleston, age 42, has been entirely paralyzed in his left side the last four months. He has seven children and a devoted wife who has obtained all the subscriptions for his chair.

T. J. Ragland, age 63, sick with pellagra and crippled by a broken hip that will not mend. Has four children and wife who, besides all her other work and cares, has obtained all the subscriptions for his chair which will be a blessing to her as well as to him.

COMFORT'S subscription rate now (since July first) is 35 cents a year and I had hoped, as stated in my July announcement, to award a wheel chair for a club of 150 yearly subscriptions at 35 cents each, But wheel chairs, like everything else, have been going up in price, and 1 have just received notice from the manufacturers of another large advance in price which will make these wheel chairs cost me, at the factory, sixty per cent more than formerly. Also there has been a large advance in freight rates and, worse yet, the Government embargo prevents ship-ment by freight to many places and compels me to ship the wheel chairs by express in most cases now, which costs me still more, as I prepay the transportation charges so that the shut-ins receive the chairs absolutely free of expense. These chairs, delivered to the shut-ins, now cost me nearly twice as much as formerly and therefore I am obliged to resume my old offer of one wheel chair for a club of 200 subscriptions-but please bear in mind that the subscription rate now is 35 cents a year.

Please rush the subscriptions for the Wheel-Chair Club, there are so many poor shut-ins waiting and suffering for wheel chairs.

We have an interesting Roll of Honor but there is no space to spare for letters of thanks.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many hew subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 35 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friends to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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Mrs. Emma Sparks, Mo., for Verne Sparks, 200; Mrs. Ira Edward Huddleston, Mo., for Ira E. Huddleston, 127; Mrs. Julia Rice, Okla., for Mrs. Adella Evans, 81; Rev. Horace B. Sellers, Maine, for Mrs. Frank J. Libby, 68; Mrs. J. H. Price, Okla., for Harold Brown, 64; Mrs. J. S. Pool, N. C., for Stroud Pool, 56; Annie Estelle Whittington, La., for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Whittington, 56; Mrs. Ella Hensley, W. Va., for Melvin French Barker, 52; Mrs. J. M. Aston, Miss., for Elvie L. I. Tutor, 44; Mrs. M. E. Carson, Ark., for F. F. Carson, 42; Mrs. Lonnie Tutor, Miss., for Elvie L. I. Tutor, 40; Eleanor Nichols, Vt., for Clara Josephine Nichols, 30; Lizzie Goheen, Ky., for Naoma Goheen, 28; Mrs. T. J. Thompson, Calif., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 24; Mrs. S. V. Hughey, Calif., for Own Wheel Chair, 22; Hiram F. Jowers, La., for Mrs. S. E. Whittington, 21; Mrs. D. J. Longfellow, Maine, for Mrs. Frank J. Libby, 21; Miss Lois Smithling, Calif., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 21; Mrs. Frances Johnson, W. Va., for Earl Johnson, 21; Mrs. N. R. Holland, Texas, for Mrs. M. J. Howard, 20; Mrs. W. J. Brooks, Calif., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 20; Mrs. W. Speights, Miss., for I. J. Polk, 20; Mrs. Herbert Read, Md., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 20; Mrs. Herbert Read, Md., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 20; Mrs. Herbert Read, Md., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 20; Mrs. Herbert Read, Md., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 20; Mrs. Herbert Read, Md., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 18; Mrs. Claude Wolfe, N. Dak, for I. J. Polk, 20; Mrs. Herbert Read, Md., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 18; Mrs. Claude Wolfe, N. Dak, for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 18; Mrs. Calede Wolfe, N. Dak, for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 15; Dudley C. Nichols, Vt., for Carl G. Jansen, 20; Rosa Evans, Okla., for Mrs. Adella Evans, 18; Mrs. Claude Wolfe, N. Dak, for Master Arnold De Vries, 16; Mrs. E. C. Mellinger, Calif., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 15; Dudley C. Nichols, Vt., for Clara Josephine Nichols, 15; P. W. Larne, Ala., for Henry S. Larne, 1

Infant Used as Live Subject in Domestic Science Department

Wishing to have a live subject to work with, girl students of the domestic science department of the hgh school at Appleton, Wis., have adopted a two-months-old baby from a poor family. The girls are kept busy feeding and dressing the baby, according to approved scientific methods.



The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be taken to your local doctor.

Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

Miss J. L., Crossville, Ala.—Liver spots, moth spots, or the medical name, chloasma, are due to several causes; malaria, tuberculosis, so-called Addison's disease, of sisease, of the uterus, nervous disturbance, anemia and chlorosis (Green sickness). In your case it probably is due to malaria or possibly some liver trouble. Consult your local physician to determine the cause and prescribe the treatment accordingly.

P. W., Bynunville, Mo.—You probably have a neuritis of the shoulder. Try hot turpentine stoupes. Wet a flannel with hot water and drop a few drops of turpentine on the towel and apply to the parts.

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Mrs. A. I. S., Portland, Ind.—Try drinking only one quart of skimmed milk every other day. Drink one glass in the morning, another at noon, another at four o'clock, and the last one at night. Let this be your only diet on alternate days. The rest of the time eat sparingly of green vegetables, drink plenty of water, and later report result as to reduction of weight.

Mrs. A. B., Belleville, Kansas.—The usual cause of obesity is the eating of starchy food, pastry, sweets of any kind, lack of sufficient exercise in the open air, and improper care of the bowels. In another part of this column we have given a diet of skim milk, to be used every other day, with directions. Consult this and after trying the skimmed milk diet, report result.

Mrss R. M., Reik, Neb.—If there is no physiological cause for your absence of menstruation you need not worry. Menses will return in due time.

Mrs. H. L. E., Cherokee, S. C.—If your goltre is

MRS. H. L. E., Cherokee, S. C.—If your goitre is due to nervousness, you should absolutely rest body and nerves. If it involves the entire gland, use ovarian extract under your doctor's advice and care. Surgery is the last resort. The ovarian extract with complete rest, is the best and latest treatment. The rest of your letter comes under another department, and will be answered, no doubt, there.

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Mrss C. M.—Your trouble is not the "change of life." You have probably a form of nervous indigestion. Outdoor exercise, horseback riding, any form of physical exercise would help you. Avoid sweets of all kinds and put yourself on a green vegetable diet; drink plenty of water. The discharge you mention is nothing and will be benefited by return to the normal.

C. M. Otter Pond Ky.—The hest way to remove

C. M., Otter Pond, Ky.—The best way to remove warts is by using, or having used, carbon dioxide snow. The next best way is the use of the actual cautery. Of course, both must be used by a competent physician.

S. R. R., Clarkwood, Texas.—It would be of no advantage to give you the symptoms of cancer of the stomach, as symptoms run into each other, and you would be sure you had cancer, if they were even hinted at. Your symptoms point to ulcer of the stomach. You should consult your local physician and be treated by him.

Mr. C. H., Guntown, Miss.—You probably have malaria, or some liver trouble. Take two compound cathartic pills at bedtime, once or twice a week. Eat no pastry, and let tea and coffee alone. Drink plenty of water, and get busy with some useful occupation.

MRS. H. D., Brighton, Iowa.—You are run down, and probably your heart trouble is due to this condition. Also you may have some local trouble that needs surgical attention, due to child bearing. You should consult some good physician and be examined to ascertain the true condition.

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M. B., Brooksburg, Ind.—Compound nut-gall ointment is good for the piles, applied at night. This failing, have them removed by operation.

E. S. U., Ricardo, Texas.—Apply compound nut-gall ointment to the parts and keep the bowels free by using aromatic cascara, two teaspoonfuls at night.

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Miss O. L., Windsor, Mo.—The ringing in your ears is probably of catarrhal origin. Your age has something to do with it. The trouble is probably incurable, although an ear specialist might relieve you and possibly cure the noise, by inflating the middle ear, and also employ other methods known to the ear specialist.

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Miss M. M., Mt. Vernon, Ohio.—Try lotion of resorcin two per cent. in grain alcohol diluted one half with rose water. Apply at night, every other day only.

Mrs. C. R., Barnhardt, Texas.—If possible, take your husband to some good surgeen, have an X-ray made of the injury, and see if an operation directed to the restoration of the nerves, might be undertaken. If this is impossible, get a small battery and try electricity, with gentle massage, to the parts.



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War-Winning Stogans

The Story the Service Flag Tells

By Frances L. Garside

THE service flag is not official. Official adoption of such an emblem has been discussed in Congress, but no action has been taken. Mothers who hang out a service flag with pride and wonder with fear what changes may be made to it by future events, will be interested in learning what this new emblem, which means so much to the world just now, really stands for.

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The Adjutant General of the United States Army has indorsed as correct a memorandum by Lieutenant Colonel Nathan William MacChesney, Judge Advocate, N. A., Central Department, which gives the correct status of the service flag, and also gives it a "a "semi-official" place. He says:

"The service flag is owned by private parties who have patented the same, but its recognized by the government and the flying of it is encouraged. It has been decided that on these flags a blue star shall represent one in the military or naval service of the United States; a silver star one wounded or invalided home from over-seas, with a gold star superimposed for one who died as the result of such wound or disease, and a gold star for one who pays the supreme sacrifice while in action.

"Considerable thought has been given to the suggestion that a service flag pin with a gold star for a member of one's family killed in action be worn in lieu of mourning. We cannot control the people in this. We can only suggest that such emblems would be less depressing than a swathing in crepe, and represent a smaller outlay of money, a question very important just now. In England the wearing of mourning is forbidden, though it is generally seen on the Continent."

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The idea of the service flag is that there shall be a star to represent each person from a family, place of business, club, or other entity serving with the colors. Sometimes the service flag is abused. Where the service flag is hung in the window of a home it should represent only members of the family from such immediate household, and not emploves, domestics, or otherwise. Where

resent only members of the family from such immediate household, and not employes, domestics, or otherwise. Where it is hung from places of business it should represent employes going from such places of business, and where there is an expectation of return to the employment. The service flag should not be flown by buildings, hotels, etc., where the only relation is that of tenants.

Neither is a family entitled to a service flag because some member is engaged in civilian war work, however patriotic the motive. The essence of military service is that persons who wear the uniform subject themselves to be ordered anywhere without the right to refuse to go. Such conditions do not attach to any of the various war boards, commissions, civilian employments, etc., and under no circumstances should the persons in such employment be represented on service flags.

A service flag may be unfurled with a star for a husband, father, son or brother, even though such person did not actually leave from that household directly to go into service, but in case of more remote relationship they should actually be members of the household where the flag is displayed and should have left for the service direct from that household.

While physicians are non-combatants,

While physicians are non-combatants, they are entitled to representation on service flags and rolls of honor when they are serving as physicians in the army, navy, or Red Cross or Marine Corps Physicians of draft examining coards are not entitled to a star.

It is to the mother the service flag

means the most It is the mother's service flag that has on it the most stars. It is the mother on whom the blunt of the war is falling, and she is bearing it

Comfort's Comicalities

"Jest for Fun"



"Then you cannot leave. I give you six hours to make up your mind as to what you will do."

And It Didn't Strike

Bulgaria's defection caused Spanish Consul Juan L. y Marti to say in Mobile:

"The Allies' diplomacy in the Balkans was slow. It reminds me of Smith.

"Smith's mother-in-law rushed to him in great excitement on his return from business one evening.

"Oh, John, she cried, 'that great, horrid, heavy grandfather's clock in the hall has just fallen with a dreadful crash on the very spot where I'd been standing only a moment before.

"Humph,' muttered Smith, 'I always said that clock was slow.' "—Louisville Herald.

What Saved Him

"Time I was out in Colorado," said the man with the ginger beard, "I was chased by the bloody Injuns into a cave, and had to stay there three months without anything to eat."

Here the man with the ginger beard looked around defiantly, expecting some one to doubt his assertion, but, as no one spoke, he was compelled to explain. "I s'pose I would ha' starved," he continued, "if it hadn't been fer my wife and family back East. Whenever I would git to thinkin' of them, a big lump would rise right up in my throat, and, by swallerin' that I kep' myself from starvin'."

German Soldier's Risks

The great risk a German soldier runs when taken prisoner is that he may lose his life when his countrymen bomb a Red Cross hospital.—Washington Star.

What is the difference between a side-Five cents' difference.

Might Have Taken a Nap

A stranger in an Indiana village, thought he might improve the time by attending service in the local church. At the conclusion of a lengthy talk, the



minister announced that he should like to meet the board. The stranger, in company with several other persons proceeded to walk to the front of the church. The pastor, thinking there must be some misunderstanding, said to him: "I believe, sir, you are mistaken. This is just to be a meeting of the hoard."

board."
"Well," replied the visitor, "I have

listened to your talk for more than an hour and if any one has been bored more than I have been, I should like to know who it is."—Leavenworth Times.

Rags and Bottles

Homer Rodeheaver, the musical direc-tor with an evangelist, said in a tem-perance meeting address at San Fran-cisco:

cisco:
"Once, on a visit to England, I noticed
that the ragmen, instead of shouting
'Rags, bones, old iron,' as we all do,
shouted 'Rags and bottles; rags and
bottles.'

bottles."

"I asked an English ragman one day:

"Why do you yell rags and bottles
especially? What's the point of it?"

"Well, sir,' he answered, 'the point
of it is that my experience has shown
me that wherever there's bottles there's
bound to be rags."—Louisville Herald.

An Irish Tale

A certain Irishman and his wife were much given to wrangling and some of their solicitous neighbors secretly in-formed the parish priest and asked him



to go and try to quiet the turbulent matrimonial waters. His reverence hastened to do so and, as he approached the house, his ears told him that an argument was in progress. When he quietly entered, the combatants faced him, abashed.
"My dear children." he hearn "argument"

my near children," he began, "aren't you ashamed of yourself to be forever quarreling? Look at that dog and cat over there in the corner, eating off the same plate. Don't they get along nicely together?"

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"They do indeed, your rivirince," mumbled the Celt, "but faith they wouldn't if you tied them together the same as you did us."

Impetuous Swain

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They had been engaged to be married fifteen years and still he had not mustered courage enough to ask her to name the happy day. One evening he called in a peculiar frame of mind, and asked her to sing something tender and touching, something that would move him. She sat down at the piano and sang, "Darling, I Am Growing Old."—The Christian Herald.

Rubber Ones

"Say, do you know why that automo-bile does not run?"
"No. Why?"
"Because its wheels are tired."

What Teacher Said

"Teacher is interested in you, pa."
"How so?"
"Why, today, after she had told me seven times to sit down and behave myself, she said she wondered what sort of a father I had."

counter, a cheery, good-natured soul, said to him:

"You can have them mixed if you like."
"All right," said the boy, "you may put
one or two cocoanuts in, if you please."

A Machinist

'My dog is a regular machinist."
'How's that?"

"Wby, I kicked him the other day and he made a bolt for the door."

"A man who employed a number of boys to pick raspberries was quite anxious to protect them against mosquitoes, so he had veils made to tie down around the neck. The boys were very grateful for his kindness until they found that there were no mosquitoes in that locality and also that they couldn't eat any berries with those veils on. The "protection" was of another sort.

Took Him Literally

As a steamer was leaving the harbor of Athens a well-dressed young passenger approached the captain, and, pointing to the distant hills, inquired:

"What is that white stuff on the hills, captain;"

That is snow, madam," replied the captain.
"Well," remarked the lady, "I thought so myself, but a gentleman just now told me it was Greece."

His College Idea

Robert was having a very successful career at college. He had scored the winning touchdown in the big game of the year, and was mentioned by the experts for the All-American team. But Robert's father was not satisfied.

"I'm afraid, my son," said he, "that you are not making good use of your time at college. I hear very unsatisfactory reports about your work."

"Gee whiz!" exclaimed Robert. "You must have been talking to one of the professors."

Exceeding Her Orders

"Ma! Ma!" bawled Freddie as the usual morning wash was going on. "Do my ears belong to my face or my neck?" "Why, what is the matter?" she asked.



"I want it decided now. Everytime you tell Mary to wash my face or my neck she washes my ears, too."

There's Always Hope

Barber—"Will you have anything on your face when I've finished!" Customer—"I don't know, but I hope you'll at least leave my nose."

Knew That Much

willie," asked the teacher of a new pupil, "do you know your alphabet?"

"Yes'm," answered Willie.

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"Well, then," continued the teacher, "what letter comes after A?"

"All the rest of them," was the triumphant reply.

When Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, was in France, he went into the trenches held by the American troops and paused at a listening post on the edge of No Man's Land. There he made the significant statement, "I'm at the frontier of freedomi"

The secretary was merely expressing the fact that the great war is a fight for freedom. That is our motto which has been embodied in the rythmic four-word cluster, "Freedom for all forever."

We say, "Back our boys with bonds," and the catch phrase helps us to see the need of lending our money to Uncle Sam. To some extent, more than many of us surmise, the war will be won with impelling slogans.

"I came, I saw, I conquered," affirmed Julius Cæsar.

"I will fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," General Grant stoutly declared.

"Remember the Maine," spread from the Canadian border to the Rio Grande.

And today the English, "Carry on," and the French people, recalling Verdun, snap out, "They shall not pass."

Printing Office on Wheels

A printer in whom the Wanderlust spirit shows itself in an up-to-date way is seeing the country in a motor car specially fitted up as a printing shop. He carries a 6x9 press, a cabinet of type, and all necessary material for executing a job. His car also has a housekeeping outsit, including icechest, kitchen cabinet, bed, table, etc., with running water from a tank. He works in a town till he gets tired, then motors to fresh fields with his outsit. His name is Robins, he started from San Francisco a year ago, and he expects to work East to New York some time, according to the "American Printer," which publishes a picture of this novel car.—Boston Advertiser.

The End Defined

By Ambassador Jusserand.

When will the end come? It can come only when the enemy understands, when he sees the evil he has caused and regrets it, when he is ashamed. The change must not be merely one on paper, one in the laws of his country, but one in his mind. mind.

One of the first restaurants in the East to exclude wheat products entirely from their bill of fare has been opened in Washington for the benefit of the employees of the Pood and Fuel Administrations. This case occupies the entire first, floor of the Food Administration women's club house at 1708 Eye Street, and has a service capacity for about 100 guests.

and has a service capacity for about 109 guests.

The cooking at the new cafe is done under the supervision of a home-economics expert, and while flour made from corp, rice, and potatoes alone is used, there is no lack in palatability or nutrition in the choice dishes of many varieties served here at nearly cost rates. While the restaurant is equipped to serve three meals a day to Food and Fuel employees alone, it is opening its doors during the lunch hour to those of other Government departments situated near by.

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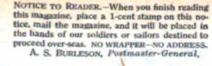
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Subscribe Liberally to the Next Liberty Loan and Help to Make It a Victory Loan

HE three weeks campaign for subscriptions to the next Liberty Loan will begin September 28th, and the military situation in France has improved so astonishingly of late as to raise the hope that, if we do our duty here as faithfully and efficiently as our soldiers and those of our Allies are doing theirs, it will turn out a "Victory Loan," or in other words that the war will end victoriously for us before the time arrives for another war loan.

The Germans were uncomfortably, even dangerously near Paris and the Channel ports when, in the middle of July they launched their most recent drive designed and expected by them to be a crushing blow, but despite the most elaborate preparations and desperate attacks with enormous bodies of troops they gained but little ground during the first two days. Then General Foch, commander of the combined armies of the Allies, threw in his reserves and counter-attacked so effectively that along the entire battle front of more than fifty miles the Kaiser's men were obliged to fall back before the British, Italian, French and American armies.

This proved to be the beginning of a two weeks battle in which day by day the Allies drove the Germans, inflicting heavy losses in killed, wounded and prisoners and capturing hundreds of cannon, trench mortars and machine guns and large quantities of ammunition. So rapid was the retreat that vast quantities of food and other military stores would also have fallen into the hands of the victors had not the Germans burned them to avoid this result.

At the present writing (August sixth) the enemy has reached a strong position behind a river where he is making a stand and the battle is still raging. It is the first victory for the Allies in France since last fall, and, though not decisive of the war, it is a great victory and has turned the tide of battle which had been going against them ever since last March, and it is believed that the Germans are so weakened by it that they will not again be able to assume the offensive this summer or coming fall and probably never again during the war, although undoubtedly they will give us lots of hard fighting before they finally yield. How long before this will happen none can say but one can now safely predict final victory for the Allies. It is only a question of time with time all in favor of the Allies who are gaining strength continually by the accession of fifty thousand fresh American soldiers each week.

Early this spring the German forces largely outnumbered those of the Allies, and the Kaiser's hope of victory consisted in dealing a crushing blow before America could get sufficient troops over to France to turn the scale, and he wisely planned his campaign accordingly. His boasted plan was to have taken Paris in April and ended the war by May. Failing of this he has lost his opportunity. The American troops were there in sufficient force to take an important and conspicuous part in this battle, and they will be still stronger in the next and in each succeeding battle until the end—and the Kaiser and his advisers know it full well, but so long as the German peotheir leaders will keep on fighting desperately hoping against hope for a turn of luck in their favor.

How soon the war will end depends largely on the German people, on how soon they will wake to a realizing sense of the inevitable and refuse to make further useless sacrifices in a hopeless cause. Will they fight on until their country is invaded by a hostile army and they see one after another of their cities taken by the Allies, or will they seek to mitigate their doom by suing for an early peace? America is the determining factor in this world conflict, as they know, and much depends on the attitude disclosed by the American people in subscribing to the

forthcoming Liberty Loan. If our people show indifference in this respect, if the loan goes hard, if they fail to subscribe fully, it will hearten the German people to prolong the war and will cost us a larger army in France, a larger toll of dead and wounded, heavier war taxes and a bigger war debt.

The recent victory has been at the sacrifice of life and limb of many of our brave soldiers. Will any American enjoying the comforts of home life fail to do his utmost to sustain our heroes on the battle front, to shorten the war for them, for our country and for humanity? Is any stay-athome base enough at this critical juncture to shirk his duty by failing to subscribe to this issue of Liberty Bonds to the limit of his ability? Buy all you can-for cash if you have it, or on the installment plan if you have no ready cash but can save and pay. If a fifty-dollar Liberty Bond is beyond your means buy War Savings Stamps to the limit even if it costs you some sacrifice to do it. What is your sacrifice of luxuries compared to that of the man who lives in the mud of the trenches and goes "over the top" in face of poison gas bombs and German machine guns?

Don't Send Perishable Articles to Our Soldiers

HE sending of fruit and other perishable foods to our soldiers in camp has become such a nuisance that, on complaint of the military authorities, the Post-Office Department has issued an order directing postmasters "to refuse to accept for mailing parcels containing perishable articles, especially fruit, addressed to military camps or cantonments, if there is reason to doubt that the contents will not be in perfect condition upon delivery to the addressee."

Postmasters at post offices to which are attached military branches report that large numbers of packages, many of them insured, containing fruit and other edibles, are received daily in such condition as to render the contents unfit for use, and because of the decayed or spoiled condition of the contents are not delivered to the addressee by the military authorities, but for sanitary reasons and to safeguard the health of the soldiers are destroyed. For the information of the public the order explains that: "It should be borne in mind that mail matter for the soldiers in these camps can not always be delivered to the addressee immediately upon arrival there as it comes in large quantities and must be separated into many units, and the time of the soldiers is largely taken up with their military duties. Furthermore, a large percentage of the mail is delayed by insufficient addresses and frequently it must be forwarded because of changes for military reasons in the location of the troops."

Government Takes Over the Cape Cod Canal

HAT some good may accrue from the wickedest acts of war is well illustrated by the recent raid on our coastwise shipping by German submarines which incidentally opened the eyes of our Government to a tardy recognition of the great strategic and commercial importance of the Cape Cod canal.

Cape Cod, on the Massachusetts coast, juts far out into the Atlantic Ocean and beyond it are long stretches of treacherous shoals and dangerous currents, a veritable ship's graveyard strewn with many wrecks and constituting the chief menace to coastwise commerce in New England waters. There is an immense ocean-borne commerce plying between eastern New England and ports to the south, especially between Boston and New York, all of which had to round Cape Cod, in coming and going, until four years ago when the opening of the Cape Cod canal provided a short cut between the waters of Massachusetts

Bay and Long Island Sound and enabled vessels of light draft (as large as the canal would accommodate) to shorten the voyage and avoid the danger attendant on navigation in rounding the Cape.

It has served its purpose to the limit of its capacity which is neither deep enough to float the larger vessels nor wide enough to admit of rapid transit. There is urgent need of deepening and widening the canal sufficiently to accommodate ships of the largest size and to expedite their passage. But this will require Government aid which we hope will now be forthcoming as it should have been long ago. It is no new project. for it was recommended by Washington more than a century ago and since then has been urged on the attention of Congress many times. The canal is seven miles long and cost twelve million dollars. It was constructed by private enterprise of public spirited citizens in the hope that the Government would appreciate its national importance, assume control or ownership and undertake its further development to a degree adequate to the needs of commerce and of national defense.

But all efforts to induce Government action failed until a German submarine came within sight of the shore and sunk an ocean tug and the four coal barges which she was towing round Cape Cod. This startling demonstration shocked the Government into taking immediate control of the canal with the avowed intention of making the improvements requisite to the safety and efficiency of our coastwise shipping. The projected deepening and widening of the canal, if ac-complished, will greatly facilitate the defensive operations of our navy. Our Government should buy the Cape Cod canal and proceed immediately to make it a first-class ship canal for commercial and war purposes and strongly fortify its approaches to protect it against enemy attacks. While we regret the loss of the tug and coal barges, which we can ill afford to spare under present conditions of scarcity of coal and need of ships, there is consolation in the knowledge that the sacrifice is not wholly in vain if it results in the proper handling of the Cape Cod canal proposition which is of incalculably more consequence than the control of the telegraph and telephone lines which the Government has recently taken over and made an adjunct of the Post-Office Department.

Scarcity of Kerosene

NNOUNCEMENT is made by the U.S. Fuel Administration of a scarcity of kerosene oil and that "the supply will run short next winter." So grave is the situation that the Director of Oil Conservation enjoins every user to be as sparing as possible in the consumption of this precious fuel even to the extent of reducing its use for lighting purposes to the lowest possible limit. "Don't allow a lamp, lantern, heater, or stove to burn a minute longer than is necessary. Don't light one you can do without. Don't use coal oil for cleaning purposes. Hot water will do the work," he says. This will be a sore disappointment to those who have fitted up to beat and cook with kerosene in place of coal.

Large sections of the country suffered severely last winter because of the general shortage of coal and the U. S. Fuel Administration has issued repeated warnings to prepare to meet a greater shortage of coal next winter, and has urged conservation by the most rigid economy by users. It behooves everybody in the wooded sections to lay in an ample supply of firewood to take the place of coal the coming winter. The war industries will have the first call on the scanty coal and oil supply.

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@ AROUND The HOME

War-Time Economies

Hand Made Cotton Bedroom Embroideries.

spite of the war and the vast amount of N spite of the war and the vast amount of knitting which must be done, some time and attention has to be given to making and keeping our homes attractive and comfortable. In doing any really necessary work of this sort however, one should plan to conserve their time, by omitting all fine attiches such as are required in elaborate embroideries, and materials, by substituting cotton cloths for linen and mercerized cottons for embroidery silks.

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As modernized patchwork fulfills both of these requirements it is constantly gaining in popularity. A bedroom decorated with fittings such as are here illustrated may be all of cotton but oh, so pretty if only of unbleached muslin. This being deeply cream toned, blends delightfully with the soft pinks, old blues, brown and greens of harmonizing shades.

The set illustrated which consists of bedspread and shams, bureau scarf and pincushion cover, table cloth, curtains and a pillow for maps is simple in design as the same motiff is used throughout.

The leaves and flowers may be cut from light weight sateen, one quarter inch being allowed on all edges for turning. Shrink all materials to be used, including lace and insertion before cutting.

To make good-looking patchwork it is only

to be used, including lace and insertion before cutting.

To make good-looking patchwork it is only mecessary to cut the different motifs as carefully as possible and turn in the edges evenly. Fit in place and baste carefully, then buttonhole as shown with white mercerized floss.

Cut stems or any portion of a design which should be curved somewhat on the bias.

In this basket design which is shown so clearly in our illustration of the pillow, the large flowers are of a soft shade of shell pink, the two center flowers of deep sky blue and all the other smaller ones of light blue.

One or two shades of a clear bright green can be used to advantage, while a golden brown is best for the basket. The parallel cross lines simply being outlined with the same shade in cotton perle.

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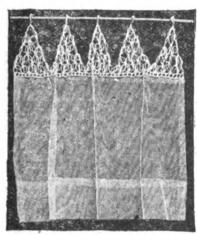
The effect when finished of this graceful little basket of gay flowers, is enough to enthuse any fancy work lover.

Bedspread

If full size unbleached sheeting is used for the spread the insertion may be omitted and the lace only used on the edge. The motifs with basket is placed in center of square below the pillows, while a group of the flowers and leaves decorate each corner.

These have the full size design on both ends. Bureau cover pincushion and table cloth each have smaller designs but of same coloring.

If curtains are also made to match somewhat as shown, they will add greatly to the attractiveness of the room as a whole. These need only be decorated in the lower inside corners, while a valance if used may have a group in the center, the two corners, or a running border as preferred. Pull backs which are again in vogue, may be made in keeping; if circular pieces, the colors of the flowers are drawn



CURTAIN WITH VANDYKE POINTS

up, filled with cotton, sewed together and backed with a group of three-cornered pieces of green folded into leaf shapes. Attach them

Another suggestion which will rather add to the color scheme, as a whole, is to finish all edges with bias folds of either blue or pink sateen instead of using lace.

Besides the articles which have been mentioned, chair seats, cushions for window seats and even such minor details as laundry and other bags can all be made to carry out the color

Renovating Curtains

No room seems fully complete or homelike without curtains.

Thrifty housekeepers always make their own and in many cases it is their own and in many cases it is practical to even make them over. For windows on the street or from which the view is ugly half curtains for the lower sash are desirable. These illustrated show two methods which will result attractively and are result in making over curtains.

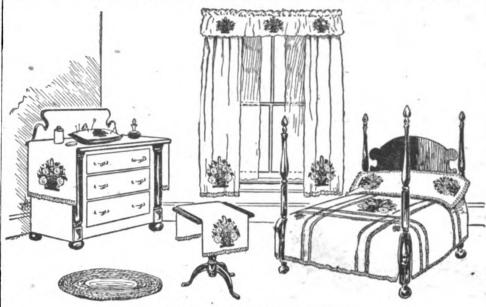
which will result attractively and are useful in making over curtains.

The vandyke points of knots are a good suggestion to lengthen out old material. These can be made separately and sewed on afterwards or one can begin by making one row of double crochet with a chain two between worked right into the material.

Then to decide on the width of the bottom of the points fold the material into equal parts, and across this width make one row of knot stitches as follows; draw out loop three-eighths of an inch, insert hook under back of this loop at the extreme end

eighths of an inch, insert hook under back of this loop at the extreme end and make one single crochet draw up closely, then draw loop out same length as before, thread over hook, draw loop through, insert hook just under this loop and back of the long loop and make I s. c., now 1

s. c., in row of d. c. on edge of material, repeat 'skip 2, 1 d. c. in next st., repeat making 29 and turn at end of width of first point. In spaces, ch. 5, turn. each row graduate by making one less knot st. 2nd row.—1 sp., 27 blocks, 1 sp., ch. 5, turn.



BEDROOM SET WITH EMBROIDERIES SHOWN.

until point is reached, tip each point with small crochet covered brass rings, through which the rod can run.

The second curtain is a good idea for renovating hems with frayed edges. Cut through the hems equal distances apart so that when the corners are turned back they will just meet, cat-stitch the edges together and between the points sew tassels which may be made of cot-

SOFA PILLOW SHOWING PRINCIPAL MOTIF USED IN DECORATING THE BEDROOM SET.

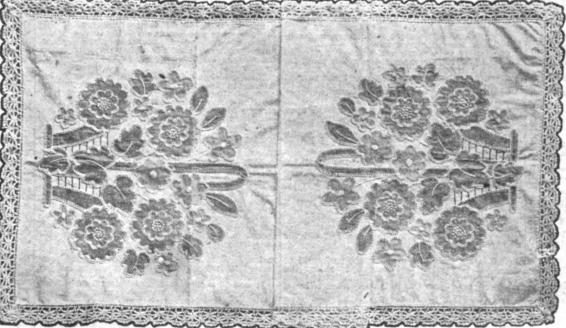
ming for curtains may be used.

Rose and Square Filet for Towel

This filet crochet border is an unusually pretty pattern and worked up of medium fine thread makes an insertion which can be used for any purpose where such work as this would be suitable. For trimming in towels use mercerized crochet cotton No. 30 and No. 12 steel 1 sp.

ton thread or little balls such as come on trim- | blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 4 sps., 1 blk., 7th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 8 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., sp.

8th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 8 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.
9th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sps., 1 blk.,



PILLOW SHAM FOLDED OVER IN CENTER TO SHOW UP DECORATION ON END.

hook.

Begin with ch. 92 sts., turn.

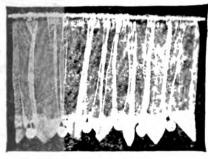
10th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 3 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., 3 sps.

Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson

11th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 2 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 12th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 8 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.

blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 0 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 2 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., 2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 9 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 5 blks.,

2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 5 sps., 6 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 9 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 9 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1



RENOVATED CURTAIN.

blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 23rd row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 24th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 25th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 11 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 25th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 27th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 b

blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 0 spe., 1 blk., 5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.

29th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 11 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.,

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30th row.—

1 sp., 1 blk.,

4 sps., 8 blks.,

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1 sp., 8 blks.,

1 sp., 8 blks.,

4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 31st row.— 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 6 blks., 1 sp., 6 blks., 1 sp., 6 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1

33rd row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., *1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., re-peat from * twice more, then 1 blk., 1 sp. 34th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., twice, 1

sp., 1 blk., 4
sps., twice, 1
blk., 1 sp., 1 - FILET FOR TOWEL.
blk., 4 sps., twice then 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 blk., 4 sps., repeat from *twice, 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 blk., 4 sps., repeat from *twice, 1 blk., 1 sp.,
36th row.—Same as last.
37th row.—I sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
6 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk.,
4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
38th row.—I sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 10
blks., 4 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps.,
1 blk., 1 sp.,
39th row.—I sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk.,
1 sp., 4 blk., 1 sp.,
1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
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1 sp., 4 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 sp., 4 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 sp., 4 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp.,
1 sp., 4 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp.,

Filet Initial Insert

Any initial can be worked in these squares which is especially pretty to mark individual towels. The letter P. is used in the towel shown. Ch. 62, turn.

1st row.—1 d. c. in 9th st., ch. 2, skip 2, repeat making 19 sps. in all.
2nd row.—1 sp., 17 blks., 1 sp.
3rd row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 15 sps., 1 blk.,

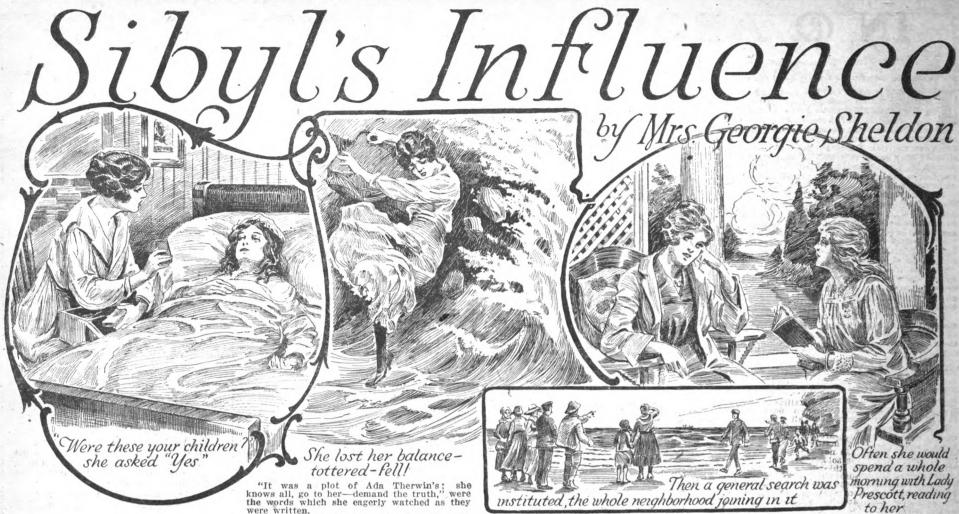
1 sp. 4th row.—Same as last. 5th row.—I sp., 1 blk., 7 sps., 1 blk., 7 sps., 1 blk., 7 sps., 1 blk., 6 sps., 3 blks., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp. 7th row.—I sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 5 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.

8th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 5 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 5 sps., 1 blk.,

9th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk.,

1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk.,
1 sp.
10th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 3
blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 3
sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.
11th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk.,
1 sp., 1 blk., 6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.
12th row.—Same as 10th row.
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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them, and determine to take the child away. They learn that a woman who had been in a railroad smashup and injured, leaves the child, and Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go. That night, Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket belonging to her is concealed. She traces three letters, "S. H. S.," and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society, where she meets Miss Ada Therwin, the adopted daughter of Count Egbert Shirley and the guest of General Maplewood. Miss Therwin refers to the ornament Sibyl wears, and to her surprise discovers the letters S. H. S. interwoven in the jewels. To the query if it is an heirioom, Sibyl says she supposes it belonged to her mother. Miss Therwin promises to call. Sibyl has a strange distrust for her. Scheming to estrange her from the Prescotts, she calls on Lady Frescott, Sibyl and Ray, and invites Sibyl to ride with her, and to further her plans, requests Robert to stop at the Widow Martin's, who does work for two orphan girls under her care at home. Sibyl's belief in Ada's work of charity arouses her interest, and, unsuspicious of her designs, Ada gains her confidence and the story of her early life. Arriving home, Ada plots the ruin of Sibyl and the winning of Raymond Prescott, Sibyl meets Mrs. Stillman, a widow and childless, who excites not only Sibyl's sympathy but her suspicions, when she hears the story of the railroad accident, the death of her little Sibyl and the resemblance Sibyl h SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER XXX.

"WAS HE THEIR FAPHER?"

HE early hours of the morning found the small household by the sea in direst confusion and distress.

There had been a sudden change for the worse in Mrs. Stillman's condition during the night, and the hastily summoned physician said she could only live a very little while.

She had had a shock which had paralyzed the whole of her left side, and rendered her almost speechless. Toward noon, however, she seemed to rally somewhat, and beckoned Sibyl to send the servants, and a neighbor, who had been called in during the night, from the room.

"Dying!" Mrs. Stillman gasped, looking pitifully up into her face and trying to make Sibyl understand that there was something she wished to say.

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"Do you mean that you have something you wish to tell me?" she asked.

Yes, the relieved look in her face told her that was what she wanted.

"Can you write it?"

She nodded, and Sibyl brought pencil and paper, holding the latter for her while she feebly traced the words:

"I have dome you a fearful wrong. Can you forgive?"

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"It was all forgiven long ago, dear mother; do not let it disturb you now," Sibyl returned, tearfully, thinking she referred to the old story. But the woman shook her head, and wrote:

"Not that. I have told you a falsehood. You are not my child."

Sibyl's heart stood still as her quick glance read these startling words; then bounded in her bosom like a thing of life, while for a moment it seemed as if her senses were slipping from her.

"Not your child! Why did you claim me then?" she gasped at last.

"It was a plot of Ada Therwin's; she knows all, go to her—demand the truth," were the words which she eagerly watched as they were written.

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"Then I am not a child of—shame?" Oh, tell me!"

"No," the white lips formed, while a look of pain swept over the death-stricken face.

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"Yes," Mrs. Stillman nodded, and, in an agony of suspense, Sibyl asked:

"Who are they?—who am I?"

The feeble fingers grasped the pencil once more, and tried to write, but she could not hold it; it fell from her hand and rolled upon the floor.

Sibyl picked it up and placed it again in her hand, and grew almost faint when she found how cold it had become.

Her waning strength refused her the power to form the words she so longed to write, and, with a look of despair, the dying woman turned her eyes up to the white, beautiful face bending over her, and feebly shook her head, signifying that she could not do it. Sibyl was in agony. Yet she thought that, perhaps, by a few well-directed questions, she might learn something more, and she knew by her companion's looks that she longed to tell her more regarding her history and that fearful plot against her.

"You say that all this was a plot?" she asked.
"Yes," Mrs. Stillman nodded.

"And Miss Therwin was concerned in it?"
"Yes."
"Does she know all my history?"
"Yes."

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"Yes."
"Is she in any way related to me?"
"Yes."

"Did she give you all the facts of my life as you related them to me?"

"And you knew nothing of them until then?"

"Do you know my parents personally?"

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"No."
"Are they honorable people?"
"Yes:" and the woman's eyes brightened suddenly, which Sibyl took to mean they were very respectable.
"How I wish you could write their name! Oh, if you only could!" she cried, in despairing tones. Two great tears gathered in the dimming eyes, and rolled slowly over the shrunken cheeks.
Sibyl took her own handkerchief, and wiped them tenderly away.
"I do not regret the past nine months," she went on, sweetly. "I shall never regret them: and I am even glad that God allowed this great sorrow, which I have endured, to come upon me, and sent me to you."

Ah! how those dark eyes chan; at this, from their look of helpless remorse. one of deep thankfulness and peace, and then turned slowly upward, as if she, too, would thank God for the comfort of that moment.

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"Is your mind at rest now, mother?" Sibyl asked, purposely using the name which, for many months, she had instinctively shrunk from speaking, and had never known why until this hour. She appeared to think a moment, and then turned her eyes wistfully toward a tiny trunk standing upon a case of drawers on the opposite side of the room.

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The letters were nearly all directed to "Judith Hoffman," and Sibyl wondered who she could be, and why they were there.

"Is this a person you wish any message sent to?" she asked.

"No"— the head feebly turned.

"Is she a friend or relative?"

"No," and she managed to lay her hand upon her breast, signifying that it was herself.

Sibyl drew a quick breath.

"Do you mean that it is yourself—that Judith Hoffman is your name?"

"Yes."

"And Mrs. Sylvia Henrietta Stillman is an assumed name, adopted to correspond with the initials belonging to the necklace? Was that a part of the plot?" the young girl asked, eagerly, it all flashing upon her in a moment.

"Yes."
"Is that my mother's real name?" she demanded, greatly excited.

"No."

"Are her initials really the same, and did the necklace once belong to her?"

"Yes."

"Yes."

The sorely tried girl sighed; she so longed to solve the perplexing mystery; then seeing the eyes wander again to the box, she asked if there was something more within it she wished to know

about.

Mrs. Stillman signified that there was, and she began taking the other things out.

There were a good many photographs, and among them Sibyl found those of two children, a little boy and girl; and something in the face of the former struck her as being strangely familiar. She held them up.

"Were these your children?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Yes."
"And they are both dead?"

The invalid nodded, but turned her eyes anxiously again to the little trunk, and Sibyl knew there still was something else within yet to be revealed.

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One by one she took out every picture, and held them up to her, but without appearing to satisfy her, until she came to the very last one. It was a likeness of a young and very handsome man, having a profusion of light curling beard and hair.

This seemed to be what Mrs. Stillman wanted, and she glanced from it to the pictures of the children, which Sibyl held in her other hand. The little boy strongly resembled the man.

The young girl caught her breath quickly, and for a moment a mist obscured her sight.

"Who is it?" she asked, huskily, though her heart told her that the question was needless. Again the dark eyes turned from it to the children, and Sibyl, in a voice of horror, cried: "Was he—that man—their father?"

The woman nodded, and for an instant her eyes lighted with a gleam of their original fire; but it quickly faded, leaving them calm again. The old spirit of hate was exorcised forever.

Tenderly as a mother Sibyl ministered to the fast-failing woman, after which she sat down beside her, and softly sang some of the hymns which she knew she loved, and she was at last relieved and comforted to see her drop into a quiet, peaceful slumber.

Then, gathering up the scattered papers, letters, and pictures, she replaced them in the little trunk; but not without a shudder of horror as she recalled that one familiar, handsome face—a face that haunted her continually, and would continue to as long as she lived. It was the face of the Duc d'Aubigne.

CHAPTER XXXI.

DEAD.

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It was all over at last, and Judith Hoffman was dead!
Sibyl had written a second urgent appeal to Sir Athelstone as soon as the woman died, giving him some of the particulars, and begging him to come to her immediately, as she had very important information to communicate to him.

She waited three days, and there came no answer; and then, nearly heartbroken with her loneliness and this unaccountable neglect, Sibyl was obliged to follow the dead woman to her quiet grave alone.

The Duc d'Aubigne called immediately upom learning of Judith's death, to tender his services and condolence; but Sibyl, with a feeling of disgust and repulsion, refused, without assigning any reason, to see him, and he went away in no enviable frame of mind, but vowing to win her yet in spite of herself.

The day following Judith's burial (which was to be only temporary, since as soon as the authorities and the weather would permit for it was intensely hot, she was to be removed and laid beside her children). Sibyl, nearly ill with loneliness and grief, went out upon the veranda, as soon as the sun had set, to cool her aching brow and get a breath of fresh air from the sea. She sat there as the twilight came on, trying to think what was best to do in the future. She knew she could not remain there alone, notwithstanding that Sir Athelstone had taken the cottage for the summer, paying a high rent in advance.

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She could not bring her mind to return to her friends in Dumfries, to claim their protection, after all the neglect of the past weeks, at least until she should hear from them. What this strange deportment on their part could mean she could not explain. It was entirely at variance with Lady Prescott's kind heart to treat any one thus, while she knew that Raymond had too much manliness to desert her in her hour of need, even though he had ceased to love her as he used to do.

"No," she murmured, wearily, "my letters must have miscarried, and yet it is very strange that a like fate should have happened to all of them. I could telegraph, but there is no office within miles and miles of Barmouth."

A sudden thought came to her, blanching her already hucless cheek still more.

Ada Therwin, was her deadly enemy for some unknown reason. Could it be that she had succeeded in alienating all the affection of her dear omes from her?

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How could she have done it? What was her motive? Who could the girl be—in what way related to her, and how could she have learned her history so accurately?

It was all a miserable, tantalizing mystery, and it made Sibyl's heart turn sick with an uncontrollable desire to unravel it all.

Another thing that troubled her exceedingly was, while looking over Judith's belongings, to get them in order for packing away, she had not been able to find that necklace, with its peculiar clasp, which had done so much to prove to her the truth of the woman's statements, and which, since her recent discovery, she had hoped would even now aid her in finding her parents.

This much she knew—Judith had assured her

that the necklace had belonged to her mother, and the initials upon the clasp were her very own. That was something to guide her, though the clew was very faint.

But what had become of it, and how came it in the woman's possession in the first place?

There Ada Therwin's agency must have been employed, Sibyl believed, and only through her could she hope to gain any light.

She now remembered Miss Therwin's strange behavior on the night of the birthday reception, and her eager questions concerning the ornament which she wore. It now came to her that she must have known of those initials before she saw them there, or she never could have traced them so readily and she gradually came to the conclusion that Ada had furnished Judith Hoffman with the rest of the necklace to prove her false story, and to carry out some deep-laid scheme of her own.

If such was the case, and the necklace could be found nowhere among Judith's possessions, then Ada must have taken it again into her possession before they left Dumfries, and with it the long-missing link, which was the only clew to her birth, and which, in her disgust, she had returned to the jewel case when Judith had taunted her with her shame.

With her head aching, her whole body hot and feverish, her heart heavy from neglect, loneliness, and sorrow, she arose, and throwing a light shawi over her shoulders, and loosely tying a hat upon her head, she wended her weary way to the beach, to take a last look at the sea, for tomorrow she had resolved to go away.

The ocean had grown dark and restless, somber shadows were settling over the land, and the low moaning of the wind, as it came sweeping over the wide waste of waters, seemed sighing a requiem for the dead whom she had just laid away.

But Sibyl had no fear of the settling shadows, and the very wind and waves neither of the

But Sibyl had no fear of the settling shadows, or of the rising wind and waves, neither of the lonely beach whither she was wending her soli-

lonely beach whither she was wending her solitary way.

She reached, at length, the ledge of rocks where she came so often, and where the Duc d'Aubigne had first found her.

The ledge shelved out over the water some ten feet and she knew it was very deep beneath, but it could not harm her, she had been there so often, she was familiar with every inch of ground, and she was sure-footed.

The storm was coming nearer; she felt a sprinkle upon her cheek, but its timely and gentle admonition was unheeded.

She was thinking over all her past, going back to the time when she was a little child carried to that wretched inn in the arms of her nurse, and reviewing every step of the way until now, when she stood alone and more desolate than ever.

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She had resolved that if the bitter report was true, and Ada had succeeded in weaning the hearts of Sir Athelstone's family from her, she could no longer accept the annuity which his bounty had bestowed upon her. She would never eat the bread of idleness and be dependent where she was no longer loved.

A vivid flash of lightning made a trail of light along the western horizon, and was reflected in the inky waters beneath.

A gust of wind at that instant swept by, tearing her hat from her head, and sweeping it out into the ocean.

She reached forth her hand to save it. She did not realize how very near she had come to the

not realize how very near she had come to the brink of that dangerous cliff; she lost her balance—tottered—fell!

One moment of awful silence—a wild, despairing cry—a heavy splash, and the deep, dark hungry waves closed over their prey, hiding their dread secret beneath their sable folds!

CHAPTER XXXII.

THE SEARCH FOR SIRVL.

Morning broke in unclouded splendor, and without a suspicion of the tempest which had raged during the night.

Early dawn found a group of anxious, frightened watchers collected upon the beach, straining their eyes seaward, where the waves still ran high, and running hither and thither inconfusion and dismay; for it was feared that Sibyl Stillman had been drowned!

Then a general search was instituted, the whole heighborhood joining in it.

Almost the first thing that met their eyesight was a fine handkerchief clinging to a bush, and upon picking it up, they found upon its border the delicate monogram containing the initials "S. P." as all her clothing had been marked by Lady Prescott.

They clambered to the top of the ledge, and looked over the shelving rock into the abyss below.

white worsted shawl had caught, and was

hanging upon the crags beneath, where, shel-tered from the wind, it had clung all the dis-mal night through.

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Always give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

Address Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson, Care Comfort, Augusta, Maine.

HEERFUL" of California sends with her letter a poem which will appeal to all our readers and awaken any slacker sisters (if there are any) to the fact that no matter what their pet hardship may be, it is as nothing compared with the hardships our brave soldier boys are encountering. The ordinary things of life that we have been wont to fuss over, fade into insignificance when we think of the greater inconveniences our boys are meeting with a smile, and surely if they are brave enough to face danger, and death, for us we should be brave enough to help them by showing an equal amount of courage in adding to their material comfort by giving generously and saving willingly. Ed.

WISCONSIN.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I will drop in for a little chat but I must not be very noisy for I do not want to awaken my babies. I have four, the oldest is six and the youngest is one year old. I enjoy taking care of them and teaching, them to be good and do little things to help. They like to feel that they are helping mother even if they are somewhat of a bother. Mrs. Lindsay, perhaps you don't praise your little boy enough when he does help at home. Tell him he is a fine boy and thank him for what he does and he will be more willing to help next time. Perhaps other people pay him a few pennes and that is why he prefers to work for them rather than for you.

I help Hubby by doing my own work, washing, baking and sewing and work in the garden and he helps me by taking care of the children in the night. We cured our boy of thumb sucking when he was eighteen months old, by putting mittens on his hands and tying them in place and leaving them on all night and during them in place and leaving them on all night and during the day we watched him and told him he mustn't and in a week we had him cured.

I have three brothers in the war, the youngest is nineteen years old. I pray that I may see them again.

I am sending some little verses that I like.

A BUSY MOTHER OF FOUR.

After All

There are only three things That are really worth while— To be good, To do good, And always to smile.

Thought for the Day

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through,
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be good and kind and sweet,
Just to be helped with willing feet,
Just to be cheery when things go wrong,
Just to drive sadness away with a song.

Friends New and Old

Make new friends, but keep the old? Those are silver, these are gold; New made friends, like new made wine, Age will mellow and refine; Friendships that have stood the test, Time and change, are surely best; Brow may wrinkle, hair turn grey, Friendship never owns decay; For 'mid old friends, kind and true, We once more our youth renew. But, alas, old friends must die, New friends must their place supply. Then cherish friendship in your breast New is good, but old is best. Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, these are gold.

Busy Mother.—We are glad you were not too busy to take time to send us the helpful little poems.

To the Wisconsin sister who wanted to know who "Ed" was, that she had seen his name mentioned several times in the Sisters' Corner, I want to explain that it means "editor," or in other words, your humble servant, Mrs. Wilkinson.—Ed.

Versailles, Ind.

Dear Sisters:

In the press of interests in the last year we seem to have forgotten that we have some business on hand that should not remain unfinished any longer. I refer to the Uncle Charlie Home Fund. While the war has worked a hardship with some of us, there are many who are prospering as they never did before, and to these, especially, the Home Fund Sisters' appeal for help in completing the work. Help the fund by donations or by purchase of the Uncle Charlie books, either directly or through subscription to Comfort. There are no books more suitable as gifts for any occasion. A set of them and a subscription to Comfort makes an ideal wedding gift. Try it as I did and see the pleasure it gives. In the past few years I have been using them for Christmas gifts and in every case they were hailed with delight. Uncle Charlie's birthday (Sept. 25) is near—let's make it his Branner Birthday by "going over the top" with the full amount for that home. Don't wait for someone else. Let's see what "togetherism" will do—so come on, brothers and sisters, and do your bit for the fund!

Sincerely, Emma Stockinger. DEAR SISTERS :

Emma Stockinger.—I wondered if you had given up the fight and am glad to know you have not. Uncle Charlie needs all the backers he can get and appreciates your efforts to help him.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a COMFORT reader for several years, but, like other sisters have neglected writing until I wanted

like other sisters have neglected writing until I wanted help.

Mrs. J. H. Lindsay, I believe the lack of interest in the work in your Rip Van Winkle son is due to your nervous temperament. Be more patient and encouraging and remember a child is a child and not a grownup. Love is the theme of all things; this you must learn and teach your child accordingly.

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

Tegerables are baked roasted, fried or boiled and prepared for the table of boiled and prepared for the table method of cooking them is in boiling water. The simpler the methods of cooking and serving vegetables, the better. A properly grown and well-cooked vegetable will be palatable and readily digestible. Badly cooked, water-soaked vegetables very generally cause digestive disturbances. Nearly every yegetable may be cooked subtract-soaked vegetables very generally cause digestive disturbances. Nearly every vegetable may be cooked so that with plain bread it may form a palatable course by itself if it is desired to serve it in this manner.

All green vegetables, roots and tubers should be crisp and firm when put on to cook. If for are reason a vegetable has lost its firmness and are reason a vegetable has lost its firmness and are reason a vegetable with the vegetable will be only a matter of minutes, while old roots and tubers often require many hours. All vegetables should be thoroughly cleaned just before being put on to cook. If for an equil amount of tender celery; add about tendered down, in salted coid water, to which a few spoonfuls of vinegar has been added. If there are any worms or other forms of animal life in these vegetables, they will crawl out. To secure the most appetizing and palatable dishes, only fresh, tender vegetables, sheep will crawl out. To secure the most appetizing and palatable dishes, only fresh, tender vegetables should be cooked. If, however, green beans, peas, etc., have grown a little too old, a very small piece of baking soda added to the water in which they are boiled makes them more tender. Too much soding light of the proposed fine. The proposed fine will be soaked, light of the proposed fine will be soaked, light of the proposed fine will be soaked, light of the proposed fine. The proposed fine will be soaked to the water in which they are boiled makes them more tender. Too much soding light of the proposed fine will be soaked to the fine of the proposed fine will be soa

STUFFED TOMATOES.—Select large, smooth tomatoes and cut a slice from the stem end deep enough to go below stem. Remove the soft part, taking care not to go through the walls. Remove seeds, and add an equal amount of finely chopped boiled ham and bread



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Crumbs, and enough softened butter, pepper and sait to season. Fill each tomato with this mixture, heaping the centers, and cover top with buttered bread crumbs. Place in agate baking pan (do not use tin) in a hot oven and bake till crumbs are brown.

Green Tomato Relish.—Chop one peck of green tomatoes very fine and mix with one cupful sait. Let stand in a jar over night. In the morning drain off all the brine, and mix with the tomatoes ten onlons and five green peppers chopped fine; set on the stove and cover with good apple vinegar. Then add one cupful sugar, two tablespoons ground clinamon, one tablespoon each of allspice and black pepper. Cook about two hours. Put in a jar and add one fourth pound white mustard seed and one cupful grated horseradish. This will keep some time without scalding if kept in a cool place.

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TOMATO MINCEMEAT.—Chop one peck of green tomatoes fine, drain, and add to the chopped tomato four pounds brown sugar, two pounds seeded raisins, one pound currants, two tablespoons each of cinnamon, allspice, black pepper, salt and nutmeg. Boil two to three hours. When almost cold, add one cupful vinegar and, if you have it, one cupful good cider. This can hardly be told from genuine mincemeat.

BORDEAU SAUCE.—Four quarts cabbage put through the meat chopper, two quarts green tomatoes shaved fine, five onlons, two peppers chopped fine, two ounces white mustard seed, one half ounce celery seed, one half ounce allspice and one half ounce cloves, one pound brown sugar, one pound salt and one half gallon good vinegar. Boil twenty minutes and seal.—Sent in by BEATRICE SMITH, Cleveland, Va.

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DILL PICKLES.—Dill pickles are made as follows: Take cucumbers three to five inches long, if not too thick; wash them well. Place a layer of grape leaves in the bottom of a crock or keg, then a layer of cucumbers, two or three apples (quartered without paring), a few bunches of green grapes or stalks of pieplant, two or three sliced onions, two handfuls of mixed whole spices and two or three handfuls of dill tops and seed. Repeat until the jar or keg is full, placing a layer of grape leaves on top. Dissolve one and one half pounds of sait in eight gallons of cold water. Pour this over until the pickles are all covered. Weight down with a clean board and stone and in two weeks they will be ready for use.—Mrs. A. M. DeWitt Seneca, Kans.

To Dry Sweet Corn.—Husk and silk as many ears

A. M. DeWITT Seneca, Rans.

To Dry Sweet Corn.—Husk and silk as many ears as wanted. With a sharp knife split the grains lengthwise, then cut from the cob, scraping the cob clean. Place the pan of cut corn in the oven and heat thoroughly. Then spread on white paper or cloth in the trays and place in the sun to dry. Before storing away, heat it hot in the oven and pack in lard palls or fruit cans. I use cracked ones for this purpose.

TO DRY GARDEN PEAS.—Shell and scald slightly and dry in the sun. Give same treatment as corn before putting away for the winter.—Mrs. C. F. RITCHEY, Center Point, Ark.

The editor has asked for suggestions about Mrs. H. of New York and I too feel like scolding her and would were she not so young. She says she wants to do something great to obtain public sentiment. Listen, dear, don't you know that life is what you make it. Why then make it miserable? You are fortunate in having been awarded an ideal home, a loving husband and a dear baby, all of which are Heaven's richest blessings and is there anything so "great" as being Wife and Mother in a Home? There is but one remedy for your condition and that is to exchange places with one who has not been fortunate enough to receive such blessings as yours and within a short time you would come to realize how foolish you had been in wishing to change your life's program. Better wake up to your present "greatness" and be contented. I am wondering if any of the sisters can give me advice in regard to cankered sore mouth. My mother, now at the age of 56, has suffered from this disease for several years, having as many as seven or eight of these large ulcers in her mouth at one time. She has consulted physicians who have advised beer as a temporary cure, stating that the yeast of which the beer is made would bring relief. During the time she was able to buy beer her mouth was entirely free from ulcers but since the State has been voted dry she is unable to get the beer and is suffering with sore mouth again. Some say this yeast is made from hops. Can any of the sisters give me a recipe for making the beer yeast or any other recipe that has been found to help those suffering from canker mouth. Any advice will be greatly appreciated.

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I find much comfort in the bits of verse written in several of the sisters' letters. Here is a little motto that I try to remember in case of the blues: "Never give up to despair; it is always darkest just before the dawn."

I have a little book in which I paste all COMFORT



of salad.

CREAM SALAD DRESSING.—Work to a fine mash four hard-boiled egg yolks and season with a teaspoon of salt, one scant teaspoon of mustard and two dessert spoons of vinegar. When thoroughly blended, add one and one third cups of cream beaten stiff, a little at a time, till the whole mixture is smooth and stiff, and lastly add a pinch of cayenne pepper.

STRING BEANS PICKLED.—Gather beans before frost comes, string and put them into a keg or wooden tub sand cover with brine. To make brine, to one gallon of water, bolling hot, add three pounds of salt and let the brine cool. When cold test it with an egg. If the egg floats, the brine will keep anything you wish to put in it. Then pour this over your beans. It is best to make the brine in one gallon quantities at a time, until you have enough to entirely cover the beans.—Miss Flora L. Panne, Irwin, Va.

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Idaho.

TOMATO VINEGAR.—If you have ripe tomatoes that are too soft to can you can make excellent tomato vinegar from them. Squeeze juice from tomatoes and to each gallon add one half pound sugar. To make it quickly, expose a large surface of the juice to the sum. If put in buckets or tubs with mosquito netting over top to keep out flies and dirt, and placed in the sun, in a short time you will have good vinegar. Small quantities may be poured into bottles, which should be left uncorked and set in the sun or behind the stove.—Miss Floaa L. Payne, Irwin, Va.

SPICED PICKLED BEETS.—Cook beets in usual way and when ready to peel, have vinegar spiced and sweetened. Put the beets in this and set on stove to come to a boil.—Mes. Jno. Hanlin, Denton, Md.

Canned Corn.—One cup each sugar and salt and

CANNED CORN.—One cup each sugar and salt and water to nine cups of corn. Put on fire and from time it begins to simmer, boil fifteen minutes. Put in glass cans and seal. Tried and true.

RIUBARD CONSERVE.—Seven pounds rhubarb, five pounds of sugar, two pounds of raisins and three oranges. Put in a warm oven until the juice starts and then put it on the back of the stove where it will simmer. It burns easily.—A COMFORT READER, Allegany, N. Y.

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BOILED CAULIFLOWER.—Boil cauliflower in salted water until tender. Lift from the kettle and put on a platter, surround with toasted points and decorate with parsley. Turn off most of the water, leaving



BOILED CAULIFLOWER.

about a half cup in the kettle. Add to this a piece of butter the size of a walnut, one half cup of milk into which a level tablespoon of four has been rubbed, and serve hot.—MARY H. NORTHEND, Salem, Mass.

thoroughly. Then spread on white paper or cloth in the trays and place in the sun to dry. Before storing away, heat it hot in the oven and pack in lard palls are fruit cans. I use cracked ones for this purpose. To Dry Ganden Peas.—Shell and scald slightly and try in the sun. Give same treatment as corn before putting away for the winter.—Mrs. C. F. Ritchey, Center Point, Ark.

Chow-Chow.—One dozen cucumbers, two heads cabbage, two dozen green tomatoes, one half dozen green peppers, four onions; chop together fine, cover with

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I have three little girls, one, two and four years old, so you see I never have to look around for work. I did all my own work from the time they were two weeks old and I raise chickens and a garden and try to do my bit in all ways.

I'll describe myself and then you can tell why I do so much. I am twenty-one years old, five and one half feet tall and weigh 175 pounds. I have dark brown hair and eyes and at present am very tanned but usually I am rather fair with rosy cheeks.

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Yet that dream had made her wake up. wish I'd never seen you! Mrs. Murralj walked slowly toward Regent St. I dare say you do-Lady Levallion!" Sir Thomas dived into his pockets.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

A MOUSE-HOLE.

ELL," said Allington grimly,
"you ruined a fine theory
for me last night with your
wire. I thought for a solid
hour that I could put my
fingers on the man who

killed Levallion." killed Levallion."

The two were strolling up and down the open lawn at Levallion Castle. Perhaps Mr. Allington made a guess as to what had deferred Adrian Gordon's arrival till three in the afternoon, but he said nothing. The face of the new Lord Levallion, who in a few more days would be plain Adrian Gordon once more, did not encourage comment.

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"You did mean you thought it could be the cook?" he cried, standing still in the autumn

cook?" he cried, standing still in the autumn sunshine.
"I did. But"—he flicked the ash from his cigar significantly—"it all went like that."
"What put it into your head at all?" drearily.
"A boot-boy. The only servant who was not called at the inquest. And he told Sir Thomas' tale of the beating, and the subsequent tender care of Monsieur Carrousel in finding his protege a new place.

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"That set me thinking," he continued. "I went down to the housekeeper's room last night when the house was quiet, and I found it led into the still-room."

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"I don't see much in that," interrupting him. "We all know that. It's to keep the still-room under her eye. That's all. There's no second door from the still-room."

"Isn't there?" said Allington quietly. "Did it never strike amy one that a portion of those shelves in that room covers a door, that opens, shelves and all, into the 'boothole' under the kitchen stairs. I confess last night that with that discovery, and the carting off of the boot-boy, I felt jubilant. But it was all rubbish. The housekeeper had a letter from the boy I thought the cook had made away with, to say he liked his new place which Monsieur Carrousel had found for him. Something Square it was dated, and postmarked Paddington."

"It's all one what it was postmarked," Gordon returned dully. "It wasn't Carrousel I saw last night; and I agree with you that the boot-boy Business was all bons fide enough. A clever Frenchman might pound a stupid boy to a jelly from exasperation, and then turn round and be kind to him."

"Who did you see last night?" curiously. "I suppose you've been playing detective on Mrs. Murray, eh?"

Adrian nodded.

"I don't know why," he said, "for she was in Boulogne all summer. Couldn't have been down here at all. But I took lodgings opposite and lay doggo to watch her. Much I got! No one went into her house except her lawyers in that case of hers," as indifferently as if it concerned him not at all and did not spell ruin, "till last night, when I saw a man go up her steps. Something about him startled me, his back looked familiar: I don't know why, but I could have sworn I'd seen him down here. Yet I knew he was none of the house party. He went in, and I ran out and wired to you. But before your answer came I knew I'd made an ass of myself. I'd just got back to my door when I saw the fellow come out, and it was no one I'd ever seen in my life. I saw his face quite plainly as he lit a cigar. If I'd seen it like th

a pal of Hester's."

Allington nodded. He was as disappointed as a dog that has discovered an empty rat-hole.

"What do you think of doing now?" he said.

"The detectives are quite hopeless of finding Sir Thomas' mysterious man and woman, I may tell you. That woman who levanted from the bungalow was their first thought, but she has apparently fallen off the earth. As for the man"—snapping his fingers—"after pouncing on twenty innocent young farmers, they have given him up. Unless—"He stopped awkwardly. Somehow he could not say to Adrian Gordon that he had yet to prove he was not himself that man. Not that Allington thought so, but there was no doubt the police did.

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"Unless he turns up, directly under their noses," said Adrian coolly. But Allington could make no guess at what he meant.

"What do you think of doing?" he repeated. "Go back to town, and—" he hesitated. "Look here, Allington, you don't think this business of Hester Murray's looks queer bang on top of Levallion's death, do you?"

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"I suppose I do. She gave me an address of a
pension there, and I wrote. It was all straight
enough. Hello! here's Tommy!" with annoyance.
He had not wanted to see Tommy. The boy's
eyes were too clear, even a lie untold might be
written in Gordon's face, he thought vexedly.

"Hello! where've you been?" he said uncomfortably, and then stopped short.

"My God, Tommy! what is it?" he cried, the
dreadful look on the boy's face meaning only one
thing to him. Ravenel was guilty, and her
brother had found it out!

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"Don't speak to me!" said the boy hoarsely; "let me think. I've been—and I thought it might mean something, but—it can't!"

Wherever he had been he had been running, and his face was white and red in streaks. Allington pulled him down on a garden bench.

"Get your breath," he said, but he was afraid, too.

At the two pale faces the boy suddenly laughed out hysterically.

"I've made a fool of myself," he said. "I thought I'd found something. Look here. I went over to the farm where—you know the Umbrella died?" incoherently.

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"She didn't know anything!" cried Allington.
"I turned the farmer's wife inside out. I suppose you mean by the Umbrella the woman who be found?"

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"I don't know what she knew," said Tommy sharply. "And we never will. I went out toward the station to see if Gordon had come down by the two-twenty, and he hadn't. Coming home I met Mrs. Ward, the farmer's wife, and she asked me what she was to do with the Umbrella's old bonnet or something, but she really stopped me to know if any of us would pay for the Umbrella's board. It seemed she stayed a week there, and Ravenel hadn't sent her enough money to pay for that and her funeral. I don't know! Anyhow, I strolled up with old Mother Ward to see just what the Umbrella had left in the way of clothes, and to view the undertaker's bill for myself. For old Ward's a beast. There were some old rags of clothes with nothing in the pockets, and I said you'd pay the undertaker,' turning to Allington. "I was staring round the place and I saw a piece of paper, just an edge, sticking out between the floor and the wall. I hooked it out, and there was a mouse-hole behind it; the mice had dragged the thing in there. "Old Mother Ward gave a yell. Said the Umbrella had held that thing in her hand, till she died, and she'd wondered what had become of it. I thought—oh! I don't know what I thought," miserably; "but it isn't any good. Here's the thing, and it doesn't mean anything."

"It's a torn telegram," said Allington, peering over Gordon's shoulder as he snatched the paper. "Nothing." said Tommy, "only 1 pound, or something."

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"By——!" he said, below his breath, "Hester!"

"What do you mean?" cried Allington, startled. "Look!" grimly, his eyes as hard as Levallion's had ever been.

And Allington made out the tattered telegram.

"Wire descript—— Bocage. Imme——" the address was eaten away, there was no signature.

"I don't see what you mean!" he exclaimed. Gordon pulled from his pocket that letter from Pension Bocage concerning Mrs. Murray.

"Now do you understand?" he cried. "She was in Boulogne all summer—according to that. Yet the man who wrote it wired to her to describe herself. The meaning's clear enough. Wire description to Bocage immediately,' that's how the telegram ran. It was Hester Murray, Tommy saw that night—and she dropped it."

"But how could the woman who died come by it?" said Allington doubtingly.

"You never knew her!" he cried. "She was always creeping and crawling round. You bet she saw that man and woman the night I did, and that was what she wanted to tell Ravenel. Oh, if she hadn't died!" he caught his breath. "She had sharp ears, the Umbrella. She may have heard every word they said. And now we'll never know."

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rock that night," said Tommy, suddenly very white and quiet. "I never thought it. He's got a beard. But I'll tell you this much: If you'll find the woman who owns that cloak, and give me time—I'll find the man!"

"Time's just what we haven't got. And I don't believe you'd know the man if you fell over him," unbelievingly.
"I mightn't," said Tommy, composedly. "But Jacobs would."

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CHAPTER XXXVII. A GRAY-LINED CLOAK.

"I'm going to win!" said Hester Murray to herself, breathlessly. "Oh, I'm going to win!"

For her case had been taken up by the cleverest barrister in London, and, as he showed it to her, faultlessly dovetailed together, there was not a flaw in it. Maurice Davidge, even, who, for his own reasons, had posed this ten years back as John Davidge, was back in London, and in self-defense had chosen to stand his chance for false impersonation and misappropriation of money rather than take John Davidge's sins on his shoulders.

For John Davidge's father had had excellent cause to pension off his son. A long-gone-by agrarian riot and murder in Ireland had been John Davidge's work, and by a queer chain of circumstances had come home to him now.

Maurice, to save his neck, which he had ignorantly ventured in London was glad enough to have Hester Murray corroborate his tale. And, indeed, there was no doubt about his identity. Witness after witness cropped up to establish that, and the death and burial of the true John Davidge, who had lived long enough to make Hester's marriage to Murray null and void, and died just in time to legalize her union with Levallion.

But it was queer that, as she looked at her lawyer's triumphant, confident letter, a shiver shook her; the shiver old women call footsteps on your grave. She got up and drank some brandy, nearly neat. At the bungalow she had got into the way of keeping her heart up with spirits, but she would break that off now. Yet she took another glass before her shivering-fit would pass.

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"It was that dream!" she said to herself. "It unstrung me. I wish I knew what it meant. But dreams"—the brandy was warming her now—"are rubbish! Only thoughts, after all."
Yet that dream had make her wake up, crying out till Adrian—that Adrian who had Levallion's blood in him—came to her from the next room.
"What's the matter?" he cried, a bonny figure in the half-light, with his ruffled head and his tumbled nightgown.
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"That wasn't anything," climbing into her bed.

"No, of course not." But she did not tell the child her whole dream. There was she, 'Hester Murray, sitting on a swing that hung high over the heads of a great crowd of people. In front of her, so that, as she swung, she must touch it, was a flower-covered platform. On it she saw herself—yes, her very self—in widow's weeds, holding her boy by the hand, among a group of people who were crying: "Long live Lord Levallion!" cheering for the new heir.

The swing began to move forward and something made her look over her shoulder. Behind her, precisely as far away as the flower-decked platform, so that as she swung back she must touch him, stood the dead Levallion in his grave-clothes. He smiled, that smile that had cut her many a time, and pointed. At his right hand was the gallows, and a hangman with a black mask.

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But she was too late at the hospital, or too something. The hall porter informed her that the house surgeon was busy at an operation, and —having vainly expected a tip at her previous visits—could get her no information on the case visits

she inquired about, except that the man was

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Mrs. Murray walked slowly toward Regent Street, that the lights and the crowd might cheer her. At Berry's she went in and had dinner, with reckless extravagance. There was nothing to to home for tonight, and it would pass the

in go nome for, tonight, and it would pass the time.

It had been five o'clock when she started; it was nearer ten than nine when she got back to Starr Street, her causeless apprehension utterly gone, and her small, dainty face quite gay.

A gentleman is waiting to see you, madam!"
The landlady was in the entry as Mrs. Murray's latch-key let her in. There was no secret about her being the Mrs. Murray whose case had electrified London, and the future Countess of Levallion had everything she chose to ask for in the squalid lodgings.

"What gentleman?" The door half-closed, the latch-key half-way to her pocket, Hester stood.

"I couldn't say. I think he was here yesterday."

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"Oh, yes!" with a little relieved laugh. "My
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A tall man, clean-shaven, except for a heavy dark mustache, was pacing irritably up and down the room. His plain blue serge was exquisitely cut, but oddly narrow in the chest, as if it had been made for some other man.

"How dare you come here?" she said, her clear voice low with fury. "It's enough to ruin me." He shrugged his shoulders.

"You talk nonsense. Have I no sense? If I run any risk it is because you were out. Did I not say," angrily, "stay in, stay in, stay in," His uplifted hand seemed to threaten her, for she cowered under it. "For you, there is no risk at all."

"You said last night you could not come again. That there was risk. As she looked at him, her dream came back to her, though he had not been in it, and her voice came harsh and sudden.

"What brings you, and where have you been?" His hand fell on her slight shoulder.

"Last night was last night!" he said. "It's none- of your business where I've been, but I don't mind telling you. Down at Levallion."

"Well?" she said, as if it were no news to her.

"If I hadn't gone it would not have been well-for you," he said. "Though I don't know. Did you do"—curiously—"what I told you to?"

"I couldn't," carelessly. "I've had no chance."

"What!" savagely.

"I couldn't do it in daylight!" she cried. "I don't see how I can do it at all. There's always some one looking at me. If that's what you mean, you were a fool to come here! The thing is safer here than anywhere; it doesn't mater in any case.

"Get it," ordered the man, and his face had grown ten years older. "Since you can't make yourself-safe. I must. Go!"

"I won't do anything in the dark," she said. How do I know what you want it for—other people may trust you, I don't."

His hands opened and shut, as if for one second it was hard work to keep them off her, though he loved her in his way.

"You can trust me—better than yourself," he said, close to he

"They'd nothing of yours?" she gasped.

"No," softly, but his nails were hurting her shoulder. "But they had of yours. Had you no sense—did you not know that accursed dog tore your cloak that night in the wood?"

"I never looked at it!" she said wildly.

"Look now, then; for they had a piece of it in their hands, May the devil burn them for not showing it at the inquest! I'd have—and now you've got it still! Even though I told you to take no chances, to get rid of it if you had to burn this house down."

"They can't think of me," hardily. "I was in Boulogne."

"How do I know whom they think of?" with sudden fury. "They have gone back for some reason to the woman they could not trace. I hear from people that all this time Captain Gordon has been in London. What brought him back today to look at that black-and-gray rag? If I had not gone done, the police might have fitted it to your cloak."

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"He is there, and not here—that is why I came." And as if her slowness, her distrust, maddened him, he shook her viciously. "Get the cloak!" he cried, "and I'll save you yet. The police may be on you tomorrow. You will only have me and my field-glass to thank if they do not find it."

not find it."

"If they do, I didn't do—it," she said, and
then ran, for his eyes were full of murder.

"Take it!" she gasped, coming back again,
throwing down a black satin cloak, lined with
chinchilla. "I wish I'd never seen you!"

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SALTING, PICKLING, FERMENTING



GREEN VEGETABLES FOR WINTER

By Violet Marsh

Is Your Family Living up to the Pledge You Have Signed?

UGAR Economy is a necessity. Before the war, France, Belgium and Italy produced their own sugar, and England obtained the most of hers from Germany. Today our Allies need sugar. The battle lines and enemy territory now include much of their sugar land, so that more and more they are turning to us and our sources of supply. We must continue cut-ting down our own consumption. At first this was not easy, for we, in the past, have used more sugar than any other people. But now, with this definite knowledge of the reason for sugar conservation, there has been a noble response in helping solve the world problem of how to more evenly divide the world's sugar.

In many homes sweet desserts are a thing of the past. Less or no sugar is used in tea and coffee. Cakes are not frosted, fruits and cereals are eaten without sugar, and the daughters of the house are becoming experts in making sugarless confections. The use of cane, corn and maple syrups, honey, molasses, and fruit syrups are being better understood and more appreciated.

Every housekeeper is anxious to build up safe reserves of fruit and vegetables for winter and a good provider takes justifiable pride in well-filled shelves. To such women the present allowance

of sugar and the high price and scarcity of jars will not allow of a safe margin unless backed up by generous supplies of bottled fruit juices and salted or fermented vegetables.

England has adopted a method of preserving fruit without sugar, known as "pulping," that

is employed both commercially and in the homes. This process is described on this page. The English housewife who has to be very careful of sugar makes up pulp into jam one jar at a time as required for immediate use.

Fermentation and Salting

The use of salt in preserving vegetables for



Salting without Fermentation

Preserving cabbage, string beans and greens for winter use by salting is a method which has long been used. To do this, the vegetables should be washed, drained and weighed. The amount of salt needed will be one fourth of the weight of the vegetables. Kegs or crocks make satisfactory containers. Put a layer of vegetables about an inch thick on the bottom of the container. Cover this with salt. Continue making alternate layers of vegetables and salt until the container. is almost filled. The salt should be evenly distributed so that it will not be necessary to use more salt than the quantity required in proportion to the vegetables used. Cover the surface with a cloth and a board or glazed plate. Place a weight on these and set aside in a cool place. If sufficient liquor to cover the vegetables has not been extracted by the next day, pour in enough strong brine (one pound of salt to two quarts of water) to cover surface around the cover. The top layer of vegetables should be kept under the brine to prevent molding. There will be some bubbling at first. As soon as this stops, set the container where it will not be disturbed until ready for use. Seal by pouring very hot paraffin on the surface.

WITH BRINE AND VINEGAR.—This method is used for cucumbers, string beans, green tomatoes, beets, corn and peas, as these vegetables do not contain enough water for a good brine using only salt. Wash the vegetables and put in a crock or other container, filling to within three or four inches of the top. Pour over them a brine made by adding to every four quarts of water used one half pint of vinegar and three quarters of a cup of salt. They must be well covered with the brine and the amount of brine needed will be about one half the volume of the material to be fermented, which is to be kept pressed down by a wooden cover or glazed plate, weighted, as described in the next recipe; also follow directions as to removal of scum. When fermentation is complete, the container should be sealed by pouring over a layer of hot paraffin nearly half an inch thick to prevent a scum forming.

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To Ferment Cucumbers,—Unless the cucumbers are from your own garden, wash them carefully. Pack them in a keg, barrel or crock, leaving space at the top for the cover. Cover them with a brine made by adding to every four quarts of water used one half pint of vinegar and three quarters of a cup of salt. The amount of brine needed will be one half the volume of the material to be fermented. Place a wooden cover or glazed plate on top of the contents and press it down by weighting it with a stone or other weight, to keep the cucumbers under the brine. Fermentation will require from eight to ten days in warm weather, and from two to four weeks in cool weather. It is complete when bubbles cease to rise when the container is lightly tapped or jarred. When this stage is reached, remove any scum which may have collected, pour hot paraffin over the cover and around the weight and store in a cool place.

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BEETS AND STRING BEANS.—Remove the strings from beans. Beets should be washed thoroughly and packed whole. Spices may be added, as with cucumbers, but may be omitted if the vegetables are to be freshened by soaking when they are to be used. The method is the same as with

COOKING AND SERVING .- When required for use remove the vegetables from the brine and soak them in clear cold water for several hours, with

one or two changes of water. They may then be cooked as fresh vegetables, with at least one change of water while cooking.

If cooked without soaking, fermented dande-lions, spinach, kale and other greens will have flavor similar to that of greens in their fresh

state.

Fermented corn should be soaked several hours, with three or four changes of water. During the cooking also there should be one change of water. The corn may then be used in chowder, pudding, omelet, fritters or waffles.

Salted string beans should be soaked to remove the salt and then prepared and served as fresh beans are prepared and served. Fermented string beans may be cooked without soaking and served as the fresh beans are served. Young and tender string beans may be eaten raw.

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SAUERKRAUT.—The outside leaves of the cabbage should be removed, the core cut crosswise several times and shredded very finely with the rest of the cabbage. Either summer growth or fall cabbage may be used. Immediately pack into a barrel, keg or tub, which is perfectly clean, or into an earthen-ware crock holding four or five gallons. The smaller containers are recommended for household use. While packing, distribute salt as uniformly as possible, using one pound of salt to forty pounds of cabbage. Sprinkle a little salt in the container and put in a layer of three or four inches of shredded cabbage and then pack down with a wooden utensil like a potato masher. Repeat with salt, cabbage and packing until the container is full or the shredded cabbage is all used. Press the cabbage down as tightly as possible and apply a cloth and then a glazed plate or a board cover which will go inside the holder. If using a wooden cover, select wood free from pitch, such as basswood. On top of this cover place stones or other weights (using flint or granite and avoiding the use of limestone or sandstone). These weights serve to force the brine above the cover.

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Allow fermentation to proceed for ten days or two weeks, if the room is warm. In a cellar or other cool place, three to five weeks may be required. Skim off the film which forms when fermentation starts and repeat this daily if necessary to keep this film from becoming scum. When gas bubbles cease to arise, if container is tapped or jarred, the fermentation is complete. If there is a scum, it should be removed. As a final step pour melted parafin over the brine until it forms a layer from one

pour melted parafin o a layer from one quarter to one half inch thick to prevent the formation of scum, which occurs if the weather is warm or the storage place is not well cooled. This is not not necessary unless not necessary unless the kraut is to be kept a long time. The kraut may be



SIMPLE DEVICE FOR STRAINING FRUIT JUICES.

CANNED SAUERKRAUT.—Fill jars, adjust rubbers and partly seal. Sterilize one hundred and twen-try minutes in hot water bath, or sixty minutes in steam pressure outfit at five to ten pounds

Pickling Vegetables

Pickling is an important branch of home preparedness for the winter months. Pickles have little food value, but they give a flavor to a meal which is liked by many. They should not be given to children.

In pickling vegetables they are usually soaked over night in a brine for the purpose of removing the water from the vegetable and so prevent weakening of the vinegar. Alum is harmful to the human stomach and should not be used to make pickles crisp. Pickles will be firm if not cooked too long or at too high a temperature. Pickles put into crocks should be well covered with vinegar to prevent moulding.

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PICKLED CABBAGE AND CELERY .- Two quarts of chopped cabbage, two quarts of chopped calery, one cup of sugar, one quarter of a cup of salt, one quarter of a cup of salt, one quarter of a cup of mustard seed, and three quarter of good vinegar. Cook all together until the cabbage is tender. Keep in stone crock.

Chow-chow,—Chop fine with a knife or run through a coarse food-chopper, one fourth peck of green tomatoes, one fourth peck of small onions, three cauliflowers, three cucumbers, six large red peppers and one fourth peck of yellow string beans. Place in a brine made by dissolving one pound of salt in five pints of water and let set over night. In the morning bring the brine, with the vegetables still in it, to a boil and keep boiling five minutes.

In a separate vessel bring one gallon of cider vinegar to a boil. With a little water make a paste of one fourth pound of ground mustard, one fourth ounce of turmeric, one cup of brown sugar and two level tablespoons of flour. Put this paste, with a half ounce of celery seed, in the vinegar and boil until it begins to thicken. Now take the vegetables up, drain off the brine, put the vegetables in another saucepan, and pour the boiling vinegar mixture over them. Mix well, put in jars, and seal while hot. This chow-chow is best when about the consistency of thick cream. If very much water is left in the vegetables in the form of brine, it will be too thin. In this case, use more flour and thicken it. Instead of the cauliflower, an equal part of celery or cabbage may be substituted.

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Tomato Catsup.—Cook one peck of red, ripe tomatoes in a preserving kettle until thoroughly done. Mash through a fine strainer to remove skins and seeds. Add to this eight level tablespoons of salt and one level tablespoon of cayenne pepper. Into a bag put two level tablespoons of black pepper, six level tablespoons of mustard, one level tablespoon of clinamon, one level tablespoon of uground allspice and one level tablespoon of cloves. The and put bag of spice into tomatoes and rapidly boil until it thickens, then add one quart of vinegar and continue boiling until a teaspoon placed in a saucer will not give off any water. Remove the bag containing spices, put the catsup in jars or bottles, and seal or cork while hot. If paraffin is convenient, melt a small quantity in a saucepan, insert the bottle of catsup and dip the cork and upper part of the bottle in it.

Cucumber Catsup.—Grate and drain well seven large cucumbers; add six grated onions, one pint of strong vinegar, three tablespoons of pepper and two tablespoons of salt. Mix and seal.

Bottled Fruit Juices without Sugar

This process is very simple and lightens the labor of saving the perishables. The juice of berries, cherries, apples, pears, plums and peaches may be bottled in season. They make delightful summer drinks and sherbets or they may be combined with fresh fruits in making gelatine desserts, or the foundation for pudding sauces. These juices may be made into jelly in winter as needed, or combined with dried fruits in making preserves.

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Save All Bottles, as any size will do for fruit juices, while the medium-sized ones will answer for catsup, and the wide-mouthed ones can be used for marmalades and pickles.

Wash bottles, place side-down in vessel and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil and boil fifteen minutes. Drain bottles on cloth and they are ready to fill. Sterilize corks by boiling with the bottles.

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To Prepare Fruit.—Cut and crush large fruits, stem grapes, and use berries as received. Heat slowly to the simmering point. The flavor will be finer if the fruit is not allowed to boil. Strain fruit through cloth bag and allow the juice to stand in a cool place to settle. Fill bottles to within one and one half inch of the top. Put in corks tightly and set bottles on rack in a boiler, or tie down the corks and lay bottles on side with enough water to cover them. A screen at the bottom of the boller will prevent breaking. Heat the water to the simmering point (180 degrees) and keep at this point 30 minutes, Remove the bottles, stand on end and dry the cork with towel. When nearly cold, with a sharp knife cut off cork even with top of bottle and dip top of bottle into dish of hot paraffin or sealing wax.

A sealing wax may be made by melting together equal parts of rosin and beeswax. To Prepare Fruit.—Cut and crush large fruits,

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Pack sterilized jars full of fruit, add no water, place rubbers and caps in position, and fill pan with water up to the shoulders of the jars. Place pan on fire and bring water to the simmering point and keep it at this point half an hour. Remove jars, and then, one from the other, replace rubbers and caps, and put the bottles back in the pan and bring them up to the simmering point again for another five minutes. Take them out one at a time and screw down the tops. Invert to cool. Wrap in paper to prevent bleaching and store in a dry cool place.

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Birds in the Trenches

HEN the enemy's shot and shell breaks the telephone line that runs shoulder-high in the trenches, or wrecks a telephone exchange, the advanced troops must find some other means of communication with the headquarters. It is a matter of the utmost importance, and the last resort in emergencies of this kind is the homing pigeon.

Every company has its own quota of pigeons, carried in reed cages on a soldier's back. At the headquarters in a specially constructed cote are the birds' mates; when they are released, they fly straight for home. Their speed, almost a mile a minute, is wonderful.

According to the records of the French army, ninety-seven per cent of the messages carried by pigeons are delivered. When you consider that the birds must pass through the most intense artillery fire and that many of the German soldiers have shotguns for winging the feathered workers of the Allies, their efficiency is marvelous.

The message must not burden the bird, so it is written on rice paper, rolled up and deposited in a tiny aluminum container attached to one of its legs. Each pigeon usually carries two messages, its own and a copy of the one sent on the preceding bird. Nothing short of death, capture or a broken wing will stop him.

Thousands of these couriers watch and wait in trench and dugout, ready at all times to speed precious notes to headquarters. Many soldiers owe their lives to the timely aid of these feathered flyers. When all other kinds of communication are useless, the pigeon wings his way home and summons help.

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Cubby Bear Ends a Dispute By Lena B. Ellingwood

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Y house is all spoiled!" wailed Wollie Woodchuck; "my house is spoiled, and with my broken leg, how can I ever make another?" Sad and hopeless, Wollie Woodchuck wiped away the tears as they rolled one after another down his fat cheeks.

Cubby Bear and Chirpy Chipmunk watched him pityingly.

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"I am sorry," said Cubby Bear.

"It is not your fault," said Wollie Woodchuck.

"You did all you could to help me when the big tree was blown down. The earth around my doorway moved so I thought an earthquake had come. As I was scrambling out through the moving earth and upturned roots, the tree fell across me, breaking my leg and half burying me. But all this you know—you, who bound up my leg and brought me to your home to rest."

"Cheerily-cheerily-cheer-up!" Robbie Reddie suddenly burst out singing from a near-by tree.

"It is all very well for him to sing cheer-up," said Wollie, gloomily. "He will fly away to a warm country when the winter comes. But as for me, I shall have to lie down on the cold ground and starve, and be buried by the snow-flakes!"

Robbie Reddie flew away gaily, as if he had

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Robbie Reddie flew away gaily, as if he had not a care in the world, and Cubby Bear said to Wollie: "No, no; you have many friends to help you, your leg will get well, and you can stay with Mamma Bruin and me as long as you like."

like."

It was not long before Robbie Reddie came flying back, and with him Redtop Woodpecker. Then Shinyblack Crow came sailing along on his broad, black wings.

"Caw, Wollie Woodchuck, caw!" he called. "Your other friends are on the way here."

Then Racky Coon came trotting up, dragging his little sled, followed by Busy Beaver and Molie Muskrat. A rattle of wheels was heard, and Bunny Rabbit came in sight, wheeling his Baby Bunnies in their little cart.

Dr. Squilly Porcupine and Mr. Wise Owl came together, and last came Tillie Turtle, slowly and silently.

"Wollie Woodchuck," said Mr. Wise Owl, solemnly, "we have been called together by Robbie Reddie to see what can be done for you. Left to yourself," he added severely, "you would only wope and meep!"

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wope and meep!"
Wollie's face flushed angrily. "I never woped in my life," he said, "and what you mean by meeping, I do not know!"
"What I meant to say," explained Mr. Wise Owl, sternly was mope and weep! It was merely a little blunder!"
"Oh express we " exist weep!

a little blunder!"
"Oh, excuse me!" said Wollie Woodchuck.
"Now," went on Mr. Wise Owl, "has anyone a
plan for helping this poor animal whose home
was spoiled and whose leg was broken by the
falling tree in the big storm?"
"I have undertaken to cure his broken leg,"
said Dr. Squilly, who was already busy with
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"The best thing for the rest of us to do," said Shinyblack Crow, "is to make him a new house."

"Yes, yes!" said Molly Muskrat. We will all help. Find a nice, deep hole under the bank of the Big Brook—"

"Too wet!" interrupted Shinyblack Crow. "Get together a nice lot of sticks for a nest, then look for a high tree with stout limbs—"

"No, no, no!" cried Racky Coon. "A deep, warm hollow in an old tree-trunk is the best place for a home, because—"

"You are the first one to speak sensibly," said Mr. Wise Owl. "That is my own plan, and I know of a tree not far from my own—"

Tillie Turtle was shaking with giggles. She nudged Slimy Snail, who stood near her.

"Hear them talk!" she chuckled. "The best

and I will go to that place you speak of, and start making your new house. I am strong, and can dig fast."

"Oh, will you?" asked Wollie, joyfully.
"I can help, too, though I am so small," of fered Chirpy.
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So they started off, unnoticed by the group of eager talkers.

Cubby Bear drew Wollie Woodchuck along on Racky Coon's sled, and Chirpy Chipmunk capered merrily about.

nouse all my life, and was, pernaps, too lazy to change."

Cubby Bear and little Chirpy went to work with a will, and even Wollie Woodchuck helped a little in throwing out the soil the others loosened.

"I know just how long my house will be"

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"I know just how long my house will be," said Wollie. "Look, my back door will be over there by that big rock. I must have two doors—then if Rover Dog ever finds one, and tries to get in after me, I can slip out at the other." When the new house was large enough so that Chirpy Chipmunk, Cubby Bear and Wollie Woodchuck were all inside it, Chirpy ran out to look about.

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"The bushes hide your doorway beautifully, Wollie Woodchuck!" he called. "No one would ever know it was there."

"This will do for today," said Cubby Bear.

"Tomorrow we will do a little more, and then we will get the others to help with your house-keeping things. This corner will be a good place for your bed. Come now, get on the sled and we will go back again."

As they neared the spot in the forest where they had left their friends some hours before, they heard a confused murmur of voices. Dr. Squilly's was the first one to be heard plainly. "Now, I know of a safe, cozy nook among some rocks," he was saying, "where with very little repair work, Wollie Woodchuck would be very comfortable. I don't object to your hollow trees—"

"I should say not, indeed!" hooted Mr. Wise Owl, who had shouted himself hoarse. "It is

little repair work, Wollie Woodchuck would be very comfortable. I don't object to your hollow trees——"

"I should say not, indeed!" hooted Mr. Wise Owl, who had shouted himself hoarse. "It is the best——"

"The most san-i-ta-ry place in the world," interrupted Shinyblack Crow, shrilly, hopping up and down, "is a nest of sticks in a high tree——"

"A house carried on your own back——" droned Tillie Turtle and Slimy Snail.

"Just under the edge of the bank, where the cool water flows past——" Molly Muskrat was saying to Busy Beaver.

"If that empty nest was only large enough!" mourned Robbie Reddie.

Here Wollie Woodchuck, limping on three paws, burst in among them. His face was shining with pleasure, and one would hardly have known him for the sorrowful little animal of a few hours before.

"I am no longer without a home!" he cried. "Cubby Bear has made me a fine new house to live in! You must all come to visit me there." "Yes," joined in Chirpy Chipmunk, "we have made him a house at the edge of the big pasture, where he will have Little Lambkin and Kiddie Goat for neighbors."

The little forest people stared, astonished. "Well, well!" said 'Shinyblack Crow at last, smoothing his rumpled feathers, "good little Cubby Bear did the right thing to do, while we wasted the day in angry disputing. Give him three cheers!"

"But Chirpy Chipmunk helped," said Cubby Bear.

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The Girl He Loved

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"I dare say you do—Lady Levallion!" he said, sardonically. "Hester Murray told another story. Good night, and thank me you dare to sleep."

But when he was gone she had no thought of sleep. For two days she had loved the man who had just gone out; and now she hated him, because she knew she would never get rid of him till she died. She ran to the window to see where he had gone; stared out; dropped the half-raised blind and staggered, more than started back to the middle of the room, as if the quiet street had been the pit of hell.

"The dream!" she thought wildly. "But I've time!" Something took her at the throat. The man held everything in his hands, her money, her position, her.—. But it was not being Countess of Levallion that was in her thoughts as she ran from the room, but life—bare life—that garbled lie could take away from her.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

"Hold on," said a quick voice, in the dark, and Adrian Gordon stopped short; "I'm coming, too." For after a comfortable dinner in Monsieur Carrousel's best manner he had strolled out, os-

"I'm coming, all the same," obstinately; "and I can't leave Jacobs behind. Carrousel might pour boiling water on him or something. Don't hurry so! You want to catch the express, not the slow train that goes first. Oh, Gordon!" wretchedly, "don't you see I must be doing something? You can't leave me behind to hatch out rot about a cook and a boot-boy."

"Come on, then," weakening; and in silence

tensibly to take a walk, really to go as hard as he could to the station and catch the first train for Starr Street.

"There's no sense in your coming," he said sharply, and Sir Thomas returned no answer.

"And you can't bring Jacobs. He'll be a nuisance."

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spoke.

"Glad we did not strike it," said Adrian, for
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Must is a king's word. Men are as the time is. Malice does not forget. Much never costs little. Necessity can break iron. Much meat, much maladies. Money speaks every tongue. A beaten path is a safe one. New honors change manners. Without a motive, life is dreary. Mountaineers are always freemen. He that can be patient may win all. A man apt to promise apt to forget. Great men should not have great faults. Cheerfulness is the heart's fair weather. Idle causes can yield active consequences. Love can keep out more cold than a cloak. Where there is shame, there is always fear. In living for another we live best for ourselves. One cannot travel within and stand still without.

Flattery's trap is selfishness, and its bait is praise. The strength of the effort is the measure of the result. Much will always be wanting to him who much desires. Friendship may end in love, but never love in friendship. Sincerity is impossible unless it pervade the whole being. Beasts can weep when they suffer, but they cannot

In giving, spare the poor the shame of holding out a If you cannot have the best, make the best of what you

Unless a man works, he cannot find out what he is able

Greet not with anger he who knocks at the door of Who dares conclude that love applied to life is a chimera?

Man is an imperishable leaf on the evergreen Tree of Existence. Suspicion is an early lesson taught in the school of experience.

A man can never have the hearts of others but by giving his own.

The harnessing of electricity was once but an idea in the mind of a man.

Every mind has its influence on another, and no man is free but when alone. We could live with exceeding quiet if the words "mine" and "thine" were taken away.



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OP up onto my lap, for I want to give you a good hug. A few months ago I felt more like spanking than hugging you, for you seemed utterly indifferent to the tremendous issues involved in this dreadful war. Now, however, that our boys are on the firing line and are going over the top, you are at last becoming war conscious, and when I print a letter from a slacker or a traitor, it is a joy and delight to note how you, who were once singing "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier," and "I iam too proud to fight," go after these spies, seditionists, copperheads and enemies of our native land with a club. I have gathered a few facts that may still further feed the fires of your patriotism and open your eyes to the way you have been letting your country slip into the hands of the Kaiser and his horde of murderous Huns.

Lafayette Young, one-time senator of Iowa,

Lafayette Young, one-time senator of Iowa, says: "In more than one thousand schools in Iowa and other Western states the day's session is closed with the singing of Deutchland Uber Alles (Germany Over All), and Die Wacht Am Rhein (The Watch on the Rhine)."

Rhein (The Watch on the Rhine)."

The Huns have published a book showing views of fifty great German cities—cities which in their minds at least are already incorporated in the German Empire. Among these are Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and a number of other well-known places dear to the American heart. If that does not make your patriotic blood boil, then that blood must already have turned to noodle soup and your head be sprouting frankfurters and weinerwurst. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, last year, \$14,672 was spent for teaching German language and literature, while only \$108 was spent for teaching English and citizenship to immigrants. In Columbus, Ohio, \$16,000 was spent on German language and literature and not a red cent for teaching English and citizenship to immigrants. In Philadelphia, \$70,000 went for German instruction as against \$11,000 on English and the duties of the embryo citizen. on English and the duties of the embryo citizen. The German language is now being thrown out of our schools because nearly every German textbook glorifies Germany and Kaiserism and is a part of Germany's propaganda, which seeks to poison the world, to exalt everything that is German and to damn everything that isn't.

Germany at Brest Litovsk made a fake treaty with what remained of once mighty Russia. Trotzky whose real name is Braunstein, a Russian Jew, an anarchist camouflaging as a social-

Trotzky whose real name is Braunstein, a Russian Jew, an anarchist camouflaging as a socialist, a German agent, the best friend the Kaiser ever had (with the possible exception of his infamous pal, Lenine, another anarchist in the employ of Germany) made Russia impotent and converted it into a veritable hell. These two worthless tyrants are now handing Russia to Germany piece by piece as fast as the Kaiser's troops can gobble it. These two men will go down in history as having—next to the Kaiser—brought more woe, misery, shame and degradaconverted it into a veritable hell. These two worthiese tyrants are now handing Russia to troops can gobble it. These two mer will go down in history as having—next to the Kaiser—brought more woe, misery, shame and degradation of the control of t

their socialism and hopped over to the side of the socialist imperialists, who are out to knife all humanity. That little incident ought to prove to you, and especially to you American socialists, that German socialism is a humbug and a fraud, that the only way to bring Germany to her senses is to give her a thorough and drastic thrashing.

Here is something else for you pacifists, copperheads, sapheads, conscientious objectors and ignorant religious maniacs who read the Bible upside down. The Kaiser recently, after viewing devastated Belgium and the ruined sections of northern France, got quite sentimental and thanked his old war-and-murder god that, owing to thorough preparedness and the docility and stupidity of his people, the German Fatherland had been spared the frightful devastation and horrors that had been wrought on poor, bleeding Belgium and northern France. The Kaiser knew that if he put his military machine in order no one could hurt him, his six sons, or any section of his empire. While he was making Germany safe for autocracy, and perfecting every human cog in his military machine, we were shricking, "We are too proud to fight," "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier," and other craven drivel. We were doing our best to make our country defenceless, jeopardizing freedom, liberty and democracy and everything our fathers have fought for, and doing all in our power to make our beloved land an easy victim for the blood-thirsty Hun. You see the Kaiser knows his business. He knows how to protect the hellish things for which he stands. Unless we are to go down into the dust, we must be equally ready at all times to defend the noble ideals on which this nation is reared. If right will not protect itself from wrong, liberty from despotism, freedom from slavery, democracy from autocracy, then we had better close up shop, go out of business and become worms of the dust, fit only for fertilizer and to lick the heels of the Prussian conqueror. Choose ye this day whether you will serve and live under the domination of your Prussian master, the Beast of Berlin, and be a slave and a chunk of cannon fodder or enjoy freedom and liberty under the stars and stripes with your good old Uncle Sam. This is my fifty-fifth birthday message to you, and with it goes my heart's best love and the hope that we shall all live many years to see kings and tyrants ban

Don't forget that Uncle Charlie's four wonderful books may still be had. Start in at once to obtain them—they cost you no money, only a very little time and effort—and keep at it until you have the entire set. The book of Poems is beautifully bound in ribbed silk stiff covers; the Story Book is bound in two styles, the one in ribbed silk stiff covers like the Poems, the other in paper covers; the Song Book is bound only in heavy paper covers, and the Picture Book in handsome stiff covers. Poems or the Story Book in ribbed silk covers, either one for a club of three subscriptions; the Song Book or the Story Book in handsome paper covers or the Picture Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions. These four books are a library of endless joy and merriment, the best medicine to drive away the blues and the best Christmas gifts in the world.

My picture book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries. Is silly the Goat way develves in

DEAR UNGLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl fifteen years old, five feet seven inches tall, brown eyes and brown hair. I certainly do enjoy reading the cousins' letters and your replies. We are trying to do our bit to win the war. We raised our own meat this year, but only eat meat twice a week, butter every day and biscuits once a day, and you bet the biscuits taste good, as I am not fond of corn pone. I have a sister working for the Red Cross. She has knitted several sweaters for the soldier boys. I have one brother in the army, he is at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga. I must not forget to tell you about my chickens. I have thirty large ones, and eight small ones two weeks old, and three hens sitting on seventeen eggs. We have plenty of eggs to teat and sell also. We eat them instead of meat. Good by,

DBAR UNGLE CHARLIE:

I am a boy sixteen years old, five feet three inches tall, fair complexion. I enjoy farm life very much. Sugariand is twenty-three miles from Houston and is surrounded by the best farming land in Texas, and has as nice a school as can be found. I was profunded to the tenth grade. Maybe you people in Maine can't tell the war is on but if you ever came down lacre you would soon find there is a war. We don't use flour any more. We eat corn bread three times a day. The saloons are being closed and are going to stay closed. I am a full blooded American. Wish I was old enough to get Kaiser Bill. I sure enjoy your war talks and have the same war views that you have. We are faced by the greatest menace that

ever confronted this nation. Like many other people I would be glad to have peace but I do not want peace until the German power is completely broken, so that they will never be able again to cause trouble to any nation. This is my idea and I know you will agree with me, for this is the only way we can gain everlasting peace.

Your nephew,

RAYMON ALLEN

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Your nephew,
RATMON ALLEN

Raymon, if all the people in this country had your sense and vision and your point of view about this war (which is absolutely the only correct and sane way to look at the whole proposition), those who are trying to steer us through this terrible crisis would be greatly heartened and the Kaiser would be packing his grip, preparatory to liking to the tall grass with his friends, Jeremiah O'Leary, Herr Berger and a few other visionaries and fanatics, half of whom, consciously or unconsciously, are doing their best to put the Kaiser in the White House, while the balance want to turn this country into a Bolsheviki slaughter-house and bug-house, on the Russian model. The world would be very glad to live at peace with the German people, but unfortunately, Germany's rulers, and Germany's people for that matter, have embarked on a career of war and conquest that they openly boast will never stop until the world lies prostrate at their feet. There is no room in the world for the American idea and the Prussian idea. One or the other must go under. If we were to sit around a table and try and talk peace with Germany's rulers, whatever peace pact was signed would amount to nothing. Germany regards all treaties and compacts as mere scraps of paper to be torn up or discarded when it suits her purpose. Germany has cut such words as honor, truth, righteousness, decency, morality, justice, kindness, pity and love out of her dictionary. Germany today is a pirate mation and she is determined to make all other nations walk the plank and drown in a sea of blood. Those she permits to live she will make her slaves. What Germany has done to Russia, after signing a treaty of peace with her, which she never intended to keep and has not kept, has opened the eyes of even the most fanatical pro-German to the menace of Kaiserism and filled all decent humans with horror and loathing. As long as the Kaiser's armies are victorious, his people wil believe they are a superior race whis to subjugate and rule the world.

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I have come to ask you about a very important question. If you were me would you choise to be and actress or a dancer. Write and tell me a long story about actor's life. How long do you have to study actor or actress's life? Please tell me all about life behind and on the stage. I am five feet two inches tall, weigh ninety-one pounds, light complexion and am fourteen years old. Write and tell me where there is a place for people to learn to be actors. Please tell me the address of the ferm. Donothy Schultz. DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

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Dorothy, before I could decide whether your talents run to agting or to dancing, I would have to have you examined by an expert. It would be necessary to open your head to see if you had dramatic talent, and if there was nothing doing in your top story, the next thing to do would be to excavate your feet in order to discover whether or not you had any chance of making a hit in the terpsichorean line. The movie picture business, I deeply regret to say, has ruined the legitimate drama. Everybody should, if possible, try to be an actor or actress just now, for actors never eat, and if we all stop eating there will be just that much more food to send to our Allies and soldier boys in Europe. Life on the stage used to be worth while because people had a delightful habit of throwing eggs at actors they did not like and so many of the poor souls did get a little nourishment once in a while. Now, however, that everybody is Hooverizing, no matter how rotten an actor's performance may be, he can't draw even a single egg. In front of the scenes you talk airily about millions, champagne, castles, yachts and automobiles. Behind the scenes you ponder sadly o'er the fact that you owe your landlady fifty dollars for rent and wonder if you can get your trunk down the fire escape without her holding you up when you are half way down. A lot of frauds set boob traps for simps who want to become "and actor or and actress" and promise for a certain sum to transform all who put up the price into histrionic stars of the most luminous variety. The slick,

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guys who work these boob traps generally land in jail. If you want to study the life of "and actor or and actress," go into the office of a theatrical agent and see the gaunt, sad-faced crowds who haunt these places day in and day

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Giving Your Boy a Start in Life

By Charles Francis Reed

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NE of these days I'm going to take the whole morning and fix up these rooms." It was cleaning day and all the bedrooms on the first floor had been thoroughly swept and dusted. Late in the afternoon after the other work had been done, mother and the servant had neither the time nor the energy to properly arrange the two attic bedrooms that were commonly called "the boys' rooms."

Mary, tired as she was

Mary, tired as she was, could not help but own as she looked in at the open door of the frown as she first bedroom,

"Are we going to have a cold supper?" she asked quickly.

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"Why, yes, we always do on Fridays."

"And do you suppose that Mr. Green will mind if he doesn't get it till quarter past six tonight?"

"Why do you ask such funny questions? Here, let me have that broom,—at least we have to do a little sweeping and dusting."

"Well, I asked it because I thought if you didn't mind, I'd do a little work up in these two rooms." Mary said, as she handed her mistress the broom. "We ought to make these rooms kind of nice for the boys, or pretty soon they will find out that they are not nice, and they won't come home any more than they have to."

It was a long speech for Mary, and Mrs. Green looked at her sharply. Then, too, she had suggested something that was terrifying.

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"Just what I say, ma'am. I've had six brothers of my own—the spare room empty, but three of them sleeping in one bed some of the time—and they went away as soon as they could."

Mrs. Green said nothing. As she moved the furniture and gathered up the dust in small heaps, she was thinking seriously. She had always tried to be a good mother to her boys, but she had never thought that boys required the same care as did her daughters. A new light had come to her, and together the two women spent an hour working vigorously. Twice Mrs. Green went down-stairs and returned with her arms full of pictures, and once she sent Mary to bring up an extra rug, and a couch cover.

When they had finished, the rooms were bright and cheerful. Mrs. Green had taken one of her favorite pictures from the wall—"The Horse Fair." by Rosa Bonheur—but she did not begrudge the empty space, for she knew that her youngest son was fond of the picture, and up there in the small rooms a great truth had come to her—that her boys needed to learn the love of home if she were to keep them always with her. When she was down-stairs helping with the belated supper, she glanced quickly at Mary, but there seemed nothing about the squat, strong figure that would sugkest that she was a heaven-sent messenger—as Mrs. Green imagined her.

There are many of us who are Mrs. Green and who need some small jolt to awaken us to one of the greatest truths,—that we must play fair with our boys if they are going to be all that we have always dreamed that they would be. One of the most important things in starting your boy right is to see that he has the proper home environment. It is not sufficient that you give him enough to eat and clothes to cover his body, or even that you send him to church and to school. Hundreds of boys who have had this training have come to bad endings. Almost any day it is possible to pick up a newspaper and reen exemplary has come to grief and been sentenc

been exemplary has come to grief and been setember to some term of imprisonment. You shudder when you think of the possibility of it being as on a fair chance. If you don't encourage in the state of the problems of even a lower nature.

A boy's room is just as important as the dainty pink place that your daughter calls hers. A growing boy needs plenty of light and air, and he should have it. He should have a comfortable bed, and the pictures on the wall should inspire him.

A boy's room should be a place where hean bring his friends. There should be several easy-chairs, so that on rainy afternoons Billy and Tommy can curl up and read. Another piece of furniture that is always a source of pleasure is a desk. There is something man-like about a desk—something that gives a boy the sense of being as successful as his father. In it he will struggle with the problems of learning. A boy who has and to do his lessons all over the house, being constantly interrupted to ask if his book is resting on sister's embroidery, or if he has seen anything of grandmother's thimble, will never be able to do them thoroughly. These interruptions tend to lessen the powers of concentration, a most necessary asset in the business which will enable him to display his talents.

It may be hard in a small town for your boy to do just the work that will be pleasing for using till it almost always possible for him to follow his own bent small town for your bing the first line of business that he takes up, do not believe that you have been nurturing a failure. The rolling stone may gather no moss, but the boy who changes his line of work several times during the first few years of his business man. If he does not like his work several business man. If he does not like his work several business man. If he does not like his work several business man. If he does not like his work several business man. If he does not like his work several business man. If he does not like his work several the contrary may be a very successful business man. If he d

clothing, it will become a habit that he will never lose.

A most essential part of your boy's training is to see that he understands the value of the truth. Too many mothers will tell their children to tell the book-agent or the visitor she does not wish to see that she is "not at home." It is only a small slip, and often an unconscious one, yet it plants a dangerous seed. It is far better to tell the truth, to have the boy say that mother is home but cannot see Mrs. Smith just at this minute. Mrs. Smith will understand, and the boy will have had no had example. It will only be necessary to tell your boy that if he tells an untruth he will be looked down on by his friends, and you will have the desired result. Don't say that if he is found out telling a lie he will be looked down on, but that if he tells an untruth his conscience will make him suffer. Pick out some one boy whom you know your son respects, and ask him if he would like to lose the friendship because the other boy knows Billy cannot be trusted. This will have the desired effect better than any threat of punishment.

One of the things that your boy should learn as early as possible is the true value of money.

"Mother, can I have ten cents to buy some marbles?"

Common plea, one that any boy may be capable of, and almost instinctively the money is handed to the young one. This is not a good method, for it cannot teach the value of money. It is much better to make the child perform the most trivial duty and receive the money as payment for service rendered. If this is done they will not only know what it means to have spending money, but learn to experience the joy that comes from earning—the joy of possessing.

Give every child as much education as you can possibly afford. There is a tendency among boys of fourteen or fifteen to leave school and try to work. They are fascinated by the fact that they have a few dollars pocket money. The parents who can possibly afford to keep their son at school for a few years longer but who instead allow him to g

Soft felt to petect the Porn and keep the wax from spreadings Rubber adhefuse which forces the plants on The Scientific Way to End Corns THE Blue-jay plaster is a scientist's invention. It is made by the makers of B&B surgical dressings, used by physicians and hospitals every-So you may be sure that this is the right way to treat a corn. The corn is ended by a bit of wax, which is cen-tered on the corn. It cannot spread. While the wax is acting, a pad protects the corn. So all pain ceases when the plaster is applied. A band wraps the toe snugly and fastens itself. With this comfortable dressing one forgets the corn, and the plaster can't become displaced. The pain stops instantly. Then the bit of wax gently undermines the corn. In two days it lifts out. Only rare corns need a second application. Let Blue-jay prove itself tonight. You will never again merely pare a corn, or treat it in the old, crude Blue=jay For Corns

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of his senses after learning the tragic story.
For several weeks he had been greatly disappointed and troubled regarding Sibyl's letters. There had been a restraint and coldness in their tone which told him that something was wrong. Her letters came regularly once a week, until within the last three weeks he had only received one, but they were not like Sibyl, and he had resolved that just as soon as he could bring the duties which his father had imposed upon him into some kind of shape, he would follow his mother to Barmouth, and see for himself what the trouble was with his darling.

"Oh! if I could only have gone to her before. If I might have seen her but just once more!" he cried, in a voice of despair, after his mother had told him of Sibyl's sad fate, and Lady Prescott could only weep with him—there could be no comfort that she could give him.

Sad though her own heart was, and filled with grief, she could but bow in submission, beneath the blow, and say, "it is well," knowing, as she did, that Sir Athelstone would never countenance her marriage with her son.

Miss Therwin, whom they believed so lovely, sympathized most deeply with them in their-great affliction, and came often as a privileged friend to cheer and comfort her ladyship.

But way down in her cruel, evil heart, how she exulted and gloried over the relentless fate which seemed to have deprived this household of their loved one, and had also blotted out of existence the only rival she had ever had or feared in her life. She had never hoped for any victory so complete as this. All that could ever do her harm had been removed from her path, since Judith, too, was dead.

She had been terribly alarmed upon receiving her letter, declaring her intention of confessing the whole to Sibyl. For several days she had feared that Sibyl would return, denounce her, and resume at once all her former relations with the Prescott family.

She did not believe that Judith was dying, or nearly as ill as her letter seemed to indicate, and it was therefore a great; s

home.

They were going, she wrote, to Ventnor—a watering-place in the Isle of Wight—to spend the hottest months, and desired her to accompany them. She closed by saying she thought she had prolonged her visit to Mrs. Maplewood as long as propriety would allow, and hoped she would return immediately.

But the crafty young woman had no notion of complying with this request.

She deemed her own plans altogether too important, and prevailed upon her friend to write, asking the countess to spare her at least until

portant, and prevailed upon her friend to write, asking the countess to spare her at least until fall, as they were planning a short tour on the Continent, and desired her company.

They had arranged to start on their trip by the first of September, and Ada, by much maneuvering, and many suggestions to Sir Athelstone regarding his wife's sadness and failing health, had at last succeeded in prevailing upon Lady Prescott and Raymond to accompany them.

The countess, of course, could not refuse the

earnest appeal of Mrs. Maplewood, especially as Ada also appeared so reluctant to return; and, with a sigh of disappointment over the girl's utter selfishness, she gave her consent, and forwarded a handsome remittance, and the early fall found the aristocratic party among the Alps of Switzerland.

CHAPTER XXXIII,

ADA'S ARTFUL SPEECH.

"She was very beautiful, and as pure and good as an augel. I love to think of her, but I know how very hard it must be for you to bear it."

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The above tribute, with the added words of sympathy, were spoken by Miss Ada Therwin, as, on a bright, beautiful day in October, she and Raymond Prescott stood together on the shore of Lake Geneva, and looked over the pure, bright blue waters, so noted for their beauty and clearness the world over.

By some means, best, known to Miss Therwin, perhaps, she and Raymond had become separated from the rest of the party, and, wandering down by the water, their conversation turned, as it always did, upon the one absorbing topic—Sibyl. Raymond had remarked to his companion that the sea, or any large body of water, always made him think of her, and that henceforth he would have double cause to be reminded of her, since the sea had swallowed her from his sight forever.

"She was more beautiful to me than all the world beside," he had said, passionately; and Miss Therwin, with sweetness on her tongue, but with bitter hate for the fair girl in her heart, had replied as recorded above.

"She was to have been my wife if she had lived," he asserted, with a white, pained face, and ignoring the fact that Sibyl had told him over and over again that "it could never be."

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Ada started slightly.

"She would have been a true and lovely wife, and—"

She hesitated purposely, and dropped her eyes to hide the fire that had leaped into them at his confession.

"Well?" he said.

"And it was very noble in you to be so faithful to her after all that happened."

She said it softly, as if she almost reverenced him for it.

"After all that happened! What do you mean?" he asked.

"I mean after her mother was found, and you knew all her sad history," Ada replied gently.

"How did you know about it?" he demanded, his lips quivering slightly. "I thought it was a secret, confided to our family alone."

"I was very intimate with Sibyl, you know, during those sad days; and once, when I went to see her, I overheard a conversation between her and her mother which betrayed their secret. I have never spoken of it to any one before, I assure you. I have always wanted to tell you how I admired you for your fidelity."

"Thank you," Raymond said, his face lighting all over for an instant. "I do not deserve the admiration of any one for the course which I should have adopted immediately, if I could have prevailed upon Sibyl to become my wife—the gain would have been all on my side, even though the whole world had scorned me for the act, for I should have been the happiest of men. But, Miss Therwin, it is refreshing to find that there is one woman in the world who can be truly kind to another in adversity. I admire you for that."

that."
But if he could have known the thoughts of her heart at that moment, he would have recoiled in horror from her.
"I have always blamed myself," Raymond went on, becoming more confidential, "for not going to her immediately after her letters became so strange and unlike herself. Two or three times I might have gone, by making a little extra effort, but something interposed. and I put it off."

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Sibyl's Influence

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A silent horror fell upon the crowd when this became known.

Everybody believed that the hapless girl had

Everybody believed that the hapless girl had come down to the spot, and losing her balance had fallen into the depths and been drowned. Boats were immediately launched and sent out in all directions, while men, women and children gathered in little groups upon the beach, and talked in whispers of the tragic event, as they waited for the return of the boats and what they should bring with them.

All the weary day through the boats cruised along the shore, and even put out into the waters, but no ghastly sight—no white, upturned face greeted the watchful eyes of those who manned them.

Another and yet another decrease.

Another and yet another day was passed in the same way, and with the same result, excepting that on the third morning one boat came in, bringing a torn and water-soaked hat, trimmed with pale-blue ribbons, while some one else, at some distance above the crags, had picked up a lainty little slipper.

Both hat and slipper had "belowed to Miss."

dainty little slipper.

Both hat and slipper had "belonged to Miss Sibyl," Edizabeth, the servant, asserted, with wild sobs and tears, and not a doubt now remained in any mind as to the sad fate of the beautiful girl while whispers of sharks and their rapacious jaws began to be circulated to account for the body not having been found.

Sir Athelstone Prescott's address was obtained from Elizabeth, and a horseman dispatched to the nearest telegraph station, with a message notifying him of the sad calamity.

The telegram reached the doctor safely, and threw him into the greatest consternation and distress.

the received the message on Friday.
On the Monday following, Lady Prescott had

planned to go down to Barmouth to spend a month with Sibyl and her mother, and Raymond, if he could leave, had determined to follow her later.

Sir Athelstone did not communicate his fearful news to either his wife or son; but telling them that he had received a most imperative summons away, and requesting Lady Prescott to postpone her departure until his return, he set out in hot haste for Barmouth.

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It was over two hundred miles from Dumfries to Barmouth, and it took the sad-hearted doctor many hours to reach that little town, so cozily situated between the mountains and the sea.

His one great object, in sending Sibyl so far away, had been to prevent Raymond from going ofter to see her, which he knew he would de if she were within easy reach; but when he arrived at the cottage, and learned all the sad news awaiting him there, his conscience smote him for allowing the young and delicate girl to go so far away from help and friends.

His amazement knew no bounds when he discovered that Mrs. Stillman had been dead over a week, and learned from Elizabeth that Sibyl had at least written him five times during the two weeks preceding her mother's death.

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The kind-hearted man nearly broke down beneath this heavy blow, and shrank in keenest pain from the task of carrying the fearful story home to Raymond and his mother.

He spent three days in vain inquiries, and in again searching all along the coast, hoping against hope, even at that late day, that he might find the body of the girl whom he had so tenderly loved, and give it Christian burial. But it was of no avail, and gloomy and sorrow-stricken, he returned to Dumfries to tell his sad tale, taking with him all that had belonged to both Sibyl and Mrs. Stillman.

Raymond, for a long time, was like one bereft





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JOLIET, ILL.

DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have never ventured to write before but am going to try my luck. First of all I want to ask if Sunshine, Paint Rock, Ala., will write to me. Her letter interested me and I would be pleased to hear from her. Well sisters, like almost every one cles I am deeply interested in Red Cross work and am knitting and doing other work at the Red Cross rooms.

I agree with Happy Heart. I also believe in giving to charity and think the sacrifice is hers as much as it is her husband's. I am not yet married but from what I know of men, too many think all is theirs and that wifey should have, give and do as they say, while it should be 50-50.

Greetings to all,

LUBENE HANSON.

The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Habits to Avoid

HAT is your pet habit, Polly? And yours, Molly mine? And yours, Peg-gy with the big black eyes? All of us have habits—some of

them are pleasant ones to possess, but others, alas! we have acquired to the detriment of our appearance and the lessening of our personal charm. Let us take stock and

Let us take stock and see what kind of habits ours are. Do you, for instance, hook one arm around the chairback when you sit down, thus throwing your shoulders out of line and, if persisted in, eventually perhaps rendering one permanently higher than the other. It is not a pretty way to sit, as you can see for yourself if you will try the position just once before your mirror—so make up your mind to rid yourself of this habit for good and all.

Try sitting well back in your chair, so the end of the spine touches the very bottom of the chairback, and either lean gracefully back or sit up with the spine straight. If the chair has arms, you may let one of yours lie along its surface, or the hands may rest easily in the lap; but whatever you do, do not adopt any position which elevates one shoulder way above the other.

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Another bad habit in sitting, to which I imagine many of my girls may be prone, is that of winding one leg around the other, very much as the stripes go around a barber pole. How many of you do that? Stop it at once! It is most ungraceful. Our grandmothers were not privileged to

were not privileged to cross even their ankles, let alone their knees,

TILTING THE BODY BACKWARD RESULTS IN AN UNGRACEFUL STANDING POSITION.

cross even their ankles, BACKWARD RESULTS let alone their knees, IN AN UNGRACEFUL but in these freer modered with the standing position, ered quite permissible to cross the knees. Do not forget, however, that there is always a right and, a wrong way to do everything, and the girl who crosses her knees so that her stocking is visible to the knee is being neither attractive nor well bred. In crossing the knee, keep the upper foot pointed down, and above all things do not keep it moving as if you were running a sewing-machine—a bad habit I find many people have.

Standing is another fruitful source of unloveliness. You all know the girl who rests all her weight on one foot, thus making one hip higher than the other, and the other girl who stands heavily on her heels and so tilts her body backwards. In standing, rest evenly on both feet, with the weight resting on the balls. Raise the chest and drop the shoulders, and you will find that, quite without knowing it, you have assumed a graceful and comfortable standing position.

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Watch for your other personal habits—that of slumping in your chair, that of constantly pushing your hairpins in and out (dress your hair before you appear in public, then let it alone), of playing with the brooch at your neck, or your rings, or the buckle at your waist; of tapping your fingers on the chair-arm, or rocking like mad in the rocking-chair to which you inevitably steer your course.

And when you have demonstrated where you offend, take up a campaign of reform at once. We all like to be attractive and we can only achieve this result by avoiding the little unpleasant habits so easily acquired. I want every one of my girls to be just as pretty and graceful, good to look upon and pleasant to be with, as lies within her power. Don't disappoint me, will you?

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Babies Sleep

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That may account for your cheeks not being as rosy as you would like them. You need to reduce in weight. The best way to do this will be to cut out many sweets from your diet—all candy, cake, preserves and such sweet things—and take a good deal of exercise, both in the open air and in your bedfore the ministry. I didn't dream that I would ever be his wife when I began writing to him but I am glad I wrote the other letter to Comport for my husband is a good man. My only regret is that I can't be with him now; he is in the service of Uncle San and I am hoping that before many months have passed I will be, too. I am taking a business course now and want to take the civil service examination in order to help. I think it is the duty of the women to help in every way they can. How many of the sisters are Red Cross workers? I was before I started school. I worked three afternoons a week and am sorry I cannot give as much time as that now. I want to do all I can to save our soldiers for even our all is a very little bit compared with what is being done for us. I think we should rally to the cause and give our time and our money. Then come the other organizations which are aiding our boys. I think we should give liberally to all of these.

May God bless each and every one and help us to give our soldiers the aid they need.

With sisterly love, Mas. Roy Coulter.

Mrs. Coulter.—So Comport played the role of the full state of the plant of the plan

riction.

Rose.—I am sorry that it is against the rules of this department to answer letters by mail, because that deprives so many people of the opportunity of benefitting by the answer given. About those moles, I should look well to my diet, and see that I ate plenty of fruit and green vegetables, because they act on the eliminative tract and help to keep the blood pure, and that is what you need. See that your bowels move freely once a day—this does not mean to take cathartics indiscriminately, but to regulate your diet so that Nature will take care of this function. Plenty of fruit and lots of water to drink will adjust conditions of this kind. Spinnach is an excellent vegetable to eat or greens of any kind; and prunes soaked over night, then cooked slowly for a long time are excellent to eat once daily. A glass of orange juice is good for you, and apples are very beneficial. Moles are rather dangerous to meddle with. The electric needle is the safe way of disposing of them, and even then only a skilled operator should be employed. If you have a large flesh mole, you can tie a thread tight have most a tracked that the safe way of disposing of them, and even then only a skilled operator should be employed. If you have a large flesh mole, you can tie a thread tight have most at the details and the safe way of disposing of them.

have me? I would like to stay with you. I will leave my name with Mrs. Wilkinson.
With love and best wishes,
LIEZIE.

Lizzie.—Even with seven children I don't be-lieve your mother has one to spare and I feel sure she needs you. Fourteen-year-old girls can be such a help to their mothers if they want to be and can really make themselves indispensable. Think it/over, Lizzie. I like your real name much better though.—Ed. TENNESSEE.

DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND SESTERS:

Will you admit a little troubled sister into your circle? I will describe myself first. I am four feet, ten inches tail, weigh 110 pounds and am rather dark complexioned and have dark brown eyes and hair. I am fourteen years old.

Do any of the sisters know of a place where I could get a home? My mother is a widow with six children beside myself. Mrs. Gaester, you said something in your letter about wanting a girl. Would you like to friends, gotten through Comport.

around the base of it, and after a short period it will turn black and later drop off. You can also use salicylic acid, moistening it with alcohol or glycerine and bind on the mole for half an hour. Wait a couple of days and repeat the treatment, wait a couple more days and repeat a third time. Sometimes in disposing of a mole a small scar is left. I thuk I should let mine alone—a great many people think they are rather desirable, as they make the surrounding skin look whiter. Just be careful that the rest of your skin is white, and follow my directions about your general diet, and I think you will find the moles becoming less and less noticeable. Read also my directions to "Eleanor" in regard to exercise and circulation. Be sure to keep your own circulation in good order and you will find that your moles do not increase, I am sure.

DAISY.—A great many people like to wash the face

DAISY.—A great many people like to wash the face in butternilk, but I am not a great believer in its efficacy. I think it does a great deal more good to the complexion if taken internally, so if you have plenty of butternilk on hand drink a couple of glasses a day. If you are below weight, the sweet milk will be still better for you and will cause you to gain. I do not think butternilk will cause hair to grow on the face. You ask me whether I advise trying to remove superfluous hair. Yes, by the electric needle if on the face, or by the use of peroxide and ammonia, dampening the hairy spots one day with peroxide, the next day with ammonia, until the hair both bleaches and falls out. This latter treatment takes some time, but it is harmless. If the skin gets irritated, stop the treatment for a few days, and apply a soothing lotton or cream. Do not use a depliatory on the face, as the hair inevitably comes back. A depilatory is all right to remove hair from under the arms, because even though you have to repeat the treatment at regular intervals, no special harm is done—but the face is a different matter.

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MES. P. J.—Here's our same old question—how to apply the peroxide and ammonia treatment. See answer to 'Daisy.'' I am sorry I cannot tell you how long it will take to remove the hair, because it varies with different people. Some hair is very strong and some has not much vitality. It is a slow sprocess, however, but the result to be gained is worth the amount of patience it takes.

DAISY.—You do not tell me how old you are, so I do not know whether your wrinkles are the result of bad facial habits or are coming with added years. If the former, you must at once study your facial expression and find out what it is you do which produces the wrinkles. You say they are in the forehead, so you may have a habit of frowning, or of knitting the brows. You may worry easily, and if you do your forehead will surely show it. So, in such case, the first thing to do is to get after your mental attitude, and resolve not to worry but to take everything sweetly, pleasantly and be always good-natured. Try looking worried in front of your mirror, then dismiss your worries and relax your brow and see how soon the wrinkles will fade away. In the meantime, if you have already produced the wrinkles, get to work at them every night and if 'possible one other time during the day. You will need a jar of good cold cream. Dip the fingers in and smear the forehead lightly. Then with the first finger of each hand, start at the top of any verticle wrinkles, beginning at the top of the forehead, and rubbing back and forth across the wrinkles over and over again until you have reached the bridge of the none fiesh you have horizontal wrinkles, the kind which run from temple to temple, or in that direction if not all the way, rub up and down—and rub across such wrinkles, beginning at one end and gradually working your way to the other. You should massage for about ten minutes to the other. You should massage for about ten minutes at the more fiesh you have the tighter your sk



DON'T HOOK YOUR ARM AROUND THE CHAIR BACK.

strenuous. I answered a question in regard to freekles last month and said if they were summer freekles, not to bother with them now but wait until winter, as taking them off would leave the skin sensitive to the sun and probably produce a new crop of freekles. Take them off in winter when there is nothing to bring them back, and then try to toughen your skin in preparation for next summer. Read my answer of last month.

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I want to tell you about my girls. Blanche had hertonsils and adenoids removed nearly a year ago and she isn't the same child now. It did her a lot of good and I would advise the mother of a sickly child to have it done. Alice, my baby, four yeas old, is a case. She runs away so much I have tied her up but it doesn't do any good. Can some one advise me? She is saucy also and if I start to punish her she says something cute or does something that amuses me and I fail in my punishment. Some will say I am a fine mother to be governed by a child but novertheless, Alice is boss.

I will try and answer all letters received.

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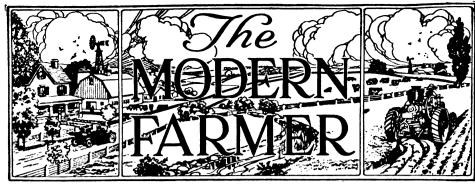
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Pacters Making for Good Prices

Any article produced on the farm to sell well must show well—that is, it must have good appearance. It must also possess quality or ability to please the palate of the customer. It must reach the market early—or out of season so as to take advantage of an unsatisfied demand. Sometimes late products command the best prices. This is almost always true in the case of strawberries in the Northern markets.

Again, it must possess either keeping qualities or be so handled as to keep well for some time. Few customers will be found for either fruit or vegetables on the verge of decay.

Appearance.—We are all attracted by nice looking things to eat. We often go to the market and bring home something that we never intended to buy, because it pleased the eye. When the desire for a thing has been aroused, price is always a secondary consideration. We can beat our competitors easier by offering a superior looking article than we can by offering a cheaper one. Every one who prepares stuff for market should make it look just as attractive as he can. All vegetables should be scrupulously clean and tied in neat bundles or made up in tasty packages all of the same size and kind. The vegetables themselves should be graded so that all those in a single package are of the same size. Fruits and potatoes should be graded for the same reason. Study appearance and make everything look "awfully good to eat."

Time of Marketino.—The time of marketing is most important. While earliness is important, it is not so important as it is to avoid large competition. If you can get your stuff to the same kind, then you in a sense become master of the supply. It may be early in the season, or early in the day, or after your sometitors are all sold out, as in the case with the late strawberries already mentioned. In any case, it is a poor time to offer stuff on the market when everybody else is selling. The prudent farmer studies the market and plans in advance to strike the market at the most favorable time. It is of

and small and poor ones thrown out.

Ripe onions should be dried, topped and sorted and placed in bushel boxes made of slats for handling. They should never be pulled, packed and marketed the same day except for immediate consumption.

Beans should be cleaned, dried and sorted before being placed on the market. Dirty, rusty, moldy or split beans always look bad and spoil the price, besides they do not keep well.

Dirty vegetables are always a drug on the market. In the first place, the customer does not want to buy dirt, and in the next place, dirty vegetables do not please the eye or tempt the palate.

Tomato Blight and Ret

Tomatoes are afficted with several diseases. The two most troublesome classes are the blights and the rots. Of the blights there are two classes, those spread by spores and those spread by germs. For the latter kind there is no remedy. Spore Spread Blights.—Tiny dustlike particles called spores are blown from one diseased plant to another. They settle on the leaves and set up a growth there which usually appears in the form of rusty brown or dark gray spots. The leaves thus affected turn yellow and die. While this class of blights are very destructive, they can be controlled by use of sprays—the standard Bordeaux Mixture—often described in these columns can be used with good results. Spray plants once every ten days. Since this disease is carried over in the soil, tomatoes should not be planted on the same ground oftener than once in three years.

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BLIGHTS CAUSED BY GERMS.—The germs causing this disease enter the plants through wounds made by insects or injury to roots in transplanting. The disease does not become evident until plant is nearly full grown, when it becomes suddenly wlited. A stem cut across shows a dark brown ring. There is no way to keep this disease in check except by using the utmost care. Diseased plants should be destroyed. No tomatoes should be grown on same soil for at least three years. Be very careful in transplanting. It will do no good to spray.

Tomaté Ret

There are several kinds of rot—black rot, stem end rot, brown spot, soft rot and blossom end rot, all of which are pretty well described by their names. Most of these are helped by the Bordeaux Mixture spray. As a rule, tomatoes affected with rot should be staked up so that the fruit does not come in contact with the soil. All diseased fruit should be picked at once and destroyed.

Keeping Up the Milk Flow

market it is often necessary to keep the produce for a time. Again, the grocer or purchaser needs to keep the product before it is finally used. Fruits and vegetables should be selected in the first place because of their superior keeping qualities. They should be so handled as to keep well. Care in picking and packing is of utmost importance.

Good and Poor Practices in Handling.—Apples should never be shaken from trees but picked by hand and placed in baskets so that they may be rolled—not poured or dropped into the barrels. This prevents bruising, and bruised apples will not keep. The same practice should be followed in handling plums, peaches and pears. Cherries should be picked with the stems left on if they are expected to keep over twenty-four hours.

Potatoes should not be cut or bruised in digging or handling. It is always better to place them in sacks in the field and market them in sacks where small lots are handled. They should be picked before being placed in the sacks

chosen and fed to good cows. It never pays to feed a "boarder."

FEED ROOTS, PUMPKINS AND SILAGE.—While it is a little early to open the silo, this should be done if the cows are shrinking in milk and there is nothing else to feed. Pumpkins are splendid and rutabagas and sugar beets are equally good to maintain the flow of milk. The dairy herd should not be allowed to drop off in milk flow, for if this once occurs this cannot be regained again until the cows freshen for next year.

The World Wants Fat

Ever since the first year of the big war Germany has suffered for fat. Fat-producing animals were killed off for food and it has since been impossible to increase the supply.

WE MUST PRODUCE FAT.—This country will soon find herself in the same condition. High prices of pork have drained the hogs off the farms. We have cut down our breeding stock. We must increase our number of meat animals. Fortunately, pigs multiply rapidly. Our pork supply for this year is fixed, but we can have a greatly increased supply for next year if we make our plans now.

Save Good Brood Sows.—The best females should be selected now for breeding purposes. Plans should be made to have the little pigs come early in April. A six-months-old pig makes best and cheapest meat. April pigs will be ready for market in October. They can be carried over summer on pasture with a very little milk and be fed by using a self feeder. Dried blood tankage and oil meal will take the place of milk to a large extent. After the new crop of corn is ripe, they can be finished in a month on new corn and be ready for market in October or early November. If we plan now to raise more pork next year, we will be in little danger of a shortage of fat.

Soy Beans Again

Silage Should be Kept Moist.—The sliage should be cut about in lengths of not more than one inch. It should be solidly packed down so as to exclude all air. This is much more difficult with ripe than it is with green corn. This may be the reason why many farmers prefer to use green corn for filling the silo. Green corn packs easily because it contains so much water. Ripe corn can be made to pack just as easily if water is added while filling the silo. There is little danger of using too much water. This water will fill up the poor spaces in the sliage, exclude the air, assist in packing and help to preserve the silage.

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SILAGE MUST BE WELL PACKED.—Silage should be packed down solidly around the walls on the outside. It does not settle so readily along the wall as it does in the center, therefore more packing is needed here. The silage falls into the middle of the silo as it comes from the machine. This assists in packing. One cannot be too careful in packing silage. It will never be packed too much.

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plant (flag) is annoying. R. H., Hueysville, Ky. A.—Large willows have to be kept girdled (barked) from the ground up two or more feet, and then will die down, if the ground is not kept too wet. First drain the willow-covered ground, then cut them short off and afterwards strip down the bark of stumes and do not allow a green sprout to thrive. (2) We know of no other way than to pasture unringed hose on the calamus patch, or to dig up and destroy the roots. Draining will also help.

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TREATMENT FOR SMOKED MEAT.—Please tell me how to treat smoked meat to prevent it from spoiling. The files and little black bugs cause ours to spoil at once although we sail it six or eight weeks before smoking; then, after sufficient smoking, wrap it in cloth. This year we put borax on it, yet the peats got on it.

A.—After smoking, make a paste of vinegar and cayenne pepper and coat the hams with this paste. Then slip the meat in a tight paper sack, an old flour sack is good, and tie up tight so that files and other insects can't get in. Keep these pests out and you will have no trouble. Store in a cool, dry place.

TOMATO BLIGHT.—Please give me remedy for tomato blight. Would appreciate any advice you can offer on this subject. Mess. E. T. S., Ansted, W. Va.

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A.—There are so many kinds of tomato blight that we cannot tell best means of control of the kind with which you are troubled. See article on Tomato Blight in another column of Modern Farmer in this issue.

KILLING WILLOWS.—Please tell me how to kill out a patch of willow bushes. I can't kill the willows out of my bottom land. (2) How can I kill out a patch of calamus? The large tuberous root of this



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BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

to Insure Having Strong Chicks Next Year

REEDERS should be selected in the fall while the marks of the year's production are evident and may be used for a guide. This, of course, eliminates the pullet from the breeding pen. Let the first year be for eggs only, then select the best birds, and keep then as long as there is reasonable production, and a goodly number of strong, healthy chicks can be produced each year.

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Heas will consume during the winter about one ton per one hundred birds. Cabbage or aprouted outs are also very satisfactory. The green food problem may be greatly simplified by using clover hay or at least part clover hay for litter. Where clover is home grown, it is not an expensive form of litter, as the heas recover all the food value in the leaves, and the stalks are even better than straw. A fresh grass and clover sod, is, of course, the best source of summer green food.

Sour skim milk seems to be the most satisfactory single food that we have for poultry of all ages. When fed to breeding stock during the winter, better egg production, higher fertility, higher hatchability, and stronger chicks may be expected. Results will warrant paying at least one cent and sometimes two cents per quart for the breeding stock.

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be such that the sun may reach every part of the house at some time during the day, and provide an abundance of ventilation without drafts in all kinds of weather. Sunshine is the best disinfectant, and fresh air the best tonic. Do not crowd breeding stock: allow four square feet of floor space or over to each bird. Allow the breeding stock to run out of doors wery day in the year, but make the house so much more comfortable that they will not care to go out in bad weather. Clean litter in the houses, and a sheltered run outside, will encourage exercise.

Feed for the breeding stock need not be so different from that for the laying stock, except that the protein in the mash may be reduced, and a large proportion of whole grain fed. The ration should be quite bulky and rather low in beef scrap. The method of feeding is quite as important as the kind of food used. Scatter the grain in clean, dry litter, and keep the mash always before the birds. Use every possible means to encourage the birds. Use every possible means to encourage the birds. Use every possible means to encourage the birds to work.

Green food in some form is necessary every day in the year. Mangels are perhaps the most convenient and the cheapest form of green feed.

Yours in faith and love,

BLACKWATER, Mo.

This morning the thought came to me—how many for sonsider what we write in our letters to our friends? What is a real letter? What is the kind of roceive? Does it pay to put a three-cent stanp on a lot of nonsense when we have said nothing of the creeded a word of faith and comfort they need it now and if ever our friends ever we needed to get down to real Christianity we need to get down to real Christianity we need to faith and comfort they need it now and disappoint we need to four war froubles. If you are said and disappointment on the faces of our friends, with the protein in the mash may be reduced, and a large proportion of feeding is quite as important as the kind of food used. Scatter the grain in clean, dry litter, and keep the mas

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

I, too, have been thinking of writing to this corner but like many of the others, waited until I needed help. How many of the sisters have a deaf child? My little boy, four years old, is deaf and we are very foolish about him. I talk to him just as much as though he could hear so he will learn lip reading. Will some of the sisters having a deaf child in an oral school, please write to me. I want to place him in a school by the time he is six but I do not want to send him to the sign school. I want him to learn to talk. Please help me.

Mas. C. B. WOMACK.

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Do let me hear from some of you, I would be more than pleased. With love to all the sisters,
I remain,-tovingly,

(Miss) LOUISE A. BLUMENDERO.

DEAR MRS. Withkinson and Sisters:

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Out of Her Travail

By Myra Williams Jarrell

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T ain't as if you was needed, Stevie," Mrs. Simmons' voice was high-pitched and quavering, "for there's surely enough young fellows without you." "Now, Mother, what if all the other fellows' mothers talked that way? "There'd be the older men, Stevie." They're the ones as ought to go. Their lives are pretty near through, and they'd ought to go, and leave the flower of the land, them that's got to make the future for the country." Her tone was that of one repeating an aphorism she had made her own.

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"It's the fellows that are going to fight who are going to make the future of this country. Mother, and I'm going to be one of them."

"But, Stevie, you ain't of draft age yet. If the war keeps on, as folks say it must, they'll get you next year. Better wait, honey. That will give you another year of schooling. I want that you should get an education, Stevie. Your father and I planned and saved for that from the time we knew you was coming. We'd not had a chance ourselves, and we wanted that you should. It wasn't easy to save. Your father's shoulders got a little more bowed every year.

The boy was twisting his hat in his hands, and his face expressed regret and pain, mixed with determination. He was a comely lad, straight and strong and tall. His eyes, a dark hazel, dark-lashed, his features almost classic in their perfection.

"I know Mother" he cried "I've known, yague-

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"I know, Mother," he cried, "I've known, vaguely, always, that you and Father had made tremendous sacrifices for me, and I've wanted to show you that—I—knew."

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Her shoulders drooped, and the tears slowly trickled down her wrinkled cheeks.

"Oh,—there,—Mother." He put his arm awkwardly around her bowed form.

"You won't go, will you, Stevie? You'll stay with me, won't you? I'll be all alone if you go." She reached up with tremulous fingers, and smoothed his dark hair.

"Katherine will be near you."

"Oh, but Katherine is nothing to me, not much, any way,—just a neighbor, and she can't take your place, Stevie."

"You make it hard for me, Mother." The protest burst from his lips, and shaking off the hands that would have held him, he jumped to his feet, and began to pace the floor.

His mother fell to weeping, not noisily,—not with absolute abandon, but hopelessly, drearily.

The boy paused by the window. Outside, the breath of Spring made lovely the view. The apple tree was bursting with blossom, prodigal with its fragrance. The robins, which had nested there since his early boyhood, were busily preparing the nest for the oncoming family, the mother bird fussing with the male over the placing of the straw, while underneath was the deep chirp of maternal contentment.

Beyond the stretch of trees a little way off, was the stream where he had learned to swim, and which even now glinted like a silver thread between the foliage.

All was peace and quietude. Suddenly the war seemed far off, not a part of his experience or of his time. Within the little sitting-room, his mother's weeping had subsided into choking sighs. Across the yard, and into the next one, where as a child he had made mud pies and played keep house, he caught the filtr of a pink skirt near the big rosebush. He drew a deep sigh.

Here, in this quiet little place, where he knew even the town dogs, life was sweet and peaceful and uneventful. Over There,—his ear caught the sound of martial music. From the window he could look across to the town

a duty to my country
I owe you."
"But your education, Stevie. Your Father and

"No red-blooded fellow is going to stay at home for an education. I'm not anyway. Why, the experience over there will be worth more than all the college education in the world. Besides, the fellow that don't go, is going to spend all the rest of his life explaining WHY he stayed at home!"

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"We didn't have to get into this," complained his mother. "I voted for Wilson because he'd kep' us out of war. It wasn't our fight."

"Oh, Mother, let's don't hash that all over again! I can't seem to make you understand that it's the fight of everybody and every nation, that believes in the right of the individual, and the common laws of decency and humanity!"

"But it's not your fight, anyway, Stevie, 'not till next year. Oh, say you'll wait! Don't go now! How'll I ever stand it!"

"You'll stand it just like thousands of other mothers are standing it," he told her shortly. The next day he told her gently that he had enlisted, and would have to stay at the Fair Grounds, which had been converted into a temporary camp, until the company was ordered elsewhere.

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Her heart nearly stopped beating, but the tears seemed dried. A dull apathy seized her, an apathy which gave place occasionally to bursts of resentment toward the President, toward the Government, and toward the Allies,—all of the sources that had contributed to her misery.

The little town awoke to the fact that it was an integral part of the great whole. Sectionalism died overnight, and from its death-throes was born Nationalism, which later grew and expanded, and developed into Internationalism.

Men who had had petty differences in the past, met and clasped hands, and discussed the war and its probable effect upon the world, commercially and spiritually.

A Chapter of the Red Cross was organized, and there, at first, until the plans had become concrete and efficiency the watchword, so that it became a business, just like any other wellorganized business, the women mingled tears with work, as the talk went on, about "My Boy," for scarcely a family in the town but had been touched in some close way.

Mrs. Simmons held herself aloof from it all,—aloof from her neighbors and friends. Stevie was at home a short time each day, looking handsome and soldierly in his uniform. But there seemed to be no common grounds upon which they could meet. She never asked him a question about his military duties, and he vouch-safed no information. She would ask if he had enough blankets to keep him warm, and if he got enough to eat. There were always cookies and doughnuts and ples for him when he came, which he devoured with a boy's voracious appetite.

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He usually took time to sit at the piano and pound out a few of his favorite tunes, before going back to camp, and sometimes, in his lusty young voice, to sing "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

The camp was only a few blocks distant, and in the early dawn, when she heard reveille, she she knew.

One day she overheard a conversation between two women about a young fellow in the town who had not enlisted. "He invited my Emily to the picture show the other night," confided one of them, "but she told him coolly that she didn't like the color and cut of his clothes."

"Did you know that the two Jimkins boys had enlisted?" asked the other.

"No, you don't say so. That's pretty hard on their mother. Neither one's old enough to be drafted. How does she take it?"

"Oh, she's proud of them. Says she can stand to serve their country."

"That's the right spirit," and the other one sighed. "I don't know whether I could be that brave or not, if I had a son."

Mrs. Simmons listened dully. TwO sons! How would it feel to divide the anxiety? But, then,



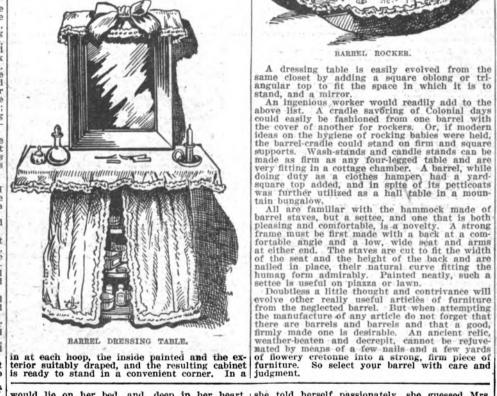
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SURPRISING number of pieces of very useful furniture can be made from the barrel that has been put out in the barr or woodshed because you could not think of anything else to do with it and hated to throw it away. Besides the straight, and if the truth must be told, rather uncomfortable chair and the round stand that writers on household subjects have described for years, an ingenious person can manufacture the nicest sort of little sewing chair with rockers, a unique divan and a really elaborate looking dressing-table that would delight the heart of any young girl, as well as several other useful things.

The rockers of the chair are constructed from the halves of the cover of the barrel, the bottom being needed of course to hold the staves in place. When such a chair is covered with chintz it is very attractive indeed. (See illustration.) The divan is made by cutting two barrels off as for the old-fashioned barrel chair and connecting them with a board which supports a cushion. Across the back, a board is run from the two upright portions making a low back. When this is cushioned and suitably covered, the humble origin of this piece of furniture is very hard to detect. (See illustration in heading.)

A corner cupboard or cabinet can be evolved from the frame of another barrel. The staves are removed from nearly one half leaving the top, bottom and hoops intact. Shelves are put



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She had heard it rumored that they were soon to leave. Wherever she went nothing else was talked of but the war and "Our Boys." She stayed at home as closely as possible, but being one of the old-fashioned women who believed in going to market, she sometimes ran onto people she knew.

One day she overheard a conversation between

kitchen the drapery might be omitted and the closet be used for pots and pans. With a drop curtain it would make a convenient catch-all for the living-room, while mounted on a cheese-box pedestal it would do duty as a china cabinet.



BARREL ROCKER.

A dressing table is easily evolved from the same closet by adding a square oblong or triangular top to fit the space in which it is to stand, and a mirror.

An ingenious worker would readily add to the above list. A cradle savoring of Colonial days could easily be fashioned from one barrel with the cover of another for rockers. Or, if modern ideas on the hygiene of rocking babies were held, the barrel-cradle could stand on firm and square supports. Wash-stands and candle stands can be made as firm as any four-legged table and are very fitting in a cottage chamber. A barrel, while doing duty as a clothes hamper, had a yard-square top added, and in spite of its petticoats was further utilized as a hall table in a mountain bungalow.

All are familiar with the hammock made of

would lie on her bed, and, deep in her heart, curse the man whom she considered had taken her boy away from her.

And again at night, when taps was sounded, she would sit by her window and strain her eyes in the darkness toward the place where her treasure was,—picturing him to herself, sleeping on a cot, rolled in a blanket, in a tent, while, in the room next to hers, was his soft, comfortable bed.

Sometimes she would go into his room, and slip down on her knees by the bed, and touch the pillow where his dear head had been wont to lie. "Oh, my God," she would murmur, with dry lips, "how can I stand it, how can I stand it!"

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"Yes, Mother."

He sat down beside her, and was silent a few minutes. "You know," he finally began, "that I have gone into this thing because I could not do anything else and keep my self-respect. Would you have me ashamed of myself?"

She made no answer. "I—it would be easier for me if you'd just say once that you thought I was right.—If you'd just smile at me once, the way some of the other fellows' mothers smile at them. I think—I think I'd fight better."

"I don't want you to fight!" The words were mearly shrieked. "I don't want you to go over there and get killed or maimed or crippled! I want you to stay at home with me! If President Wilson had done what he—"

"Stop!" She looked up bewildered at the harshness of his tone. It wasn't her boy, her Stevie, speaking like that. "I won't have you saying things of that sort. You're unpatriotic. Besides, you'll get yourself into trouble. They'll accuse you of being pro-German,—may even arrest you. They're doing it every day."

"But I AIN'T pro-German. I hate the Germans,—they began all this trouble!"

"Then for Heaven's sake, don't criticize your President."

"He's not my President. I only voted for him because he promised—"

"There you go again! I don't want to get riled up tonight. Please, PLEASE, Mother, try to get right about this thing, for my sake!"

His tone had changed again. It held the pleading note of the little boy,—HER little boy. She turned away that he might not see her tears, the first that had come to her eyes in weeks, as she murmured, "I'll try, Stevie."

"That's a good mother." He bent and brushed her cheek with his fresh young lips, "I'm going to run up to my room a minute, to gather up a picture or two, yours—and—Katherine's."

That night, as she sat in the dusk by her window and listened to taps for the last time, she had the feeling that in the house next door another listener heard. She sighed. "Maybe she thinks she feels bad, but she can't know. Nobody but a mother REALLY knows!"

The next morning she joined the crowd that made for the railroad station. The whole town seemed to have turned out to tell the boys good by, and wish them God-speed.

On her arm was a huge market basket, bulging with good things for her boy. Other mothers passed her, some with tearful eyes, all with quivering lips. On all sides of her she heard, "My boy this," and "My boy that."

A group of boys and girls from Stevie's college drove by in an automobile, laughing and chattering! Her heart steeled toward them, and she thought, "How can they be gay, when Stevie is going to war?"

And somewhat to her own surprise she found herself thinking, as she looked at the young fellows, "Why aren't YOU in the uniform of your country?"

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Oh, who that has heard the sound can ever forget! While life lasts it will echo and re-echo in the heart of every mother of soldiers!

A woman's voice beside her dropped into the regular rhythm of the sound. "Oh, I ENVY you, Mrs. Simmons! How proud you must be to have a splendid young son with the ideals that make him want to follow his flag, into danger, if need be!"

She looked at the speaker without replying But into her heart was being born a new and wonderful thrill, unlike any emotion she had ever experienced. The band was playing the National hymn, and the flag, HIS flag, that he was following, and HER flag, proudly floated in the breeze, as the sound of the marching feet drew nearer.

The crowd burst into loud hurrahs, as the soldiers turned the corner of the station platform, and broke ranks, to find their loved ones before entering the waiting coaches that were to bear them away.

She looked around for Stevie. Katherine, and some of his other girl friends, were grouped to gether, grasping the hand of one boy after another as he passed, but Katherine's eyes, she noted, were searching, as were her own, for the one particularly dear.

She felt a touch on her arm, and turned to find Stevie looking down into her face, apprehension, dread, and a sweet seriousness on his own.

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She stood by, patiently holding the market basket until he took it away from her. He talked and laughed with the young folks, but always his glance came back to her, to assure himself that it really WAS all right with her. A man stopped, and wrung Stevie's hand. "God bless you, lad," he murmured huskily, and then, to her, he commented, "Oh, you brave mothers! You are the army back of the army. Our boys could not keep up with their morale, without you."

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He passed on. She looked again at Stevie, and met the serious, questioning look in his sweet eyes, the eyes of the little boy she had tended and cared for and never failed, until now, in his most trying hour. "Give me strength, dear Father," her heart cried. But her boy did not know, for she smiled, and he was content.

The order was given to fall in and go aboard. Stevie hastily told his girl friends good by. He looked into Katherine's eyes, long enough to read the answer to the question in his, the answer, "Yes, I will wait," and then he turned to his mother.

She kissed him, She put her tremulous hands up to his smooth young cheeks. She smiled and whispered, "It's all right, Stevie. You'd ought to your country needs you. Don't worry about me. I'll get along. Good by—"

Stevie leaned from the car window and wavel, as the train pulled out. His mother stood when he had left her, and waved to him, and smiled. She turned to go home. HOME! She knew that the house was empty now. She knew that she would have to bear it to see the music on the piano, where he had left it, only the evening before. She knew that she would have to hers, to see the pillow where his head had lain. "O Father, give me strength, give me courage," she whispered.

The woman who had spoken to her as she had listened to the sound of marching feet was beside her, frankly wiping the tears from her eyet. "Oh, you wonderful woman," she cried, "how proud you must be, to be the mother of a soldier?"

Then the thrill which had so recently been born to her, out of the travail of her soul, spoke in the simple words,—"Yes, I AM proud to have a boy to serve his country!"

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The best-paid soldier in the world wears khall and a grin, follows Old Glory wherever she goes, and fights like a demon. His appearance on the field has heartened the brave soldiers of our Allies, and with his help they will teach the Kaise to spell d-e-f-e-a-t.

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1415.—Boys' Blouse Suit with Straight Trousers and with or without shaped band. White linen, with blue linen for trimming is here shown. The blouse has a simple coat closing, and a rolled collar, with low neck opening. The trousers are made with side closing.

Cut in four sizes; three, four, five and six years. It requires two yards for the blouse and one and one eighth yard of 27-inch material for the trousers for a three-year size.

2192.—Dress for Elderly Ladles. This style is lovely for satin, silk, crepe, gabardine, serge and broadcloth. The fronts are finished with vest portions.

Cut in seven sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires six and one eighth yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch

eighth yards of 36-inch material for a size.

2205.—A Practical Work Garment. This will be ideal for khaki, percale, chambray, gingham, linen or lawn.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34 inches bust measure; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46. Size medium requires six and one eighth yards of 36-inch material.

2212.—An Ever-Popular Model. Khaki cloth, serge, cheviot, mixed suiting, linene, drill, gingham, voile, repp and poplin are nice for this model.

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Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 requires three and one half yards of 44-inch material.

2281.—A Neat House Dress. The model here portrayed has reversible fronts, and may be made with the sleeve in wrist or elbow length. Linen, khaki, drill, percale, lawn, dimity, cashmere and flannelette may be employed, but the wash fabrics are most satisfactory for service and laundering. Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and one half yards of 44-inch material.

2317 Waist; 2313 Skirt.—A Good Costume for General Wear. The Waist Pattern (2317) is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure.

The Skirt Pattern (2313) in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. A medium size will require for skirt and waist five and five eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2339.—A Stylish Gown. Satin, serge or velvet will be good for this model. The vest, cuffs and collar could be of contrasting material, or embroidered in pretty colors.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires seven and one fourth yards of 36-inch material.

2359.—A Simple, Practical Model. The front closing makes adjustment easy. The sleeve may be in either of the two lengths portrayed. The dress is a one-piece model, with the fullness confined under the belt.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six yards of 36-inch material.

2359.—A Simple, Practical Model. The front closing makes adjustment easy. The sleeve may be in either of the two lengths portrayed. The dress is a one-piece model, with the fullness confined under the belt.

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2414.—A Popular Model. The smart belt, with pockets combined, will be found of much use. The sleeve may be finished in wrist or elbow length. This style makes a splendid "service" uniform. It is suitable for khaki, galatea, gingham, linen, drill or percale.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

2472.—A Very Practical Set of Undergarments. Here we have a comfortable underwaist, a very practical bloomers' pattern and a two-piece petticoat. The pattern comprises all three styles, and is cut in six sizes; two, four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight requires for the waist, seven eighths yard; for the bloomers, one and three fourths yard; for the petticoat, one and five eighths yard of 36-inch material.

2515.—Here is a Simple, Comfortable Coat Style. It is easy to develop and good for satin, silk, pique, as well as cloth, serge, mixtures, plush, velvet and other cloakings. The fronts are lapped at the closing.

Cut in five sizes; six, eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 will require three and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

2520.—A Very Attractive Model. This is nice for linen, gingham and other cotton fabrics, also for serge, jersey cloth, gabardine, voile, crepe, satin, silk and velvet. The belt is separate and

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Cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. Size 24 requires three and seven eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2521.—A New Shirt Waist. For a simple tallored style, this model is ideal. It slips over the head. The sleeve may be in wrist or elbow leaveth.

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Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires three yards of 27-inch material.

2523.—A Pretty Combination. Soft batiste, dimity, lawn, crepe, silk and washable satin may be used to make a pretty and dainty garment. Cambric, nainsook and longcloth are stronger and give better service. Flouncing may be used for the flounce on the petticoat.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 will require four and seven eighths yard of 36-inch material.

2526.—A Neat Apron Dress to be Slipped Over the Head, or Closed at the Back. This style is nice for gingham, jean, chambray, lawn, sateen, or alpaca. It is cut in kimono style, and low at the throat, where it may be finished with or without a collar, in sailor style.

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2540.—A Dainty Dress. Just the style for soft crepe, satin, charmeuse, voile, marquisette, batiste, gabardine and taffeta. The sleeve may be finished in wrist or elbow length.

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2543.—Simplicity and Grace are Combined in This Model. The waist closes at the left side of the vest, under the broad collar.

Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires five and five eighths yards of 44-inch material.

2545.—A Pretty and Practical Set of Dress and Slip for an Infant. The dress may be of voile, batiste, dimity, lawn, nainsook or silk, with trimming of lace or embrodery. The slip may be of cambric, nainsook, longcloth, lawn or batiste.

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2546.—A Set of Useful Bags. These models may be of cretonne, silk, velvet, ribbon, crepe, denim or satin. No. 2 would make a good laundry bag.

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2558.—Here is Some "Practical Equipment" for Home Defence Against Dust and Soil. The apronand cap may be made of the same material, percale, seersucker, gingham, sateen, khaki or alpaca.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires three and one fourth yards of 36-inch material for the apron and seven eighths yard for the cap.

2559.—A New and Stylish Dress for the Growing Girl. This model is good for gabardine, silk, velvet, checked suiting, gingham, repp and poplin. Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 10 requires five yards of 36-inch material.

2561.—A Pretty Coat for a Little Miss. This is a fine model for velvet, silk, Bedford cord, cashmere, corduroy, serge, broadcloth, bengaline or faille.

Cut in five sizes; one, to, three, four and five

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Women who before the war were painfully idle, are now busy in many lines of conservation, and it is indeed a time of home industries, home dressmaking, home keeping and shome working.

The woman engaged in Red Cross work may be comfortably equipped with a one-piece dress and cap of linen, drill, or gingham or seersucker, made in regulation nurse style with substantial pockets, or, if she prefers a loose-fitting model. There is every variety with or without yokes and collars, and short or long sleeves.

Many women are becoming strong and rosy from working in the garden and vegetable patches, and they will find their labor lightened if suitably clad for the work. Bloomers, knickerbockers, overalls or trousers are practical garden garments, worn with a smock or belted blouse. A good idea is to have pockets in the blouse.

Even the small boy and girl can do their "bit" in conservation, for many willing hands make labor light. Rompers and overalls make good play and work dresses for little folks.

Of course all work and no play would soon dull our faculties, and Fashion does not neglect the social side of life, though all entertaining is modified.

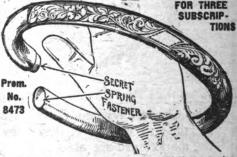
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The bride of today is proud to wear a simple dress of perhaps inexpensive material, and the growing girl who perhaps wears her first party frock will like it quite well in simple volle, dimity or Swiss, with frill of dainty lace or ruffles of material.

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Sibyl's Influence

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Ah! if he could but have known that his father had feared this, and had shrewdly interposed the little something which had detained him at home, he would have rebelled even more than he

had feared this, and had shrewdly interposed the little something which had detained him at home, he would have rebelled even more than he did.

"But you heard from her often, I suppose," suggested Ada innocently.

"Yes, quite regularly, until the week or two before Mrs. Stillman's death, although mother's letters from her dropped off unaccountably, and father never received a word, although the servant at the cottage said she had written to him a number of times. There is something very strange about it all," Raymond said, gloomily, "but nothing so strange to me as the coolness and reserve which characterized all her letters to me after the first three or four weeks—they were so different from Sibyl's usual frank, open manner of writing."

"I had the impression, Mr. Prescott, that Sibyl was always very reserved," Ada said.

"Not to me," he answered, quickly, "at least, not after we came to an understanding. She was very shy before that, but afterward, all that my heart could desire, though I admit she had a reticent, stately bearing toward those with whom she was slightly acquainted."

"And you never observed anything of this reserve toward you until she left you to go to Barmouth; you are sure there was nothing of it while she lived in Algeria street?" Miss Therwin asked, thoughtfully.

"No, there was nothing of the kind beyond her steady refusal to become my wife, but I think I could have overcome that in time."

"Strange! You do not suppose—"

Miss Therwin began bravely enough, but stopped suddenly, seemingly covered with confusion.

"Well, what am I to suppose?" he asked, turning to look at her.

"Excuse me—nothing. This is a very delicate subject for any one to discuss with you, and I should never have presumed to say what I have already said had you not so freely given me your confidence. But what you have just told me about Sibyl's letters and her unaccountable reserve, suggested a train of thought, which, perhaps, it would be very unwise to speak of, for you have my deepest sympathies, and I would not

"If you please, I wish you would tell me just your thought—if there is anything that will ex-plain the mystery, I want to know it," he said,

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"Really, I would prefer not to say any more about it—I ought not to tell you. I have no desire to wound you with only surmisings, which, perhaps, are entirely at fault," Ada returned, in evident distress.

"But I insist, if you will allow me to use the word," Raymond answered, persistently.

"Well, an explanation of what seems so strange to you has suggested itself to me, although there may not be the least foundation for it. You are aware, of course, that I know something of the circumstances of Sibyl's adoption into your family, and I know that she always looked up to you with the greatest admiration and reverence.

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"I have an idea," she went on, "that when you returned from abroad she still thought there could be no one like you in the world—you had been the means of rescuing her from her miserable life at Flamborough Head, giving her every advantage—"

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"Miss Therwin, how did you learn all this about Sibyl? We never have mentioned where we found her, nor aught else regarding her adoption," Raymond interrupted, in surprise.

"Mrs. Stillman told me about it after she found I had overheard that conversation which I have mentioned before. But I have respected the secret, and it has never passed my lips till now," Ada explained, her color rising, for she saw that he was greatly disturbed.

"Well, go on," he said, a little impatiently. "She had never been much into society, consequently had met but very few gentlemen, and when she first consented to be your wife, she believed she really loved you with all her heart, and should be perfectly happy with you as long as she lived. I was afraid I should pain you," Ada said, stopping suddenly, and speaking remorsefully, as she saw him start and grow very white.

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"Well, then, when she went away from you to Barmouth. I have thought it was just possible she may have met some one else who pleased her, and then discovered that the sentiment she had hitherto entertained for you had been purely gratitude, instead of love, and that is why her letters grew so cold and reserved. You were considerably older than she, you know, and she might have met some one nearer her own age who attracted her."

"Miss Therwin, do you know that if what you say is true, you have taken one of my strong pillars—yea, my strongest—from under me?" Raymond exclaimed, in a hoarse, pained voice, and turning upon her a face so white and set that for a moment she was almost frightened. "Forgive me! I told you it would be better for me not to say it. It is only a suspicion, however. Do not allow it to make your faith waver for an instant, for I would not cause you a moment of pain," Ada said, entreatingly.

"Why should I fear," he said, with a slight smile of scorn. "I know that what you suspect cannot be true. Sibyl was always as pure and open as the day. The very sensitiveness and conscientiousness of which you have just spoken, would have led her to confess it to me in the very beginning if her heart had turned from me to another. No, no; I must still have the comfort of believing that she loved me alone, and was true to me until the very end. Oh, Sibyl!"

He stretched out his arms as if he longed to infold her then with a suick-drawn breath that

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He stretched out his arms as if he longed to infold her, then, with a quick-drawn breath, that was almost a sob, he folded them tight across his heaving chest, as if to crush the rebellion within.

"What are you two children talking about so gravely?" asked a voice behind them, and the next instant Lady Prescott stood beside them. Both turned to greet her, and Ada, slipping her hand affectionately within her arm, answered, sadly:

"We were talking of Sibyl, dear Lady Prescott. I cannot be reconciled—I can hardly believe that she is gone even now," and two bright tears trickled over her cheeks while she spoke. Lady Prescott's face grew sorrowful, but she Lady Prescott's face grew sorrowful, but she in the monthly installments of make you a present of the complete story in book form. You show the should be prescotted and the prescott store the monthly installments of make you a present of the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the contract of the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book form. You should be prescotted to the complete story in book of the same decided to the prescotted to the complete story in the following the prescotted to the complete story in the cape may be worn separately, the coat collar serving as a collar

made no reply, as others of their party, joined them at that moment, while Raymond, turning abruptly away, went a little farther down the shore to regain command of himself.

For Miss Therwin's shot had been a telling one, notwithstanding Raymond's proud assertion that he knew Sibyl had been true to him as long as she had lived.

He became moody and silent, he withdrew himself as much as possible from all companionship, he could not rest night or day, and at last hetoo, grew to fear that perhaps after all Sibyl might have mistaken gratitude for love.

As soon as they returned from their tour upon the Continent, he made a secret trip to Barmouth, to visit the places where she had been last, and to make some indirect inquiries as to the way in which she had spent her time and with whom.

He interviewed some fishermen regarding the sad fate of the "young lady who had been drowned there during the summer." All were high in their praises of the "beautiful leddy, who went for a walk every day, and the fine gentleman along with her."

He went to the little cottage and visited every room, sat in the chair where she had last sat, touched the plano from which her fingers had brought forth sounds of melody and praise. He plucked some withered leaves and buds from the climbing rosebush that had shaded the window in her own pleasant room, and picked up a card which lay upon the floor that doubtless had last been in her own white hands.

But he started back with blanching cheek and throbbing heart, when, on turning it over, he read in bold, clear characters the words:

"Miss Sibyl Stillman, with the compliments of a friend."

There had been a "friend," then, and judging from the handwriting that friend had been a man.

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Who was he, and where was he now? How had he been affected by the young girl's death, and if he had been a lover, why had he not presented himself when Sir Athelstone came down to the place?

Raymond sought the woman who had charge of the house and questioned her.

"Yes," she said, "Miss Sibyl had often had a companion during her walks—a tall, slim, lighthaired gentleman, with blue eyes, and a great yellow mustache; he used often to come to the house and read to her and listen to her music, and he always brought her beautiful flowers, fruits, books and music, and if she was any judge of such things, he had thought a heap of the beautiful lady. No, she had never heard his name, though he had often come to the kitchen door to bring fish and game, but once or twice in passing through the hall she had heard Miss Sibyl call him 'my lord.'"

Had Miss Stillman appeared happy and contented?" Raymond asked, with darkening brow and firm, set lips.

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"No, she could not say that she had been over and above happy after the first two or three weeks; she had seemed as if something weighed to her mind, and was pale and sad most of the time, but she had been faithful as an angel to her mother, deeming no attention too hard or wearisome to bestow upon her, and she was that kind and gracious to the servants, that there was not one but worshipped the very ground she walked on."

It took Raymond several days to find out all this, but he had come with the determination to learn everything he could, and he did not to learn everything he could, and he did not to learn everything he could, and he did not to the last degree of endurance by what he heard.

The last day of his stay he went once more to that fatal ledge which had been her favorite resort, and here alone, and screened from all observation, he gave way to the mighty grief that mastered him.

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Some one younger and more attractive than himself had won the love that would have made earth like heaven to him, and her sensitive heart had reproached her for the unintentional wrong she had done him in engaging herself to him, and then discovering, after all, that she had not really loved him.

He did not blame her—he knew she was truth itself but he grieved that she had not trusted him enough to tell him all about it, when he would gladly have suffered almost any torture rather than that she should be unhappy.

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School girls may be comfortably clad in wash dresses, and amply protected in cold weather by warm undergarments and a warm outer wrap. For this latter there is nothing so suitable as a cape coat, of cheviot or wool mixtures, or of some pile fabrics, corduroy or serge too could be used, but should be lined for warmth.

1270.—Childs' Overalls. These little overalls or rompers are equally suitable for boys or girls, and allow of perfect freedom of motion while at play. The garment fastens on the shoulders and is supplied with pockets enough to suit even the small boy.

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2203.—This style makes a splendid work dress. It has simple lines and is easy to develop. The pockets may be omitted. Linen, khaki, gingham, chambray, drill, seersucker and percale may be used for its development.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires six and one fourth yards of 44-inch material, with three fourths yard of 27-inch material for the cap. The skirt measures about two and three eighths yards at the foot.

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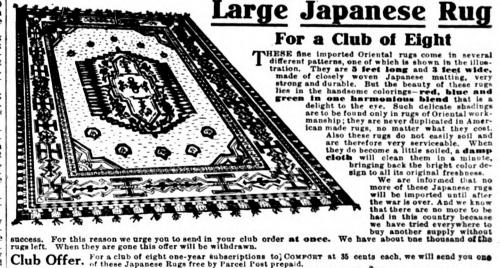
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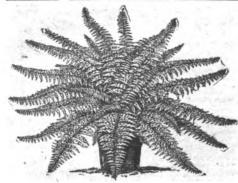
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CHAPTER I.

SETTING STARTED.

ACK Wallace and I had decided to trap!
A touch of winter was in the air; the
dry leaves were heaped in piles and gave
forth a rustle when stirred by the wind.
Fur was beginning to prime and I had explored the small streams in search of dens and
signs. With tracks a-plenty there were prospects
of a good catch, but since we never had made a
set, we were somewhat puzzled as to the best
methods to employ.

Jack was a neighbor boy, just sixteen. I was
younger. The Wallace farm adjoined ours. On
these we were going to test our skill with skunk,
mink, raccoon, muskrat and the various fur
bearers.

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"I got three traps," my companion announced, exhibiting them. "Could you get some?"

"A few," was the reply. "Father found seven in the shed. They are rusty——"

"Let's get some of the rust off so they will work."

With a piece of brick and kerosene we so on had our outfit working as well as could be expected. Two of the traps would not work, but having no money, we had to make the best of things. In fact we felt sure we would get some fur and then later buy what we needed.

About mid-October we made our first sets. They were along a creek at holes in the bank where signs were numerous.

"Huh!" Jack grunted, With a piece of brick

soon had the skin on a board and hanging in the barn.

Six more pelts were captured that week. We worried, however, over the traps that had been sprung but which had nothing in them. That Sunday, however, Jack came running over with an article he found in a magazine, showing how to take the yrarious animals and market their furs to advantage. "It's just what we need," he said, "for it tells the reason why so many of our traps are empty. In the first place, all muskrat sets ought to be in about three inches of water so as to catch by the hind legs. They are stronger and longer than the front ones. Further, it gives a list of baits for each animal. At says here that for muskrat decoys we ought to use apples, carrots and turnips. You can bet I am glad Aunt Jane subscribes to "Comfort" and has the old issues. I will look them all up and then we are bound to have better luck."

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were for muskrat. Later we found out that mink often visit the various dens in search of food and the one we had taken simply blundered into the trap. Not long afterward we caught another also which the local dealer pronounced as "cottom."

"What's cottom?" we asked.

"That," said the buyer, "is a grade of mink with the under hair white or nearly so. If you dip the pelt in water you can more readily see. You will notice," he continued, "that the fur looks almost white and the tips black—a sort of a spotted effect. Other mink show a dark brown, as a rule, when tested as I have explained."

Ice had formed on the creek, not thick, but strong enough to prevent the animals getting into our traps when set at the foot of slides. Again, we obtained information from an old pelt hunter who said we should put a small bag of coarse salt under each set, for this would prevent freezing unless the weather was very cold. When we tried it, the plan worked successfully and we got several more skins.

By this time the muskrats became wary—or at least they seemed that way to us. With unbaited traps we caught very few. However, by using some small apples, we succeeded in taking eleven. Our method was to select a place not too deep and where the current proved strong enough, so that the ice would not bother. Then, on sticks inclined slightly, we put the decoy just above the water. The vegetables, of course, were guarded by steel traps.

As the season advanced we had to make most of our sets in deen

"Yes," was the reply. "Only where shall we sell?"
"In the village, if we wish, to Sam Wolf. He buys furs, but he doesn't pay very much. Let's pick out one of the advertisers in "COMFORT' and give him a trial."
"Good," was my answer.
Accordingly, we hurried home and from the publication selected a concern which from their talk certainly seemed to be fair and liberal. We sewed the pelts in a gunny sack, after having put our name and address inside the package, together with the number of skins and kind. Then we wrote the dealer and asked him to send a check.

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A couple of weeks after we placed our first traps, we took a large mink. We did not understand why this happened, since all our sets.

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With trembling fingers, Wallace opened the letter. It contained several dollars more than we actually expected and more than we should have received from our local dealer. "Now for the hardware store and some traps," I shouted. "Come on."

We lived about a mile and a half from town, but the distance soon was covered. There we selected a dozen and a half Number Ones and six "jumps" of the same size. The merchant gladly cashed our check and gave us the remainder. This Jack and I divided before starting home. The money jingling in our pockets made pleasant music as we tramped across the fields.

To be continued.

The Girl He Loved

(continued prom page 8.)

the sake of saying something, for five minutes more or less would make a difference in the night's work. But they lost it, for at Paddington a short man in shooting-clothes hailed Gordon loudly from a waiting-room.

"My dear chap!" he cried effusively, "where have you been?"

"How are you?" said Adrian hurriedly. "I've been—you heard about Leyallion?"

"If forgot," the man returned awkwardly. "But I wanted to see you. Come here a second," and he drew the reluctant Adrian into the cloak-room.

"Hang him!" said Tommy, dragging Jacobs after them by his chain. "Now we'll be all night."

For he knew well enough who the man was. A certain distinguished general who could not be shaken off till he had his say.

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"Want," he muttered. "Come over opposite." There on the blind opposite they saw a shadow, dwarfed, ridiculous, but still the shadow of a man.

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"Is' that Mrs. Murray's room?" said Tommy, and Gordon nodded.

"Wait," he said; "she isn't there."

For the man had come to the window, and as he fumbled with the blind it snapped out of his hand and flew up. The next second he dragged it down again, but Tommy had seen him.

"It's the man I saw on the-rock!" he cried trembling.

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"And it's my man of last night," grimly. "Some town friend of Hester's who'd been in the country on an errand she dared not do. So much for you and your cook, Tommy!"

"Aren't you going to do anything?" impatiently.

"How do I know?" white to the lips, "The man we want. Come on."

But he had no need to urge it. Adrian was out of the cloak-room as fast as he could go. The general, being a sensible man in the main, said nothing. Merely stepped to the door and beheld the vanishing figures of Captain Gordon, a boy and a dog, running down the empty platform. For, whoever the man had been, he was gone.

At the street corner the two stared every way in the dull gaslight. There was plenty of footpassengers, and among them the man was lost. Mr. Jacobs stood waving his long white tail, his



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"Come on!" he cried, oblivious of the stout general. "I've seen him."

"Who?" blankly.

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UNSOUND HOCK.—I have a large steer ox that has a knot on his hind leg on the hock joint. It is soft and in working him it seems to swell up and get sore enough to make him limp.

A.—The condition is the same as that which is called bog spavin and thoroughpin in a horse, and rest is necessary while lameness is present. Apply a proprietary absorbent according to directions given by the maker. You can buy it at a drug store. If that does not suffice, blister the part with a cantharides blister, which you can obtain from a veterinarian or druggist.

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Tuberculosis.—Will you give me advice about my cow? Size is thin, although on good pasture. She coughs, and it seems to be down deep. If you suspect tuberculosis, who can make the tuberculin test? There is no veterinarian within twelve miles of here. F. McK.

A.—You might as well kill the cow, as tuberculosis probably is present, and if not there is some other chronic, incurable cause of cough and thin condition, so that the cow is unfit for milk production or beef. If you have a herd of cattle, arrange with the state veterinarian for a tuberculin test of all the animals.

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BLOOD IN MILK.—I have a half Jersey cow, four years old. Her second calf is three months old, and she gives three gallons of milk a day. For the last week she has given bloody milk out of her left front teat. She appears to be all right. What is the cause, and is it safe to use the milk? Her udder is not sore or swollen, but there is something like a large vein in the teat about an inch from the udder.

A.—A growth in the duct of the teat bleeds from irritation at milking time and unless the growth can be removed by a surgeon it would be best to dry off the milk secretion in that quarter. The milk from the sound quarters is safe for use.

SIOK SÖW.—I have a sow with a litter of pier that

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SICK SÖW.—I have a sow with a litter of pigs that are two weeks old. She wouldn't eat, at first, and gave nothing to the pigs. She got better and began to eat and milk came for the pigs. After two or three days she became deaf and staggered. Her tongue projects from her mouth and she coughs a little.

MRS. O. W.

A.—Better wean the pigs and allow the sow the run of a patch of clover or other green pasture. See that the nostrils are clear, if necessary injecting sweet oil or liquid vaseline. We fear, however, that the sow may have tuberculosis, which is common in swine, and incurable.

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COUGH.—I have a four-year-old cow that has a cough. She looks well and is giving two gallons of milk each day. Do you think that she may have tuberculosis? How can I find out? There is no veterinarian in my neighborhood. Is it dangerous to use the milk? (2) I have a hog that coughs all the time and looks bad.

Mas. H. C.

A.—Cough merely is a symptom of irritation and that may be due to any one of a large number of different causes. When a cow has a chronic cough she should be tested with tuberculin, as tuberculosis may be the cause, and the disease is incurable and contagious and makes the milk unsafe for animals or man. As there is no veterinarian in the district, ask the veterinarian of the state agricultural experiment station to tell you of some one who can apply the test. (2) Meanwhile, slaughter the coughing hog and if you find yellow nodules or pus pockets in the lungs or other internal organs, tuberculosis no doubt is present and may have been contracted from the cow if the hog was fed on her milk.

FISTULA OF JAW.—I have a mare four years old last

BLOOD IN MILK.—I have a helfer that freshened, with her first calf, about four months ago. Two or three weeks ago she began to give bloody milk out of the two front teats, when the milking was nearly done. About three weeks ago she slipped and fell on a bridge. It didn't seem to hurt her any.

J. L. C. A.—The injury no doubt caused rupture of small blood vessels in the udder, and recovery should soon take place. Bathe the udders with cold water two or three times a day and milk gently. If bleeding persists, mix one level teaspoonful of powdered copperas and three of salt in the feed each night.

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Nervous.—I have a collie dog. Before a rain and he day it rains she pants and runs up and down the com, following wherever I go. When there is thunder and lightning she wants to jump on some one's ap. When she hears a firecracker she runs away, also then she hears a mouse-trap close.

A.—Make the dog live a natural outdoor life in the pen where he belongs. Do not mollycoddle him in he house, but he probably is ruined by panipering low and there is no remedy in such cases.

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Worms.—What will kill kidney worms in hogs? I have a pig about eight months old that began to be weak in the hind parts and does not grow and is now passing what is called kidney worms. Mrs. R. B. W. A.—Kidney worms do not cause weakness of the loins or paralysis of the hind quarters, as commonly supposed. Those conditions usually are due to rickets or to constipation from overfeeding, stuffing on corn, and lack of exercise. Hogs should advise you to make one dram of powdered sulphate of iron (copperas) in the slop each morning for five consecutive days, for each 100 pounds of body weight of hog. Allow the hog free range on green pasture and also feed slop, omitting cotton-seed meal, which is poisonous to hogs when freely fed for a long time.

Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9.)

out from dawn to dark, from month to month, until in despair they give up the job and go to washing dishes. If you wash dishes you have three meals a day and you won't be obliged to dye your hair at thirty or be thrown on the scrap heap at thirty-five as being too old for your job. The stage, with a few exceptions, wants only youth. After the bloom of youth has commenced to rub off, the actress can go to the devil if those to whom she has to look for employment have not already thrust her there. The dramatic art is a beautiful one, but the vilest wretches who walk the earth use it to defile it and degrade the young, the beautiful and the gifted who seek the stage as a means of obtaining an honest livelihood and as a medium for the expression of the talent that is within them. Dorothy, stay on the farm.

MILLERTON, ORLA

Dear Uncle Charlie:

How I do enjoy your war talks and humor. I am a teacher in the public schools of Oklahoma, and we are doing our bit for Uncle Sam and the great cause of humanity. We have organized a school district consul of defense and everyone has signed the loyalty pledge. I'm going to read your Comfort war articles at our meetings. We have raised funds for the Hed Cross, and have a collection box in the schoolroom for the poor starving children of Belgium. Our children contribute liberally and are deeply stirred by the pictures of these starving little ones which appead deeply to their sympathies. We have a loyalty constitution signed by every child in school prominently displayed. Most everyone here is observing meatless and wheatless days even though they are not short of food. I'm going to work on the farm when school is out. Should like to knit a sweater out of barbed wire for the Kaiser, charge it with gas and electricity and put it on him some cold morning. With best wishes and deep sympathy, from

Delmer, your letter warmed the cockles of my

Delmer, your letter warmed the cockles of my heart. Thank God, there is one spot in the country where patriotism reigns and treason hides its craven head. It is such a relief to find there is one little section of the land where the people are not wholly desirous of handing over their homes to be burned and their women to be raped by Prussian beasts. I don't quite understand what you mean by a district consul of defense, but if that is an improvement on a council of defense, by all means go ahead and make the machine or the organization whiz until you turn out patriots by the thousand. You have a lot of socialists in Oklahoma. Tell them Uncle Charlie says they are to put their patriotism and Americanism above their socialism, until the war is won. It is no good planning for a cooperative commonwealth or an industrial paradise until the worst foe of liberty, socialism and democracy the world has ever known—the Kaiser—is chained up or hanged. His own people will never depose him. Get rid of Prussianism and you can have any kind of world you want, but you can't build industrial democracies under the muzzles of German guns. Russia tried if and now lies impotent and bleeding beneath the Kaiser's heel. Impress this fact on your scholars or they in the near future will be just as hungry. the muzzles of German guns. Russia tried it and now lies impotent and bleeding beneath the Kaiser's heel. Impress this fact on your scholars or they in the near future will be just as hungry, helpless, wretched and diseased as are the poor, helpless, bopeless, starved and outraged children of bleeding Belgium. Good for you, Delmar, work on that farm and work with a will, or next winter our boys in France will be starving. The food problem is a terrible one, but, alas, not until the last loaf is gone will the nation wake up to the fact that the farmer is more important in winning the war than even the soldier. I too would like to put a barbed wire sweater on the Kaiser. I hate to give pain even to an insect, hate to take the life of the lowliest creeping thing, but when I think of a man, or rather a wretch, who has willfully and wantonly without cause or reason, sent millions of helpless humans to death and made millions more suffer horrible tortures, gassing them, blinding them, maiming them, outraging them, merely to satisfy his imperial ambitions and blasphemously doing it all in the name of God, then I say a barbed wire sweater is too good for such an inhuman fiend. Every time the devil thinks of the Kaiser, he blushes for shame.

FOSTER, MO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Do you let old maids of twenty enter your circle? I've been reading letters from the cousins and your witty answers for years. I am living on a farm of 125 acres. My sister and I keep house for our father and brother. Papa bought us girls a plano. I cannot play by note, but I can play anything I can sing. Papa also bought a car this spring. I am going to learn to run it. The first trip I take may be up a telephone pole or in a ditch. I am nearly five feet six inches tall and weigh one hundred and twenty pounds; dark complexion, dark hair and blue eyes and like candy. I've been a telephone operator in two different towns and also do lots of drawing and painting.

Your Niece, HAZEL L. CARE.

test. (2) Meanwhile, staughter the coughing hog and if you find yellow nodules or pus pockets in the lungs or other internal organs, tuberculosis he doubt is present and may have been contracted from the cow if the hog was fed on her milk.

Firstula of Jaw.—I have a mare four years old last spring. She has bad teeth and the jaw bone seems to have been fractured in some way. She has a lump festered and runner upper jaw, the right side being and the jaw healed?

A.—Home treatment will do no good in with a case, but a trained surgeon possibly may be able to rendy the condition by extracting diseased molar teeth and trephining into the sinuses for removal of pus. One always should examine such cases carefully, especially if there is a chronic discharge from the nostrils, as glanders may be present, in which case the horse would have to be destroyed.

Mythical Disease.—What causes the disease among cows commonly called "hollow tail?" (2) Does cotton-seed meal cause cows to nearly go blind when fed just before they freshen, and can the sight be restored?

Mythical Disease.—Bellef in it, in hellow horn and in the signs of the zodiac, is merely a matter of superstition and ignorance. (2) Cotton-seed meals and hulls fed as a well-nigh exclusive ration for 100 days or more generally cause lameness or paralysis and a bloodelect condition of the eyes. Recovery may take place gradually when the animal is properly fed.

BLOOD IN MILK.—I have a helfer that freshened, with her first calf, about four months ago. Two three weeks ago she began to give bloody milk out of the two front tests, when the milking was nearly done. About three weeks ago she slipped and fell on a bridge. It didn't seem to hurt her any.

J. C. A.—The injury no doubt caused rupture of small lood vessels in the udder, and recovery should soon the sease of the two front tests, when the milking was nearly done. About three weeks ago she began to give bloody milk out of the tempton of a dich as the didner of the police. Yes have a defined to the mind the sight

TRINITY, KY.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I have been reading your letters in Comfort and think you are right in a way, and I believe the Allies and America are nearer being right than the Germans, but I believe we are all wrong. Sin started every war that history speaks of, and I believe if we had leadership like Washington and Lincoln, and our leaders would pray as they did and depend on god and not the big guns, we would win don't you? I have a cousin in France, but never expect to see him again but am praying for his soul all the time. I don't think it is right for the government to allow playing cards, novels and story books to be sent to the soldiers, do you? Well Uncle, I never knew much and can't express what I do know. I love America and want her to win. Surely god rules and right wins.

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informed mind to the nutty house in less than a week. The woods are full of such "religious" fanatics as the writer, and the more ignorant they are, the more morbid, fanatical and unhealthy their thoughts, or rather delusions, become. It is exceedingly patriotic and kind of the writer, who, like all of her breed, is too cowardly to sign her name, to admit that America has more of justice and right on her side than Germany, but if you asked her what her beliefs were based on, she could not tell you. If Lincoln and Washington were alive and engineering this war with prayer instead of big guns she thinks everything would be all right. Sometime or somewhere she evidently heard that Lincoln and Washington prayed to God for help against their enemies, but she ignores the vital fact that

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Brown Eyes, Big Sandy, Mont.—We do not think you should hang a service flag in your window because of a soldier boy that you have known for a year. Just write him a nice cheerful letter once in a while, and honor him by working at home to aid him and his comrades who are fighting for all of us.

rades who are fighting for all of us.

E. M., Powder Springs, Ga.—It was certainly the part of your soldier acquaintance to ask if he might write to you. However you need not have snubbed him and spoken so "plainly" that you made him angry. He probably meant well and sinned only through ignorance of better ways. (2) If you find that married women like you better than do girls of your own age, it must be because you have older and more sedate ways than the young people of your neighborhood. Do not worry unless you really lack friends.

C. N., Rome, Ga.—If your escort gets you a glass of water, you should thank him and drink it. It is not necessary to ask him if he cares to drink first.

Brown Eyes and Bluee Eyes. Martinsville, Ind.—

BROWN EYES AND BLUE EYES, Martinsville, Ind.—
Here are two rebellious Hoosier girls who are anxious
to get to be eighteen so that they may go with the
boys as much as they like. We are going to say to
these girls that if they are wise they will do just as
their fathers want them to—before they are eighteen
and afterwards, too.

BLUE EYES, Plum Branch, S. C.—We believe that this girl you write about cares more for you than she will admit. Jealousy is generally a most certain sign of love.

M. V., Rock, Mich.—A young man who put his arms around you would not be taking as great a liberty as if he kissed you. A girl that values her self-respect and the respect of the best sort of men will permit no such familiarities except after she has become engaged to the one man that has a right to her affection. affection

come engaged to the one man that has a right to her affection.

F. J. A., Anthon, Ia.—Soft-boiled eggs may be broken for eating into a glass or china egg-cup, and can be served on the table by placing them—folded in a napkin—in any sort of a small dish. The English eat eggs by removing with a knife the shell from the small end of the egg, and then consume the contents by means of a small egg-spoon. But this last method is an art that requires practice. (2) It is generally best to make your own selection of food when lunching or dining with a man, but if you wish, you may say: "Order whatever you think is good."

RUBYLIPPED RUTH, Cogswell, N. Dak.—We think it would be an easy matter for you to hint to this long-visiting young man that your parents would prefer to have him not stay so long. If he is the right sort he will take it in good part. Nine hours is certainly too long a time for a North Dakota boy to spend in idde dalliance in these busy times. (2) Wearing mourning for a year would be a sufficient token of love and respect in the case you mention.

BLybe Eyrss, Fentuss, Va.—A girl should not ask a young man to call upon the occasion of being introduced to him. Later on, or when leaving him she might say: "I would be glad to have you come and see me some time."

L. M. C., Lebanon, N. H.—Once more we say that

L. M. C., Lebanon, N. H.—Once more we say that there should be no kissing before becoming engaged. A girl should not cheapen herself in this way and allow boys to have liberties they are only too willing to take. (2) Most certainly a girl of sixteen should not write to an unknown soldier of forty-five or any other age, nor should she receive attention from any man against her mother's wishes.

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I. S., College Park, Ga.—Here is another foolish girl—this one is fifteen—writing about kissing and getting married. The thing for you to marry, my dear girl, is a spelling book.

B. H., Brays, Mo.—We think you are wasting time with this young man that has paid attention to you for two years without a hint of marriage. Try a bit of coolness toward him, and encourage the calls of some other Brays boy.

E. M., Bartlesfield, Okla.—Your letter is a very

some other Brays boy.

E. M., Bartlesfield, Okla.—Your letter is a very sensible one, and you were right in not attempting to wear mourning for a long period when you could not bear the expense of a new wardrobe because of being self-supporting. Opinion is becoming more liberal each year upon the question of mourning. Surely anyone you had loved would not want you to suffer want-or even inconvenience—in order to show conventional sorrow before the public.

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Sorrow before the public.

GIBL OF SUNNY IDAHO, Cascade, Idaho.—You are well rid of the attentions of any young man who becomes angry and leaves you when you refused permission to kiss you. You are sensible in refusing to cheapen yourself in this way, and some day the right man will come along who will appreciate your stand.

Two Chums, Island City, Ore.—Why do you "go" with these young men when your parents object? They should do more than "object," and should make you keep away from men older than yourselves—and men who kiss you at every opportunity. Remember you are but schoolgirls yet, and it is only foolish to talk about "proposals."

I. M., Drumright, Okla.—You should not correspond with a soldier boy whom you have never met. (2) No you cannot be engaged to one man and receive attentions from another. This does not mean that you must not be on friendly terms with any other may while your flance is away, but it does mean that you must be careful and do nothing that would cause of an that you must be careful and do nothing that would cause of-fense to the man you expect to marry, or give rise to gossip among those only too ready to talk about your mistakes.

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BROWN-EYED JENNIE, Ida Grove, Iowa.—When you have gone to a party with a young man, it is your part to suggest the time for returning home. (2) A young man who is calling at your house should know when to leave without suggestion from you.

The Girl He Loved

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Tommy clutched his jaws frantically. "Quiet!" he said, through his teeth. On his hands and knees he crawled till he could crawl no farther. A reeking, moldy wall enclosed the landing, and the very silence of death was round

landing, and the very silence of death was round him.

He knew perfectly that it was in houses like this that men were murdered, but he never moved to grope his way to the stairs again. The dog panted in his arms, stiffening fiercely. Suddenly there came a footstep, in his very ear where he crouched against the wall. A man was moving softly on the other side of the partition, and before he could think a door opened back on him, almost crushing him, and if it had been forward it would have taken more than Jacobs to save Tommy Annesley. A man came out, without any bundle, stood while he closed and locked the door. A candle was burning inside, and the light of it shone on him as he deliberately pushed the door to. The next instant, in the pitch-dark, Jacobs sprang, silent as death, and well-nigh as strong.

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some horrible dream. Twice Jacobs lost his hold and got it again. In any other house the people would have swarmed out of every room, but in Bethnal Court lived human wolves, in by day and out by night. With a wild spring the man reached the open door into the court, slipped with a crash on the slimy stones outside; Tommy, tearing down, flew head over heels over him; Jacobs—but the boy knew no more.

And Adrian Gordon stood at that minute in Starr Street, knowing not which way to turn. Tommy and Jacobs were gone, Heaven knew where—and Hester Murray's rooms held no one. She was gone, and he knew she would never come back again. Gone in the clothes she wore, taking her child with her, thinking only of bare life. Warned, somehow, for if she had ever owned that cloak she had taken it with her.

"Better give it up, sir," said the detective—whom he had lost everything by waiting to get; "they've given you the slip."

Gordon stared at him as if he did not see him.

"We've got to find the boy," he said. "There, was a man in there; he must have followed him."

But though all night long the two walked the

But though all night long the two walked the streets, haunted police-stations, asked questions, they found not a single trace of Tommy and Mr.

they found not a single base of Jacobs.

At Sunrise Gordon stood alone on a street corner, for the much-tried detective had struck. He had lost Tommy, had lost Hester and probably that cloak whose useless shred he held in his hands; had probably let slip in his stupidity the only chance he had ever had of saving Ravenel. He shivered in the morning air. For there was a girl in Valehampton Jail who had borne enough. How was she to bear this?

A policeman in plain clothes tapped his shoulder; another, as by a miracle, sprang up in front of him.

of him.

He was arrested as accessory before the fact to the murder of Lord Levallion.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

MR. JACOBS.

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A sound of running feet, a shrill whistle, was what Sir Thomas Annesley dreamed of where he lay on the greasy cobblestones after his somersault; and then a strong hand on his collar that was real, and jerked him into consciousness. A policeman was bending over him and had Jacobs by his chain.

"Hi, sir!" he cried, "do you know your dog's nearly killed a man?"

Tommy stared at him, and saw no one but the policeman, the quivering Jacobs. After everything, had the man got away?

"You've let him go!" he exclaimed, and between his fall and anger turned sick. "Why didn't you come before? I never saw one policeman all the way here."

It is said that every man has his price; it is certain he has his weakness. The policeman's happened to be bull-terriers. A flying glimpse of this one and his master tearing along streets where a well-dressed boy seldom came and a well-bred dog only too often, had sent him after them, though he had not seen they were following any one. In Bethnal Court he came on them. The dog standing over a man who lay on his face, the boy a crumpled heap on the stones.

Policeman Garrety, being a dog-fancier first and an officer afterward, took the chain that trailed behind Jacobs.

The dog never even growled, but came quietly to him as he was ordered.

"That's queer," the man said to himself. "There ain't no 'vicious-dog' business here. That young sprig must have set him on!" He roused Sir Thomas with a less gentle hand than he had laid on Mr. Jacobs. And the boy's first words were angrily, unconsciously authoritative.

"Why on earth couldn't you keep him? Here's everything wasted," he cried. "Go and look for him, quick."

The man laughed.

"I haven't far to go," he said. "You're a bit knocked out still. There's the man," with a

to it, dizzy and sick.

"He isn't dead, is he?" he said sharply, not taking in a word of what the policeman was saying. "I don't want him to die; I want him alive."

The policeman looked at the man on the stones. Six feet in his stockings, girthed like a pony, and this slim-legged kid was coolly remarking that he "wanted him alive."

"He's that, right enough," he observed. "It's French Pete, and he's only knocked out. You'd better tell me what it all means, sir! I've whisted for another man, and the ambulance to take him away," significantly. For if he owned a valuable bull-terrier he would not run the risk of having him destroyed as dangerous on account of carrion like the man on the ground.

"It's who?" said Tommy.

"French Pete!" sharply. If the boy was foolenough to stay, it was his own fault if he lost the dog. Mr. Garrety, for all his uniform, pined to lay hands on him himself.

"Let me see his face," cried Tommy thickly, and as the man turned the unconsclous head in the light of a pocket lantern, Sir Thomas gurgled unintelligibly in his throat.

It was the, man he had seen in the wood, the man he had followed from Mrs. Murray's—and ever since the policeman had called him by a strange name he had been mad with fear that Jacobs had pinned some other man. But this was he. Looked at closely, he was dark-haired, square-chinned, and blue with constant shaving; oddly like a gentleman in the pallor of his faint. The policeman,—on his knees, went through French Pete's pockets with accustomed fingers. "Look!" he said, and held up something. "That's the sort of man he is! Now, what in the world had you to do with him?"

The boy stared, snatched at the dusky object that lay in an immaculate handkerchief, held it to the face on Policeman Garrety's arm.

"It's him!" he screamed.

For the mystery lay before him of who had worn Adrian Gordon's clothes.

He turned wildly on the astounded policeman, "Go upstairs," he cried; "up to the very top. He left a parcel up there: that's why I followed him. It's am." but he said en

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She fumbled in her pocket, found a match, lit it.

"It's him!" she cried, with fierce rejoicing. "and I hope he's dead."

She looked at the senseless boy beside him in his gentleman's clothes, at the dog that ran from her to him and licked his face.

"There's been queer work here!" she thought soberly, for French Pete's torn clothes told their tale. "But they sha'n't find out and kill Jack. They're cruel hard on dogs in London and he wasn't muzzled. They'd take him for that alone."

She was a strong woman; she lifted the boy easily enough, called the dog in a whisper, and went into the house. But not far. A footstep, too well-shod to belong to any of the inmates, caught her ears. She laid the boy flat under the stairs, crawled in beside him with the dog in her arms. After what seemed an hour, the heavy footsteps clumped down over her head and went out. Even then she dared not move. It would take all she knew to get this boy up to her room without having to be quick.

Outside in the court, Policeman Garrety stood dumbfounded. Boy and dog had vanished, but that he had half-expected, and whatever he had found upstairs it was not what he had been told was there. But French Pete, who had lain like a log, was gone, too.

was there. But French Pete, who had lain like a log, was gone, too.

He stumped away, beside the useless ambulance, and was only sure he had not dreamed the whole thing because of a parcel he held under him arm.

CHAPTER XL.

AT THE HINGES OF DEATH.

"Adrian and I! I and Adrian!"

Lady controlled reason to look like a dead women because the concept of the control of the cont

at the window, had to confess that Levallion had assured him that he was mistaken. And in the absence of Sir Thomas Annesley there was no one to prove that woman in the wood had not been Lady Levallion herself. She had certainly left the drawing-room.

The terms on which the prisoners were left no room for doubt; indeed, they had openly discussed the death of Lord Levallion—one of them had made no bones about speaking of poison. And the winding up of the matter was this: In the wood at night the two had arranged matters. Captain Gordon had come down from London unknown to any one but Lady Levallion, had poisoned with laurel water given him by her a bottle of Eau de Vie Magique which he had brought with him—for such another bottle had been found in his London rooms—and had been frightened by Sir Thomas' dog into going away without these two incriminating bottles found in Lady Levallion's bedroom. The prosecution did not mean to say that the guilty pair had foreseen that that night would give them their opportunity—merely that one being put into their hands they had made use of it. Probably Captain Gordon had come merely to see his cousin's wife clandestinely, but that the two had been overcome by temptation could not be doubted.

No one but Lady Levallion could have placed those bottles in her bedroom, as no servant had been away from the others during the evening, and no one of the guests but Lady Gwendolen Brook—who had cleared herself by being able to relate the exact words of a quarrel between Lord and Lady Levallion in the lower hall, a quarrel of which Lacy was also cognizant.

Surely no intelligent juror could doubt which way the evidence tended. As for bringing in an innocent woman like Mrs. Murray, the prosecution had nothing but contempt for so far-fetched a story. If Sir Thomas Annesley had a plece of

the cloak which Captain Gordon, on no evidence whatever, supposed to be Mrs. Murray's, with all the had excellent reason to stay away, and the had been reason to those countless eyes that lost not one line in the flanguage of the period of the range of those countless eyes that lost not one line in the flanguage of the period of the reason of those countless eyes that lost not one line in the flanguage of the period of the reason of these countless eyes that lost not one line in the flanguage of the period of the reason of the search of the reason of these countless eyes that lost not one line in the flanguage of the period of the reason of the search of the search of the reason of the search o

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all the while they used all the guns, big and little, that they could get hold of. The German ambassador to Great Britain admits that the Kaiser in starting this war sinned against the Holy Ghost. As for depending on God and dispensing with guns and soldiers, this is exactly what the Kaiser would love to have us do, and it is this kind of talk that makes these "religious" fanatics so dangerous, and forces our government to send some of them to the pen for twenty years. If the Kaiser, whose troops have slain thousands of priests, nuns, ministers and innocent children, sunk ten hospital ships and aided the Turks to wipe out a million and a half Armenian Christians, could convert us all into a lot of morbid, religious, peace-at-any-price maniacs and get us to scrap our guns, he would have the war won in ten minutes, the United States wiped out of existence, and realize all the devilish ambitions of himself and his blood-thirsty Huns. It is time the writer realized that God Almighty helps only those who help themselves, and he has no use for "religious" loafers who want Him to shoulder their responsibilities and do their fighting for them. God's ways are beyond the understanding of mortals, but in the end they work for righteousness, but God expects you to do your part in fighting evil and making righteousness possible. Here are a few burning words from a sermon-by one of New York's best known Baptist ministers: "That prophet of God who cries peace, peace, when there is no peace, is before God a liar. I say the prophet who evades these moral and spiritual problems (problems raised by the war) is a traitor to his country and is guilty of treason both to God and the people he serves. As for the minister of Christ who has no conviction in these matters he will answer to God for his cowardice when the day of revelation comes, at the Bar of Eternal Justice." If we could win this war with prayer alone, we would do it. We tried and tried in vain, now we must fight wh

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Anxious Girlie, N. C.—Complete your high school course before entering business college and don't stop studying then if you want to be successful. There are hundreds of ordinary stenographers in the world today, but you want to be more than just "ordinary," don't you?

you?

BLUE BELL, Montana.—Your penmanship is above the average, but I question your mentality. When a thirteen-year-old girl tells me she is so much in love with a fifty-year-old man and thinks about him so much that she forgets everything her mother tells her to do, I really don't know what to think about her. If Methusekah were alive today I suppose you'd lose your senses entirely over him. Think about your studies for a few years and by that time you will know more than you do now.

DESPERATE Paducah Ky.—Don't index your father.

DESPERATE, Paducah, Ky.—Don't judge your father too harshly. He has your welfare at heart and is acting as he thinks best for your own interests. You might explain your own side of the question to him and in the meantime don't take too serious a view of the matter. When you are a little older, doubtless he will allow you more freedom.

he will allow you more freedom.

SEGO LALY, Salt Lake City, Utah.—Bathing at beaches in't considered improper, so suit yourself about giving it up. It is rather unusual to object to a man because he has money, and your father shouldn't regard that as a fault—provided it is honest money. Your letter shows remarkable intelligence and you have done extremely well in the way of educating yourself, but don't regard as "plebian" people who haven't had the advantages of a college education. There is some good' in everyone and—"kind hearts are more than cornets,"—and diplomas, with all due apologies to Tennyson.

to Tennyson.

GREY BYES, Va.—You should have signed yourself "Greedy Grey Eyes." I'm glad all my girls aren't like you. I'd scold more than I do now if they were. Your fiance doesn't like to have you receive attentions from other men while he is in France, but you say you write to him every day and think he "had orter be satisfied." What if you do write to him every day? That is the very least you can do when he is risking his life every day for you. And to make matters worse, you say there is a married man always "hanging around" ready to take you to "picknics." Of course his wife is always hanging around with him, or don't you accord her any more consideration than you do your soldier sweetheart? If you must have a "feller" in the absence of your fiance, can't you find an unmarred man?

BOBEY B., Va.—Your sweetheart carried out his

an unmarred man?

BOBBY B., Va.—Your sweetheart carried out his part of the agreement when he tried to enlist and isn't to blame because he couldn't pass the examination, and now it is up to you to carry out your promise of not writing to the French soldier. Haven't you you some unattached girl friead that will take him off your hands for you?

MAN HATER, N. C.—Don't hate men, my dear, just don't notice them for a few years. Tell the boy to buy Thrift Stamps with his money instead of sending you candy and stationery.

GOLDEN LOCKS, N. C.—Only fourteen years old.

buy Thrift Stamps with his money instead of sending you candy and stationery.

GOLDEN LOOKS, N. C.—Only fourteen years old, pretty and can dance, swim, row, drive a car and play the plano, yet is tired of such a monotonous life but can't withdraw from society because the boys say they will lose all their enjoyment. That doesn't sound at all monotonous to me, but if you want some new thrills you might try flying or, possibly, if you went to work at seven or eight dollars a week, the way hundreds of girls are obliged to, you'd be so busy trying to make that sum cover board, room, clothing and incidentals, that you wouldn't have time to worry about the monotony of your present life. Why not try war work for a change? Hay rides may be proper enough but they must be uncomfortable if one is afficted with hay fever, but 1.30 A. M. is too late for fourteen-year-old girl to be out on any kind of a ride. BILLIS, N. C.—You were not to blame because there wasn't enough gasoline but you were too blame for going. You are too young for such amusements and your mother should spare tme from her social duties to give you a mother's care.

ALMOST DISCOURAGED, Ark.—Why not have a real

almost Discouraged, Ark.—Why not have a real heart-to-heart talk with friend husband and let him understand that you are not obliged to stay with him and be mistreated by him or his people, for surely you can earn your own living. Don't be a doormat and the chances are he will think all the more of you when he realizes that there is danger of losing you. If you don't want to leave him, and feel that you can't live away from him, why stay there and be just as patient and good as you can and perhaps in time he will realize what a treasure he possesses and treat you accordingly.

PUNY NOSE, Iowa.—Don't feel badly because you don't understand me—you are not the only one who doesn't. No, a sixten-year-old girl shouldn't "go" with a boy of twenty-four or any other age, but most of them do in spite of my advice to the contrary. How much should a girl flirt with a boy and could she go too far? If a girl doesn't flirt, there can be no danger of her carrying it too far, so don't flirt, but if you must, don't do it by winking.

AMETTOME Ft. Valley, Ga.—Why worry because you

Amerrious, Ft. Valley, Ga.—Why worry because you see no way to get a college education? Since you are only twelve years old now, you should devote all your energy into getting a high school education and trust to luck and hard work for the college education when it is time for it. Lots of nice things can happen in four years.

MINE AND IRE, La.—Say that again, please. I don't think I understood it the first time. Do I think it wrong for eighteen-year-old girls to wear rompers? No, it isn't wrong, but it isn't being done this year and people will surely talk if you do. Sure you don't mean overalls?

overalis?

E. W., West Terre Haut, Ind.—From the tone of your letter I think your husband is justified in being jealous, though he shouldn't be cruel and call you "awful names." Stop thinking about this man whom you think loves you and be a better wife and mother.

B. P., Ky.—Thanks for your kind words. They are a rarity. Why wait until Christmas to get married? Better make it Thanksgiving, or earlier, for delays, particularly in war times, are dangerous. But don't get married unless you feel sure he is the one man in the world for you.

It wasn't necessary to scold very much this month, for you were unusually sensible and I'm just as proud of you as though I were your truly own

COUSTN MARTON.

"No father. No town. Germans blow it to Hellie," was the reply of a Russian, making out a questionnaire with the assistance of the Portland, Me., legal advisory board, to a query as to his father's name and place of residence in Russia.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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COMFORT dinner. One day in each week we have what we call our "COMFORT dinner," all the dishes being made from recipes in COMFORT. Try it some time and see for yourself if it isn't good. One day last summer we had a "COMFORT picnio," eating only things made from recipes in the paper.

Don't you think the little poem, "Today," which Mrs. Wilkinson let us read, was just fine? It is always today, so let's read it again.

I love COMFORT and anxiously await the fifteenth of the month for then I know I will receive my copy.

"Let us not think of the darkness for it will come without thought. But let us think of all things good; it may make the darkness seem less dark."

COMFORT'S FRIEND.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I have read COMFORT since I was a child and now that I am in trouble I am going to the sisters for

I have been married twice and have two children I have been married twice and have two children, a boy and a girl, by my first marriage. My mother keeps them with her all the time. I work out at public work and my husband objects to my helping clothe the children. He says I ought to help him. I clothe myself and pay all the small bills so I think I do my part. He is cross all the time so you can understand that I am not very happy. He says if I don't stop spending my money for other people, meaning my people, I have got to give up my position and you know what that would mean to me.

Give me a little advice if you please. What would you do?

WORRIED WIFE.

WORRIED WIFE.

Frankfort, N. Y.

Dear Mes. Wilkinson and Comfort Sisters:

I am making a cook book from the sisters' recipes and think it will be a good one when I get it done. Is anyone else doing the same?

Now for my bit. To the sisters who have children troubled with constipation and find it hard or inadvisable to give them physic, try this: Take one pound of figs and five cents' worth of senna leaves, put in chopping bowl together and chop up fine. Then make them into balls about the size of marbles and give one or two at night. My little boy, twenty months old, cries for it as he does for candy. It is pleasant for grownups as well. Of course some need more than others but that can be determined by the individual. Here's another. If food burns on your pet enamel stew pan, just put a plentiful amount of wood ashes in it and cover with water. Put it on the stove and let it boil a few minutes. When it is washed you will be pleased to see how nice it comes off without scraping and will be as clean as ever comes off without scraping and will be as clean as ever comes off without scraping and will be as clean as ever comes off without scraping the raw pumpkin or putting it through the food chopper, the fine cutter. Make in the usual way. You will find they have as good, if not better, flavor than stewed pumpkin.

Wishing Mrs. Wilkinson and all the sisters the best of luck,

Bewelcome, Miss.

BEWELCOME, MISS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have taken COMFORT over twenty-two years and I expect to take it as long as I live and can get the money. I enjoy the sisters' letters, and I cannot say enough for Uncle Charlie. I think he is the most wonderful man I ever knew of.

Lonely Old Maid, please write and give me your address.

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Mrs. Gaestet, of Washington, if you want to adopt a child, go to Jackson, Miss., and you will find any kind and size you want. There are two Orphans' Homes in that city and both are full, and the children are so glad to get a home with some good woman who would be a mother to them. I have raised nine children and have three in Heaven and I went to a Home and got a little girl. I wanted one four years old but falled to get her correct age before I left with her so when I had kept her a while I wrote to the Supf. and he said she was seven years old. I had kept her so long that I didn't want to let her go. She is very industrious and does everything well.

Mrs. Mattie Sellers, your letter was fine. I have a boy in the navy on the ship Carolina. He is a long ways from home and my prayer is that he may return to me safely.

With best wishes to all and Mrs. Wilkinson, I will come again.

MRS. O. F. FORMAN.

DEAR SISTERS:
Having taken Comfort for a number of years and not noticing a letter from Dixon, Ill., thought I would

not noticing a letter from Dixon, III., thought I would write one.

Dixon is a town of twelve thousand inhabitants and is situated on Rock River. It has several large factories, namely, shoe, wire screen, milk, and a large plow factory.

I would like to ask a question of the Kansas sisters. Can any of you give me any information about the plant called "Carpenter's Square"? Please answer through Comfort.

I am sixty-three years old and the mother of eleven children.

children.
God bless the mothers and babies.
Mas. James Devine.

DEAR TROUBLED WIFE OF KENTUCKY, IN JANUARY NUM-

DEAR TROUBLED WIFE OF KENTUCKY, IN JANUARY NUMTHER OF COMPORT:

I don't think you foolish or silly for craving your
husband's affection. All of us enjoy being treated affectionately by the one that is the very nearest and
dearest to us of anyone else in the world, or, at least,
if you are foolish for wanting your husband to pet
you, I am foolish too, and Hubby is also, for we are
"happy though married" sixteen years.

Sometimes I think some men seem to consider that
a marriage certificate is a sort of paid up policy of
appiness, that the courtship days were those of paying
premiums of compliments, cheerfulness, courtesy, conyour sideration and chivalry, and that marriage cuts off all
premiums of loverlike attentions. But the best way in
matrimony is takeep on paying premiums. Many firstticlass matrimonial policies lapse just because of the sustore is little danger in overtelling this story. It is
to the wine of life and inspiration to one hungering
and thirsting for the little tenderness of affection.
There are more people on this great earth hungering
for sweetness, tenderness and words of appreciation
than are starving for bread. Continued courtship after
marriage preserves the lover in the husband and the
sweetheart in the wife but courtship cannot be played
at by one person. Like a quarrel, it requires two to
make it a success. It is not the wife alone who needs
the gracious sweetness of concentrated comradeship, for
husbands, who are built on the right lines, have the
same hunger for loving kindness. Here is a bit of
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"Home's not merely roof and room,
It needs something to endear it.
Home is where the heart can bloom,
Where there's some kind lips to cheer it.

"What is home with none to meet, None to welcome, none to greet us. Home is sweet and only sweet When there's one we love to meet us."

BOSA BOHANNON.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

After reading "China's" letter I thought I would write. Please don't think every young married girl leads a life like your own. I was married when seventeen and for two years have been one of the happiest girls alive. We have had a severe sorrow, for we lost our little baby when she was a couple of months old but I know "God doeth all things well" and in time I shall meet her again, so I am trying to be happy just the same. I have a sister who was not married until she was twenty-five and she is very unhappy.

not married until she was twenty-five and she is very unhappy.

Troubled Wife, as to petting, hubby loves you just the same but he doesn't think about the petting. I found that out and it hurt very much at first but one day I stopped my share of petting entirely, even going out of his way when I thought he would want to pet me, but that lasted only a day and a half and he then insisted on petting me. Since then I don't pet him so much and find that is the best way.

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kiddies. Send them to me for a visit this summer, will you?

How many of the sisters have a back-yard flower garden? I'd much rather have my flowers where I can see them every minute. One cannot have the blues ocasily with flowers around.

HAPPY WIFE.

DEAR COMPORT SISTERS:

I have just finished reading Troubled Wife's letter.
She thinks if only her husband would whisper sweet
nothings to her she would be happier. I should prefer
judging by his actions.

Now for my story, husband and I have been married thirteen years and have five, bright, healthy

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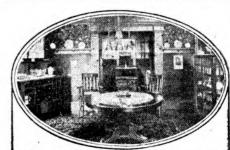
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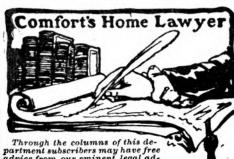
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G. D. B., Maine.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and having a surviving widow and children, his widow would receive one third of his personal estate, absolutely, in addition to certain other small allowances; we think that if the money you mention was turned over by the wife to her husband it would now be difficult to establish a claim for repayment, but if the money or the property purchased with the money was kept in the wife's name, such property would not belong to the husband.

W. A. B., Nebraska.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and one child, the widow would receive some small allowances of the personal property, and in addition thereto one fourth of the balance of the personal property and one fourth of the real estate if she is not the parent of the child, and one half of both the balance of the personal property and of the real property if she is the parent of the child.

child.

MRS. L. J., Kansas.—Under the laws of Oklahoma, we are of the opinion, that the signature of the wife is not necessary for the sale of property belonging to the husband.

MRS. A. E. B., California.—We do not think the claim, of the doctor, that the man you mention was cured, would relieve his employer from compensation payments, in a case where it is apparent that the man was not cured; your statements would indicate that the doctor was wrong in pronouncing him cured, and if such is the case, we think the man should immediately prosecute his claim for further compensation payments.

mediately prosecute his claim for further compensation payments.

L. W., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that where divorces are declared, the court exercises very general jurisdiction over the property and children, but cannot compel divestiture of title to real estate; we think there is no limitation in your state of a testator's right to disinherit children by will, but he cannot disinherit his widow of her one half interest in the community property, which includes such as is purchased or acquired by onerous title during marriage, but does not include such as was owned by the testator at the time of marriage nor such as has been acquired by the husband has the management of the community property nor such as has been acquired by inheritance or gift either before or after marriage; we think the husband has the management of the community property during marriage, and may dispose of the same without the wife's consent.

M. T., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that in case of the divorce or separation of the parents, the custody of the children is a question to be decided by the courts; that the intestacy inheritance rights of the children are not affected by the divorce or separation of the parents; that the intestacy inheritance rights of the children are not affected by the divorce or separation of the parents; that of marriage, except that the court may allow the wife reasonable allmony, and except that if the divorce is procured at the wife's instance she is entitled to one third of the husband's personalty absolutely, and to one third of the husband's personalty absolutely, and to one third of the husband's personalty absolutely, of the man you mention during the lifetime of

absolutely, and to one third of his lands for life.

J. H. M., Missouri.—We do not think the remarriage, of the man you mention during the lifetime of his wife, from whom he was not divorced, would affect the validity of his first marriage, and we are of the opinion that the first wife is his only legal wife; he is liable to punishment for the second marriage.

Mrs. O. D., Missouri.—Under the laws of Kansas, we are of the opinion, that if the land you mention belonged to the man you mention, his children acquired no interest in the property upon the death of their mother, and he could convey good title to same without their signature.

Mrs. M. H., Texas.—Under the laws of your state.

without their signature.

MRS. M. H., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of your father, without a will, your mother would only be entitled to her intestacy rights in his separate property and her community rights in their community property; we do not think she can legally dispose of your interest in his real estate unless same was disposed of during your minority by the proper court proceeding, or unless the sale of the real estate was necessary for the payment of the debts of the estate.

J. K., Wisconsin.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the rate of compensation fixed for total disability is sixty-five per cent of the average weekly earnings, to continue during such disability.

ability.

A. G. L., Michigan.—We are of the opinion that the age at which a valid marriage can be contracted, without the parents' consent, is eighteen years for both males and females in Michigan, and twenty-one for males, and eighteen for females in Montana.

WORMS.—Dissolve a small piece of assafetida in alcohol and give a few drops in water twice a day or in the evening. It will expel the worms.

I. B. L., Arkansaw, Wis.

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OSAGE CITY, R. R. 3, KANS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been enjoying the Sisters' Corner for a number of years and it occurs to me that I have been selfish in enjoying it all and offering no contribution to the general good. I would certainly be glad to help in any way I could.

I have no problems, no sorrows to discuss. I have reached middle-aged serenity and an abiding faith in the loving, All-wise Father who rules the Universe. My experience has been that the turning point comes to the most hopeless sorrow if we can only have patience to wait for it.

I am a farmer's wife, trying to do my bit to help feed the world. I was born in a large city and grew up in various large cities so have had experience in both rural and city life. The ideal place, in my thought, to bring up children, is the large college town. However, most of us must do the best we can right where we are. If a family is large enough to furnish entertainment and amusement within itself, I would advocate the country. Nothing is more tragical than a lonesome woman on an isolated farm.

To those who are able to give a child a good home and loving care I would certainly advocate the adopting of one. Our lassic is six years old. We have had ther five years. The little half-starved baby, with crooked legs and without hair or teeth was not promising. The little Miss of six is all that could be desired. All of earth's riches could not buy her. I would advise taking a young baby rather than an older child. I will gladly answer any questions regarding her adoption.

her adoption.

I wish Steppy would write again to Comfort or to

me, 'personally. I should like to know how she is getting on with her girls by this time.

I wish I could find some lonely, discouraged young mother with a girl under six whom I could help. My small girl grows so fast and I have no relations to whom I can hand down her clothes. I can give them away, of course, but I want a more personal touch, some one whom I can 'mother.'

There is another woman whom I would like to find—a lonely old lady with a loving heart, who would like home folks in a family of three in the country. No heavy work for her to do but just to help a little about the house and be company for me and 'Grandma' to my small girl. Would make her comfortable in every way. (Methodist preferred.)*

I have very few relatives left and my heart goes out in deepest sympathy to those who are longing for 'the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still.' These are the saddest days the world has known and we ought to do all we can to comfort each other.

I was born in Ohio but a great deal of my life has been spent on trains and in California. I was an Evangelist in the Methodist Church previous to my marriage, twelve years ago. After such an experience, farm life leaves quite a lot to be desired even though my situation may be very comfortable so far as physical needs are concerned.

I cannot promise letters to all but hope to find a few kindred spirits.

HORNICK, IOWA.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Troubled Wife, of Kentucky, do not whip your little boy until you have tried every other way to make him mind. I, too, have a little boy four years old and a baby girl four months old. I have been married five years. Here is the way I correct my boy. I never whip him unless other methods fail. I talk to him and tell him why he should do as I say and if he asks why he should do so, I never say, "Because I said so." Is that an explanation as to why he should mind. Remember your child's mind is as small as his body and it takes longer for them to understand. Be patient with him. You say you have always been used to petting. Try a little of it on your child; he will like petting as well as you do. How many times a day do your children ask a little favor of you and you say, "I haven't time," or "not now," or "in a minute:" always some excuse. If you want your child to mind you I say to mind him once in a while.

May I ask a favor of the sisters? Have any of you directions for yokes for children's dresses in crochet? If so, will you send them to Comport for publication, as I would like to make some for my little girl.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Cook green pea pods with the peas and you will find that the taste is much improved.

In making cakes or seasoning vegetables, try using cream instead of butter or meat drippings. It adds to their flavor.

Paint or varnish can be removed from the hands by applying grease or kerosene and then washing in warm water and soap.

A few drops of lemon juice added to a dish of cream will make it whip more quickly.—Mus. R. R. Golden Grand Marsh, Wis.

Rub pure lard on the heads of small chicks to kill head lice.

MES. BEETIE COLLINS, Ranger, R. R. 4, TELAS.

If there are ants in your refrigerator, place a small dish, or glass fruit jar lid, filled with kerosene under each foot of the refrigerator, and it will keep the ants

When nickel parts of the stoves become tarnished, dissolve a little lye in hot water and rub it over tarnished parts. Rinse with clear, warm water and dry with a soft cloth.—Mrs. L. B., New Meadows, Idaho. A few drops of red ink added to a pail of water makes a delightful "last" water in which to rinse flesh colored georgette crepe or silk waists that have lost their freshness. Red crepe paper may be used equally

Save all your pieces of dry bread and put to soak in milk over night. In the morning make a pancake batter as usual and use the bread crumbs. It requires less flour. I use one third oatmeal or corn-meal.

MRS. W. H. Tokio, N. D.

To preserve eggs for winter, try putting them in oats. First a layer of oats and then place the eggs so they will not come in contact with each other or the box they are placed in. When the box is filled, nail the cover on and change the position of the box every week. Keep them in a cool place. I kept mine in the cellar nearly a year.

LORETTA A. GOSSWEILER, Dodge, N. Dak.

Requests

How to make candied citron

Song, "Bonnie Bunch of Roses." MRS. S. M. PEDIN, 1712 Mechanic St., GALVESTON, TEX.

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The Girl He Loved

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white and weak from what had nearly wrecked his brain, stood up before the court.

Carrousel glared at him. But the eyes he had once obeyed dumbly had lost their power. The boot-boy quivered, but he spoke:

"I was the boot-boy," he began timidly. "I did the cook's errands. He told me——"

"He lies!" yelled Carrousel, shaking his fist. "I beat and beat him because he was a llar, and lazy."

"You have not heard the lie yet," said the judge, coldly. "Another word, and you leave."

"He can't hurt me, can he?" cried Towers, pitifully. "Sir Thomas said he couldn't."

"He can't touch you. Go on," said the lawyer kindly.

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"He told me to pick some laurel leaves, bunches of them. He said they were to decorate the table. But I heard some one in the still-room while I was cleaning boots, and I looked in. He was chopping them up and making something. He didn't know there was a door in the boothole till I creaked it and he saw me. Then Sir Thomas' dog was poisoned, and I said to the cook that perhaps he'd got what he was making. For everybody knows laurel-water is poison."

A thrill ran through the court as he described the preparation of that devilish decoction of prussic acid that every one thought Lady Levallion had made. But Towers did not see.

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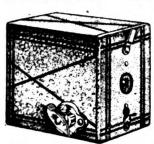


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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Cure for rheumatism and hay fever.

MRS. N. CURRISTON, TWINING, MICH. Poem, "The Women Who Went to the War." This was published twenty-five years ago in a Buffalo, N. Y.,

A COMFORT reader has requested the poems, "Over the Hills to the Poor House," and "Mother's Own Beautiful Hands."

Will some of the sisters send me some California Beer seed, the large kind. Will return favor.—Mrs. OPHELIA ALVIS, Brush Creek, Tenn.

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Poem, "Ostler Joe," beginning: "I stood at eve as the sun went down, by a grave where a woman lies."—Mrs. E. Saller, Eureka, Nev.

I would like words of song, "The Fatal Wedding." Will return favor. Please write first. Will send postage.

Mrs. IDA HOYLE, SCODEY, MONT.

Information of a Mr. Harris of Watsonville or San Jose, California, who used to make medicine for cancer.

Mrs. PEDRAS, TURLOCK, CAL.

Will some sister, who makes switches of our hate.

Will some sister who makes switches of cut hair please write to me.

MRS. BERTIE COLLINS, R. R. 4, RANGER, TEXAS.

Mrs. Fred Fetzner, Falls City, Nebr., would like the following poems: "The Two Glasses," "The Gin-gerbread Man," and poem beginning, "Father calls me William."

Would like to hear from readers living in Western states or any U. S. possessions, describing soil, climate, work and living conditions.—LUELLA SKELTON, R. R. 2, Auburn, Mich.

Cure for Indigestion.—Mix together five teaspoons of Epsom salts, one tablespoon of Turkish rhubarb, powdered, two tablespoons of sugar and one teaspoon of soda. Blend well together and take a little in water every half hour until relieved. I have known this to relieve gall stone spasms.

MRS. N. Curriston, Twining, Mich.

RHEUMATISM CURE.—This remedy was given fine by an Indian woman. Put a teaspoon of powdered sulphur in each of your stockings before putting them on in the morning. It will have disappeared by evening.

Bronchitis and Colds.—Put pine tar in a can and heat it smoking hot and breathe the fumes down deep into the lungs. It causes coughing and some are not strong enough to stand it. Also put some of the tar in a cup and fill with water and let it stand all day, then drink the water. Mrs. M. P., Wisconsin.

Missing Relatives and Friends

A suitable reward for information of Walter and Clifford Kennedy, age 12 and 10 years, formerly lived at Graham Hill, Sask. Mrs. Aug. W. Bucholz, Rock Lake N. Debt. at Graham Hi Lake, N. Dak.

Information about Clarence Lowery, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. If any one has seen or heard of him, please write Mrs. V. M. Lowery, Brewton, Ala. Information of my friend, Hoe H. Howard, with whom I used to work at Curtin, W. Va. His native state was Pennsylvania. Jesse J. Jackson, Worthington, W. Va.

News of Walter E. Akin, last heard of in Fairmont, Minn. J. D. Akin, Thompsonville, Ill.

Information of my father, Clinton Jones, or his children, Will and Elizabeth Jones, or any of his relatives. Last heard of near Tulsa, Okla., about 20 years ago. Write his daughter, Mrs. Ida Mac Miller, Ida, Okla. Would like to hear from Monroe Long or his wife, Maud. From his sister, May Pope, Hackett, Ark.

Comfort Post Card Requests

The following would like to correspond with other subscrib-ers for the exchange of souvenir post cards.

A. J. Warner, Box 86, Summit, N. Y.



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someone hear!" Then suddenly I heard from the direction whence came the dogs, David's voice in a long "Whoo-ee!" And I looked to see him galloping ahead of the two farm hands, who followed on plow horses.

How slowly they seemed to come! "David! help!" I shouted. I ran to the cradle and snatched up my frightened, waking baby, and turned in time to see the bulldog close on the convict's throat. As David came near I pointed to the fence, and then, as he drew his pistol, everything went black. My arms about the baby grew limp, and we dropped to the floor in a heap.

When I regained consciousness I was lying in

Three Wheel Chairs in August 484 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

Three wheel chairs in August seems like a big drop from the seven awarded in July, but I have learned to expect just such a tumble each summer during hot weather.

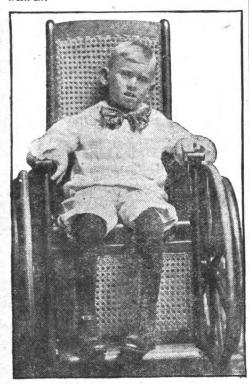
The three August chairs go to the following named shut ins and the figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Elvie L. I. Tutor, Randolph, Miss., 188; Josephine Rebecca Taylor E. Lexington, Va., 150; Mrs. Adella Evans, Ardmore, Okla., 133.

Elvie Tutor, age 5, has been crippled from birth by curvature of the spine. His mother, herself an invalid, writes that she is not strong enough to take care of her little crippled boy without the help of a wheel chair.

Josephine Taylor, age 15, is crippled by bone disease of the right leg. The subscriptions for her chair were obtained largely by school children of her acquaintance who canvassed the town for her.

Mrs. Adella Evans, age 59, has been afflicted with rheumatism for 23 years which has rendered her helpless except that she has sufficient use of her hands to feed herself. Her husband draws a small pension which is their only income. The wheel chair will enable him to take her out into the sunshine and



HARLON BERL LANE ENJOYING HIS COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

Please remember that there are many other crip-ples suffering for a COMFORT wheel chair fo enable them to get the benefit of sunshine and fresh air, and don't cease your efforts to help them just because the weather is hot. Give the Wheel-Chair Club a boost this month.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 35 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled Shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours. Any shut-in who has friends to help him get subscriptions can obtain a wheel chair free. Write me for information.

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DEAR MR. GANNETT:
We wish to thank you and the many frends who helped us get the wheel chair for Harlon, which came in good condition. I enclose photo of Harlon enjoying his wheel chair.

Sincerely your friend,
MRS. G. T. LANE.

COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

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W. O. Taylor, Va., for Josephine Rebecca Taylor, 150; Mrs. J. M. Aston, Miss., fo Elvie L. I. Tutor, 29; Mrs. M. E. Carson, Ark., for F. F. Carson, 27; Johnnie Watson, Tenn., for own wheel chair, 24; Mrs. Z. T. Isaacs, Va., for Isaac Price, 23; Mrs. Mary Whitenburg, Ala., for Johnnie Whitenburg, 22; Mrs. D. W. Brunson, Ill., for R. M. Sanders, 22; Mrs. D. W. Brunson, Ill., for R. M. Sanders, 22; Mrs. J. E. Warrick, Texas, for Mrs. Adella Evans, 21; D. W. Brunson, Ill., for R. M. Sanders, 21; Lizzle Goheen, Ky., for Naoma Goheen, 20; Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Ga., for own wheel chair, 20; Joe McGregor, Miss., for Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. E. Furgerson, Miss., for Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. E. Furgerson, Miss., for Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. E. Furgerson, Miss., tor Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. E. Furgerson, Miss., for Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. E. Furgerson, Miss., for Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. L. E. Furgerson, Miss., for Elvy Tutor, 20; Mrs. S. Lula Matthews, Texas, for Clee Bailey, 18; Mrs. T. C. Satterfield, Tenn. for Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, 12; Mrs. I. E. Huddleston, Missouri, for Ira B. Huddleston, 12; Mrs. Lula Veonia Brown, Okla., for Harold Lester Brown, 12; Mrs. R. L. Burt, Okla., for Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, 10; Miss Jessie Parker, Calif., for Mrs. S. V. Hughey, 10; Clyde Tutor, Miss., for Elvy L. I. Tutor, 8; Mrs. C. R. Britt, Ga., for Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, 6.

Tay This.—She was waiting for him.
Gathering her brows like gathering storm, nursing her wrath to keep it warm, and when he entered the room she began:
"This is a nice time of night—"
"I—er—know I'm late," he hastily interrupted, "but I couldn't help it, my dear. Club had—er—big discussion on female beauty."
"And what had you to do with that?" demanded the fretful wife.
"More'n any one there. I was the one—er—who had the most beautiful wife, an'—er—of course, the best authority on female beauty, an—"
"Why don't you take off your overshoes, Henry? Let me get your slippers for you. It's awful cold outside; I think you must be half frozen."
Half an hour later Henry was safely ensconed in his easy-chair with his wife at his feet putting his slippers on.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Family

Doctor

The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases

should be taken to your local doctor.

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Maine. Sign your true name and give your address.
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Mrs. E. S., Willow Shade, Ky.—The burning and irritation of the tongue is probably due to Rigg's disease of the teeth, so-called. You should have your teeth cleaned by some competent dentist at once, and after they are cleaned and any cavities filled that may be found there, you should use milk of magnesia to rinse out the mouth once or twice daily. It is also important to look into your general health. Maybe you have some kidney complication, or you may be rheumatic, causing excessive acidity of the secretions of the mouth, especially of the saliva, hence the local irritation and the deposit of tartar about the teeth. Pain in the ear, mentioned, is undoubtedly due to the same condition as above, and is secondary to this condition. Consult a good dentist and have the mouth cease.

MRS. G. A., Liboll, Tenn.—Warts are best removed by the use of the actual cautery, as described so ofter in COMFORT. Of course a physician must apply the cautery, and attend to the subsequent treatment.

MES. N. S., Allens, Ark.—Cancer of the breast is first noticed in precisely the same way as described in your letter. A lump begins to form in the breast, becomes larger, and finally results in a malignant growth, if not attended to at once. Surgical procedures are always indicated in conditions of this kind. The sooner the growth is removed the better, and the more probability of cure.

"WORRIED SNOOKS," Fort Meade, Fla.—A properly adjusted corset will help you stop the "flopping of your breast." You can also use gentle massage to make them firm, also dash cold water on them daily for the same purpose.

MRS. M. E. P., Cumberland, Md.—Operation is the only thing for you. The operation known as ventro fixation is the one indicated, we think, in your case. Don't delay, as the tissues become lax and the result not so good if you delay too long. Have operation done

at once.

MRs. R. S., Griggsville, Ill.—Your spots are undoubtedly due to the irregularity of your bowels. Get some aromatic cascara mixture at the druggist's and take one or two teaspoonfuls at bedtime. This will regulate your bowels, and no doubt cure your dull headache also. It might be well to supplement the cascara mixture, once in a while, with two compound cathartic pills taken at night. Say once in two or three weeks.

weeks.
R. H. D., Choctaw, Ala.—Pimples on the face, as a rule, are due to some error in diet. Keep your bowels free, eat no sweets, drink plenty of good spring water and bathe frequently in cold water.
R. G. S., Blaine, Wash.—You must have an operation for the rectal fistula. It is easily cured in this way. Your other trouble is undoubtedly dependent on the local condition, and will be relieved or cured by the operation indicated.

Mrs. R. S. V., Slate Springs, Miss.—Use Dobell's

Mrs. R. S. V., Slate Springs, Miss.—Use Dobell's solution locally for your nasal catarrh. As to your other condition, you should consult your family doctor and have your lungs examined, as well as your throat, for the presence of some more serious trouble. Milk, warm from the cow, will not cure or even help constipation. Use aromatic cascara, so often referred to in COMPORT.

in COMFORT.

L. E., Spangle, Wash.—Blood pressure is the force of the heart as measured by an instrument known as the sphygmomanometer. It must be taken by a physician, and has a great bearing on the health of the individual. From your letter, you should have your blood pressure taken, as well as your kidney condition looked into. Your circulation has no doubt much to do with swelling of feet and extremities mentioned.

mentioned. Man Market Huntington, W. Va.—No! Mrs. J. R. B., West Huntington, W. Va.—No! Some good has been accomplished, recently, in selected cases, by operation—so-called decompression operation, but in the main, epilepsy has so far baffled the best physicians, and as before indicated, is considered incurable.

MR. J. P. G., Gresham, Oregon.—You should wear an elastic bandage. Apply the bandage in bed before rising and remove the bandage at night on retiring. The breaking out on the legs is no doubt due to obstruction of the return circulation—venose circulation. The bandaging will help the return circulation, and no doubt cure the local trouble.

no doubt cure the local trouble.

MRS. A. L., Houlka, Miss.—Read the above case and treatment and act accordingly. Your trouble is the same. You might, in addition, apply an oxide of zinc ointment to the swelling. There is an oxide of zinc ointment in regular strength, put up by the druggist. Use it full strength. Catarrh can possibly be cured by operation or treatment. Have your father use Dobell's solution, as a spray in the nostrils daily.

Mrs. V. G., Spokane, Wash.—The spots before your eyes come from your stomach. You should not eat much meat, if any. Drink plenty of good water also. You no doubt are overworked and need rest away from home and home surroundings. This will do you more good than medicine.

Mas. F. N., New Brighton, Pa.—The electric needle, in the hands of a competent party or physician, is the only real cure for the condition mentioned in your letter. The process is a slow one, as each hair must be treated separately, but the result is all that can be desired.

MRS. M. E., Bronson, Texas.—Massage of the bust the best thing to develop the bust. Use cocoa but-er and rub the bust gently once a day.

MRS. E. F., Dallas City, Ill.—Apply Lassar's paste to the part, full strength, twice a week only, and report the result.

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Men Made Good

By Carl Jchuz Lowden

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"When I became a partner in a grocery," he confessed upon one occasion, "I got some barrels of beans cheap because there were many black ones among them. I expected to sell them cheap, too, but my mother said:

"John, put in all your spare time, night and day sorting these beans. Then they will be of extra quality, and you can sell them at an extra price."

"For weeks I worked, picking over those beans by night, throwing out the black ones. It was a lesson I have never forgotten. Through me my mother says to all young men: "Throw the worthless out of your life, make everything count.'

In an Allegheny cotton mill there was once a bobbin boy who was paid the princely sum of twenty cents a day for his labor. He saved a portion of his daily wage, and as a worker he gave his employer extra value. He seized opportunities. With pluck and persistence he constantly made good.

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Hobbies of Our Presidents

By Carl Schurz Lowden

Telling a joke was the hobby of "Honest Abe" Lincoln. As a prelude to talking over the proposed Emancipation Proclamation, he told the cabinet members he would die if he could not laugh occasionally.

John Adams and his son, John Quincy, leved the rod and line. They loved it too well, for neither of them obtained a coveted second term at Washington. Grover Cleveland, also a confirmed fisherman, failed of re-election but tried again and succeeded four years later.

Horse-racing delighted the heart of George Washington. He made many trips from New York to Philadelphia to see the fascinating sport. His own letters reveal his immense pleasure at joining in the fox chase and hunting wild game.

In the matter of horse-trading, Andrew Jackson was an expert. He was a failure at donkey-trading, for the lot he gave for a fine animal is now in the heart of New York City. "Old Hickory" also

for a fine animal is now in the heart of New York City. "Old Hickory" also knew a thing or two about wrestling and boxing which were his favorite sports.
"At sixty years of age," an author comments upon Grant, champion smoker among our presidents, "the General felt he had earned a rest, and being 'healthy, wealthy and wise,' settled down to smoke his ever-present cigar in a comfortable home in East Sixty-sixth street, New York."
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York."
Romping with his children was the hobby of Garfield. One day his son, Harry, came into his room and, turning a handspring, asked: "Don't you wish you could do that?"
"I think I can," the President replied.

"I think I can," the President replied. Though not as nimble as his youthful son, he accepted the challenge and performed the stunt in short order.

The luxuries of the table appealed strongly to William Henry Harrison, and his few days at Washington were dotted with visits to the market. In a huge basket he carried to the White House the results of his bargaining.

Madison delighted in roses and used his odd moments in cultivating them. The famous Madison Meadows were produced by him. The hobbies of William McKinley, for whom we appropriately wear a carnation one day in each year, were flowers and croquet.

The Germans have seized the rolling stock and equipment of the trolley line from Maestricht to Lanacken (Belgian Limburg). Rails have been shipped to Germany. The occupying authorities are also pursuing the same policy with the southern trolley lines of Limburg. are also pursuing the same policy with the southern trolley lines of Limburg and the line of Northern Liege.

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Lost Property

"Look here, young rascall Did you break that window?"
"No, sir. Honest, I didn't.
"Do you know who did break it?"
"No, sir; I don't know anything about it at all."



"Well, get away from here. I don't want you kids hanging around in front of my house."

"All right, mister. Will you please give me my ball before I go?"

"Give you your ball? Where is it?"

"I think it's in your front parlor."—

Louisville Herald.

Taken by Storm

The cruel winds tore at the waves as if to whirl them away. The man and the maid sat close to-gether on the beach and watched the storm.

storm.

"How the wind howls, darling," said she, yelling to make herself heard.

"Yes," shrieked her lover.

"Why does it howl?" she screamed.

"Dunno. Perhaps it's got the toothache," he bellowed.

"The toothache?" she howled. "However—"

"Yes," he roared. "Haven't you heard of the teeth of the gale?"

Then the wind howled worse than ever, as she handed him back the engagement

as she namuel ring.—Stray Stories.

For Safety Sake

Few things have suffered a bigger smack from the desolating hand of war than wood. At the present time a bun-dle of firewood of most delicate physique

costs a penny.

A watchman was discovered asleep
minus his wooden leg, and a friendly
wayfarer awoke him with the exclama-

tion:
"Hey, man, they've stolen your leg."
The sleeper sat up and glowered.
"Did ye think," said he, sarcastically,
"that I wud gang tae sleep in this locality wi' onything about me for burnin? The wife tas awa' my leg every
night and brings it back i' the mornin.'"
—Pearson's Weckly.

An Omission

The head nurse—"Stop it! Are you trying to shake that sick man's ribs

The substitute nurse—"No, not that. But I just gave him his medicine and I forgot to shake it, as you told me to, so I'm doing it now."—Boston Herald.

Hot Shot

Mother wanted Fannie to marry the millionaire. Father wanted her to marry the poor man.

"You married for love yourself, my dear, did you not?" smiled father sentimentally.
"Yes," answered the mother decisively, "and you don't suppose I'm going to stand by and see our daughter make the same mistake, do you?"—Boston Herald.

"These short skirts are rather bewildering."

"Yes, it isn't safe any more to offer to take what you think is a little girl on your lap."—Kansas City Journal.

A Note to Mr. Hoover

Dear Herbert—Today at a luncheon I ate, And wheatlessly there I maneuvered; As clean as the back of your hand was

my plate,
I hoovered and hoovered.

—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Hello Girl

How doth the busy hello girl Out-buzz the busy bee Especially betwixt the hours Of niun and thuree.

Diner—"Look here! Isn't that a hair on the butter?" Waiter—"Yes, sir, a cow's hair. We always serve one with the butter to show that it isn't oleomargarine—Tid-Bits.

Proving It

Father sat in his study one afternoon writing out a speech when his son called shrilly from the garden: "Dad! Look out of the window!"
"What a nuisance children are at times!" grumbled the parent, as he put down his pen and advanced to the windown his pen and advanced to



dow. With a half smile he raised the sash and stuck forth his head. "Well, Harry, what is it?" he asked.
The boy, from a group of youngsters, called out: "Dad, Tommy Perkins didn't believe that you had no hair on the top of your head."—Onward.

ory. "'Did you mail A Lesson in Politeness

E. H. R. Green, son of the late Hetty Green, tells this one on himself. His office boy came rushing in one morning and said:

"Say, there's a great ball game on this afternoon. Kin I go?"
Green looked at the boy a moment and then said:

Now, Johnny, you sit here and make

then said:
Now, Johnny, you sit here and make believe you're I and I'll make believe I'm you, and I'll show you how you should have come in and said that."

Green went out. A minute later the diverges. It and dropped it in the first letter box I came to on C gress street."

"Oh, you did, did you,' she answe with a laugh, 'well I didn't happen give you any.'"—Portland Express.

door opened softly, he came in and turning toward the desk he said;
"There's a ball game this afternoon, sir. Do you think I could get off for a few hours to see it?"
"Sure," replied the boy, "and here's "Sure," replied the boy, "and here's a quarter to get in with."

Their Fortunes Made

Pat and Mike enlisted in an English regiment and were promised three shillings each for every German they killed. One night when both were on duty in an observation post, Mike, whose eyes had been glued on the Teuton line, turned excitedly to Pat and whispered, "They're coming."

"Who's coming?" retorted Pat.
"The Germans," answered Mike.
"How many?" queried Pat.
"Fifty thousand," Mike replied.
"Begorra, Mike, our fortunes are made," exclaimed Pat.—Portland Express.

Has His Own Troubles.

There was an expressman, alas and alack! Who tumbled down-stairs with a stove on his back.

When asked how he felt, he replied with a frown,
"I'm somewhat stove up, but I got the
stove down."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

There was an expressman, who suffered shocks!
Fell headlong down-stairs as he carried a box.
As he looked at the pieces, he said with

a grin,
"Now I'm out of that man's box, what a
box I am in!"—Detroit Free Press. There was an expressman, alack and alas!

alas!
Who plunged down the stairs through a big looking glass.
He stared at the pieces with a scowl and with squint—
And made some, reflections that no one could print.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There was an expressman, alas and

alack!
Who staggered upstairs with a trunk on his back.
When three flights he'd climbed, much to his dismay,
He learned that the owner had just moved away.—Portland Press. He

Once He Guessed Wrong

on Co

"My wife put one over on me last night," said one of Portland's leading lawyers, who is long on legal lore and short on mem-

that letter I gave you this morn-ing?' she asked me when I got home.
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Ten Commandments of the French Consumer

the French Consumer

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"(3). Save the products of French soil, lest some day you deprive your father, your son, your husband, who are shedding their blood to defend you.

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"(5). Waste nothing. All waste is acrime which imperils the national defense—prolongs the war.

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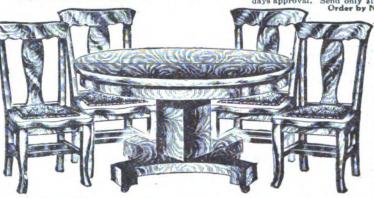
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N the interest of conservation for war purposes the people have submitted gracefully to being allowanced in their consumption of certain foods, notably sugar, flour and meat. And now they must accustom themselves to a rigid economy in the use of paper. The war has caused a scarcity of paper of all kinds, attended by a sharp advance in the prices of all grades. The Government, through the War Industries Board, has taken the situation in hand to the extent of regulating the price and distribution of print paper to the publishers. The shortage is the more acute because the decrease in production has come at a time of increased demand, when the public is eagerly calling for more news and periodical reading matter and the Government has largely increased its use of paper and especially for war propaganda and publicity pur-

The demand so far exceeds the supply as to necessitate a general curtailment in the use of paper, and therefore, in order that all legitimate users may share in fair proportion, the publishers have promised the War Industries Board to cut their consumption of paper to the lowest practicable limit. Among the numerous rules prescribed by the Board and agreed to by the publishers for economy of paper stock are two important requirements which affect the public as well as the publishers.

First, newspapers and magazines must be reduced in weight and bulk, which will relieve overtaxed transportation facilities as well as save paper. Consequently people will notice that their papers and magazines are lighter and thinner with less pages than heretofore, and when they understand that it is in pursuance of the Government's policy of conservation due to war conditions they will accept the situation cheerfully as they have the food regulations. But on this score comparatively little deprivation will be realized by readers because of the diligent efforts of publishers to make the best use of the limited allowance at their disposal by filling their pages with high quality matter, boiled down and condensed to cover the field as fully and satisfactorily as when larger issues were attainable. We assure our readers that no department or essential feature of Comfort will be omitted or impaired in value although some, if not all, of them have had to be abridged. It is our purpose to present the full substance in fewer words by careful revising and editing.

Second, publishers are not allowed to carry any credit subscriptions; they must be kept paid in advance. All subscriptions must be cut off short immediately on expiration unless previously renewed and paid for. Heretofore it has been customary, for the accommodation of subscribers who were slow or careless about renewing. to carry their subscriptions on credit for a limited period and send them copies of one or more issues after expiration in order to give such delinquents an opportunity to renew, without missing one or two numbers meanwhile. But this practice is strictly forbidden by the new rules which do not permit us to send even one copy after expiration, until the subscription is renewed. It is important that subscribers bear this in mind and renew promptly on or before expiration in onder to avoid the inconvenience of missing an issue. And, furthermore, we cannot supply back numbers to those who are remiss in renewing, as we are not allowed to print surplus copies for this purpose. On each wrapper, over the subscriber's name, is always printed a number which indicates the month when the subscription expires.

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But print paper is not the only kind that is scarce. There is a shortage of all sorts of paper, writing paper, wrapping paper and paper bags, and it is everybody's duty to conserve the scanty supply so far as possible. Let none go to waste. Save all paper; frequently it may be used over again for some purpose, and paper and cotton rags that are unfit for your use should be stowed away until they can be sold to the junk man to be ground into pulp and made over again into paper. Present prices of waste paper and rags make it worth while as well as a duty.

Government Urges Farmers to Secure Winter Supply of Mill Feed Early

THE enormous burden of moving troops, military equipment, munitions and war material has overtaxed the transportation facilities of the country. The necessity for expediting shipments for war purposes delays all other freight fortunate enough to escape being refused transportation under temporary or indefinite embargo. So difficult was the railroad freight situation last winter that certain sections were threatened with a food famine and actually did suffer a severe shortage of cattle and poultry feed in consequence of the temporary extension of the embargo even to these necessaries. The same conditions are likely to recur the coming winter and therefore, in a recent bulletin issued by the U. S. Food Administration, the farmers are advised to lay in a full winter's supply of mill feeds early in the fall. It is also stated that the Department has established fair prices for mill feeds, which licensed millers and dealers cannot exceed without incurring a penalty, so that there is no object in delaying orders in expectation of lower prices, and it is pointed out that, besides the transportation difficulties in winter, the demand for feed at that season usually exceeds the output of the mills which, of itself, makes deliveries un-"Feed actually in your possession" it adds "is feed you can depend on." It concludes by saying that "the Food Administration has established conditions in the feed industry that will result in better service and moderate costs. Your early order for feed will help to prevent congestion in industry and disappointing delay for yourself." In the light of last winter's experience those who fail to act on this advice must blame themselves for the consequences.

Order Your Incubator Early to Offset Delays in Transportation

In view of the delays in railroad transportation, previously mentioned, and the possibility of temporary embargo next winter it would be no more than common prudence on the part of anyone- intending to procure an incubator for early hatching to place his order as soon as possible in order to make sure of having it in due season for use when needed. The Food Administration's advice regarding feed is equally applicable to incubators—the incubator actually in your possession is the incubator you can rely on. If

you delay ordering your incubator until shortly before you need to use it you may lose the best and most profitable use of it the coming season.

The War and the Harvest—Prospects of Both Are Promising

HE war-stricken and famishing world awaits with equal anxiety tidings of the harvest and news of battle. Both now are cheering and give promise of such decisive victory in the near future as shall crush the power and curb the plunder lust of the piratical Huns and bring the peaceably disposed, liberty-loving nations surcease from war.

The splendid strategy of General Foch's counterattack, in progress since July 18th, and executed with perfect precision and superb gallantry by the British, French and American armies, has reclaimed nearly all the territory taken by the Germans in the previous four months and at some points has driven the enemy even beyond the line whence the German advance started last March. The Kaiser's forces are still retreating on the entire battle front of more than a hundred miles and, although the fighting continues fiercely. the resistance of the Germans is slackening and their courage seems to be weakening under successive defeats and heavy losses in killed, wounded and missing. The Allies have taken one hundred and fifty thousand prisoners besides more than fifteen hundred guns, innumerable small arms and an enormous quantity of munitions. At the present rate of advance the beginning of winter will find the allied armies intrenched on or near the German frontier ready to push the seat of war over into the "fatherland" next Spring. It is believed that, when that stage is reached, the German people, who rejoiced in starting the war in expectation of conquest, pillage and indemnity, and were willing to carry it on so long as the fighting and destruction were wholly in enemy countries, will see the hopelessness of further efforts to attain their purpose and will sue for peace on almost any terms that will save their own country from devastation by invasion. If they can not keep the allied armies out of Germany it means peace at the frontier or after the Allies have fought their way to Berlin. And surely they can expect no better terms by prolonging the conflict to the point of self destruction.

Food has as much to do as soldiers with winning the war. The severe food shortage in Germany is aggravated by unfaverable crop conditions there, while the allied countries together are harvesting crops sufficient to feed their people and their armies through the coming year. Although agricultural production has been curtailed in France and Italy by shortage of labor and by the enemy's occupation of parts of these countries, Great Britain has increased her acrease under cultivation and her crops by about onethird, chiefly by means of American tractors. But the United States and Canada, which with their vast agricultural resources are the main dependence of the Allies, have responded with large crops of all kinds except American cotton, of which latter there will be a considerable shortage. Canada has largely increased her acreage planted to food crops, while on our side of the line the farmers have planted twenty-three million more acres than in 1916. Our war gardens also have contributed their share. Recent reports show that the war gardeners planted five million two hundred and eighty-five thousand home food producing plots during 1918, an increase of fifty-one per cent over 1917. The total value of the war garden products this year is estimated at five hundred and twenty-five million dollars, a gain of fifty per cent over 1917, and a large part of this produce has been conserved for winter use by canning or drying. Buy Liberty Bonds and help provide the sinews of war.

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IN @ AROUND The HOME

For Baby's Comfort

HENEVER a small, but important, new member arrives in a family the question of comfort-able waking and sleeping quarters becomes one of thoughtful con-

Our illustration, Fig. 1, shows a foundation basket which settles one of these matters nicely for it will make a thoroughly practical bed for the wee one. A basket of



handle from side to side across the center, or the ends, and some wood for standards will be need-ed. The four ed. The four strips of wood

this shape a-bout thirty-two inches

long by twelve deep with either a

FOUNDATION BASKET. FIG. 1. should

roundation basket. Fig. 1. should be smooth, each one measuring thirty-two by two and one half by one inches. These should be securely nailed to the top of the basket, then crossed and held securely by a strip or rod just underneath the basket, as shown.

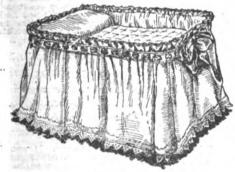
If one prefers, the basket and standards can be painted and then enameled, but if finished with a drapery only the posts need be painted. To fit up as shown in Fig. 2, first cover the inside of the basket and add a deep flounce to the outside of either pink or blue silkateen or muslin, then cover with dainty lawn or dotted muslin finishing the lower edge with a hem and tucks or band of insertion or having the

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and tucks or band of insertion or having the edge of lace.

An easy way to arrange the outside ruffle is to have it with an elastic run through the top, which will fit tighter around the edge of the basket, then cover this with a ribbon run beading, finishing with a bow. This should be of either pink or blue to match the under ruffle.

Fit the inside of the basket with a hair pillow if possible, or cover a feather pillow with a cotton pad, a smaller rubber blanket, sheets and blanket, or puff, and a tiny pillow.



BASKET BED FOR BABY. FIG. 2.

Either in its plain painted simplicity, or covered daintily, this little basket bed will prove a pretty bit of furniture for mother's room or

It also has an advantage over a larger and heavier bed or crib, as it can be moved about to wherever mother is busy, or placed on the piazza so that the fresh air nap is possible.

Such a basket as this is very convenient when travelling as baby can rest, comportably on the

travelling as baby can rest comfortably on the journey, and when a change is necessary baby can be carried and the basket used for the

can be carried and the basket used for the numerous things necessary on a trip.

In our illustration, Fig. 3, is shown another basket which baby surely needs for its comfort.

Here is a place where all the little toilet necessities may be kept easily at hand and in an attractive way. This basket may also be set on a standard or not as seems most convenient.

To fit up, cover first with a color and over To fit up, cover first with a color and over this use white the same as for the bed. Pretty little pockets, their fullness looped in with ribbons, are convenient in the corners for holding all the little things which would otherwise so easily become misplaced.

The colored lining should first be sewed to the basket's top with but slight fullness, then gathered muslin placed over this.



ARTICLES FOR BABY'S COMFORT. FIG. 3.

Sew this flounce on from its under side, and then turning it over tacking down around the bottom of the basket. Finish the outside with a double ruffle as shown and the edge of the basket outline with ribbon run beading and bows of baby ribbon.

To one side of the basket add a daintily made

cushion and over the bottom fit a pad made of heavy cardboard covered to match.

The other fittings depend upon the mother's individual taste, but should include a little comb and brush, a powder box and puff, soap

Materials required: One skein white Saxony, four skeins blue twisted embroiders silk, one fine steel hook, No. 1 bone hook and mappiness and mother's convenience should be kept together in this basket.

Sunburst Wheel Cottar

For the crocheted collar one should use 80 or 100 crochet eotton for the most lacy effect. The wheels should all be made first, then arranged of the case of the content of the most lacy effect. The wheels should all be made first, then arranged of the case of

on a well-fitting pattern cut from light weight cotton material and joined crocheting in the smaller motifs shown in Fig. 1. Wheels. Ch. 5., join in ring, ch. 3, 1 d. c., ch. 1, 1 d. c., ch. 1, repeat until having 15 d. c., ch. 1, slip st. to first ch. 3.

Ch. 3, 1 d. c. between ch. 3, and first double, 1 treble, work off all excepting last two loops.

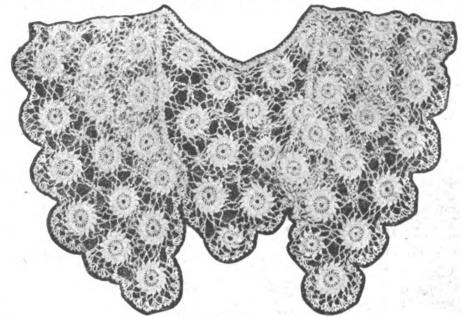
And work back and forth for 14 rows. Sew up back of leg. Finish top as follows.

1st round.—With steel hook and silk make 25th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks.

Ch. 3, 1 d. c. between ch. 3, and first double, 1 there are 4 rounds of s. c. and 3 of star sts.

With blue wool fasten with s. c. * skip 1 s. c.

24th row.—6 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 2 blrs., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 olks., 2 sps., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1



CROCHETED SUNBURST COLLAR.

With these on hook make another treble and | and in next st. make a shell of 5 d. c., skip 2 s.

Filet Edging

Ch. 24 sts., turn.

1st row.—1 d. c. in 4th st. from hook, 9 d. c. in next 9 sts., * ch. 2, skip 2, 1 d. c. in next st., repeat from * making 3 more spaces, ch. 5, turn. 2nd row.—4 sps. over sps., 2 sps. over doubles, 1 d. c. on each of last 4 doubles, ch. 9, turn. 3rd row.—1 d. c. in 4th st. from hook, 6 d. c. in ch., 4 d. c. over 4 d. c., this increases a row 2 blks., and is always worked in the same way, 6 sps., ch. 5, turn.

4th row.—8 sps., 2 blks. or 7 d. c. increase by

sps., ch. 5, turn.

4th row.—8 sps., 2 blks. or 7 d. c. increase by chaining 9 as before.

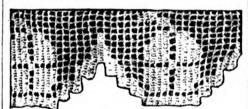
5th row.—3 blks., 9 sps., ch. 5, turn.

6th row.—11 sps., 1 blk., increase 1 blk. by

6th row.—11 sps., 1 blk., increase 1 blk. by chaining 6.
7th row.—2 blks., 11 sps., ch. 5.
8th row.—12 sps., 1 blk., ch. 6.
9th row.—1 blk. on ch. 6, 2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 6 sps., ch. 5.
10th row.—5 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., ch. 3.
11th row.—1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 4 sps., ch. 5.

12th row.—Same as last, but reversed.
12th row.—I blk., 4 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 1 blk.,

3 sps.
14th row.—2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk.
15th row.—The same, reversed.
16th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 3 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk.



FILET EDGING.

17th row.—1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 17th row.—1 blk., 2 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., sps., 1 blk., 1 sp.
18th row.—1 sp., 1 blk., 10 sps., 1 blk.
19th row.—2 blks., 11 sps.
20th row.—11 sps., 1 blk.
21st row.—3 blks., 9 sps.
22nd row.—8 sps., 2 blks.
23rd row.—4 blks., 6 sps.
24th row.—4 sps., 4 blks. Inc. 2 blks. and repeat pattern.

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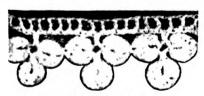
Clover Leaf Edging

Make chain desired length, turn, make 1 d. c in 8th st., ch. 2, skip 2, 1 d. c. in next st., repeat. Ch. 1, 2 s. c. in each first two spaces, 1 s. peat. Ch. c. in third.

hook, 12 d. c., 1 s. c. in loop. 2nd clover.—Ch. 9, sl. st. to form loop, 12 d.

c., 1 s. c. in loop, 2 s. c. over ch. 3.

3rd clover.—Ch. 7, form loop, 12 d. c., 1 s. c.,
then 3 s. c. over ch., 1 s. c. in space, 2 s. c. in



CLOVER LEAF EDGING.

each next 5 spaces, ch. 9 and repeat from first clover, joining to last leaf made after the 6th double. Repeat until length desired.

Crocheted Baby Bootees

Materials required: One skein white Saxony.

work off all stitches two at a time, ch. 5, repeat all around, break thread. Joining motif, ch. 4, join in ring.

C. and make 1 s. c. in next st. Repeat from star round top of bootie.

With silk make a round of 1 s. c. in each st.

For the Foot

With white wool commence at center back and make 26 s. c. along side of foot. Make 7 s. c. across the toe, 1 in each ridge, 26 s. c. along the other side of foot. Repeat this

along the other side of foot. Repeat this round 3 times more.
5th round.—1 s. c. in each st., skipping s. c. at center of toe.
6th round.—1 s. c. in each st.
7th and 8th round.—Same as fifth.
Crochet the two edges together. Use wool cord and tassels or ribbon for the ring.

Clover Leaf Insertion



tween doubles, ch. 4, 1 tr. c. in first s. c. in last row, ch. 1, turn.
3rd row.—5s. c. under chains each side of shell, ch. 8, turn.
4th row.—1 d. c. in 4th s. c., ch. 2, skip, 2 s. tow, ch. 1.
5th row.—Same as first row, repeat pattern.
Filet Scarf End

Of No. 60 crochet cotton ch. 118 sts., turn, 1 d. c. in 9th st. from hook, ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next st., repeat, making 37 spaces in all. Four more rows 37 spaces, ch. 5 at end of each row before turning.
6th row.—3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., 3 sps.
10th row.—6 sps., 1 blk., 22 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 3 blks., 3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 sps., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 5 sps., 3 blks., 5 sps., 3 blks., 5 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 5 sps., 3 blks., 5 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 4 sps.

10th row.—6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 4 sps.

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10th row.—6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 5 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 4 sps.

10th row.—6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 5 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 4 sps.

10th row.—6 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 5 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 2 sps., 3 blks., 6 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1 blk., 2 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 4 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 s

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2 biks., 5 sps., 4 biks., 1 sp., 1 bik., 10 sps., 27th row.—7 sps., 4 biks., 1 sp., 1 bik., 10 sps., 2 biks., 1 sp., 4 biks., 7 sps., 28th row.—11 sps., 2 biks., 9 sps., 1 bik., 2 sps.,

1 bik., 11 sps.
29th row.—7 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 1 blk., 1 sp., 2 blks., 7 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 7 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks.,

blks., 7 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 3 blks., 7 sps.

30th row.—2 sps. 2 blks., 5 sps., 3 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 7 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 4 blks., 8 sps.

31st row.—12 sps., 2 blks., 9 sps., 3 blks., 6 sps., 2 blks., 3 sps.

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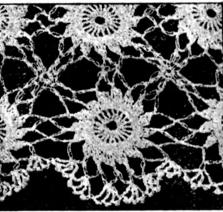
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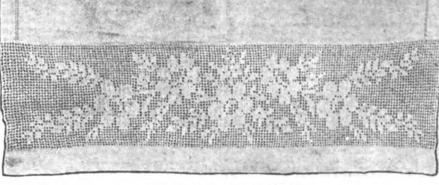
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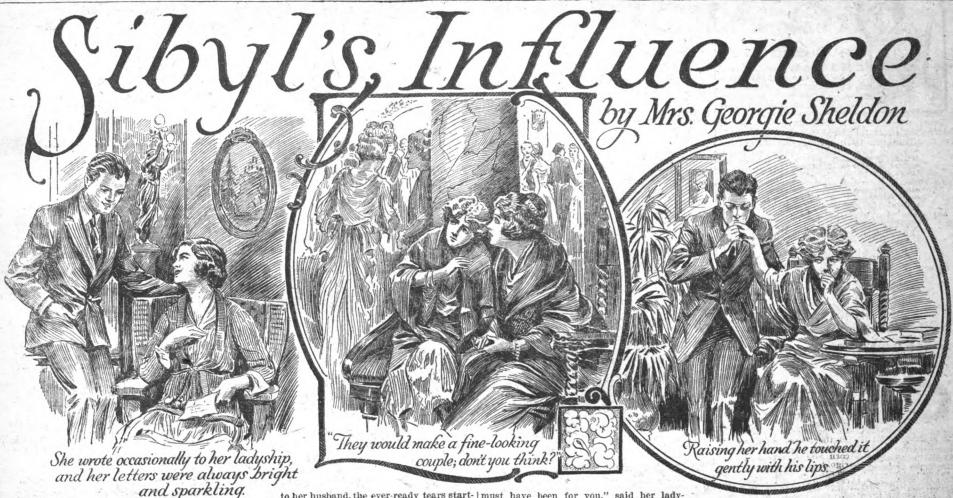
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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, stop at a miserable inn, in a little fishing village on Plamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them, and determine to take the child away. They learn that a woman who had been in a railroad smashup and injured, leaves the child, and Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to let the child go. That night, Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an invaluable trinket belonging to her is concealed. She traces three letters, "S. H. S.," and which convinces Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Fiwe years later, her nineteenth birthday, Lady Prescott introduces her to society, where she meets Miss Ada Therwin, the adopted daughter of Count Eghert Shirley and the guest of General Maplewood. Miss Therwin refers to the ornament Sibyl wears, and to her surprise discovers the letters S. H. S. interworen in the jewels. To the query if it is an heirloom, Sibyl says she supposes it belonged to her mother. Miss Therwin promises to call. Sibyl has a strange distrust for her. Scheming to estrange her from the Prescotts, she calls on Lady Prescot, Sibyl and Ray, and invites Sibyl to ride with her, and to further her plans, requests Robert to stop at the Widow Martin's, who does work for two orphan girls under her care at home. Ada plots the ruin of Sibyl and the winning of Raymond Prescott and enlists the aid of an unscrupulous woman, Judith, to be known as Sylvia Hortenes Stillman. She makes a compact with the Duc d'Aubigne, to whom Sibyl conceives a dislike and repulses his attentions. Raymond asks Sibyl to be his wife. Going with Ada Therwin, Sibyl meets Mrs. Stillman, a widow and childless, who excites not only Sibyl's sympathy but her suspicions, when she hears the SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER XXXIV. SOCIETY GOSSIP.

OON after the return of General Maple-wood's party from the Continent, Ada had been peremptorily summoned home, and she was obliged to yield obedience, although she did so with great reluctance.

Before leaving, however, she managed that Lady Prescott should invite her to stend a few more days with her, during which time she way-laid Sir Athelstone, and by means of much coaxing and persuasion, exacted a promise that he would either bring or send Lady Prescott to spend a month with her during the London season.

Feeling much elated at having obtained this promise—for she well knew that the doctor would not feel willing to leave his patients for so long, and would doubtless send Raymond to act as his mother's escort—she returned to London in very good spirits.

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She wrote occasionally to her ladyship, and as her letters were always bright and sparkling, they were a source of great comfort and amusement to her; while Raymond appeared to enjoy them almost as much, until it came to be not an uncommon occurrence for him to add a line to his mother's replies. Thus messages passed back and forth, till at last there grew out of them a regular correspondence.

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Thus the winter went by, and spring came again. In May, a cordial and pressing invitation from the Countess of Shirley came to Lady Prescott, inviting her to come and spend a month with them in London. Raymond and the doctor were both included in the invitation.

It was hard for her to make up her mind to go.

"I have no heart for society, Athel," she said

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to her husband, the ever-ready tears starting to her eyes, as she thought of Sibyling the third of the thi

bereaved mother.

One evening, about two weeks after the arrival of Lady Prescott and Raymond in London, the count and party were to attend a grand reception given by the Honorable Mrs. Delmaine. Upon their arrival, they found the dressing-rooms so full that it was almost impossible to move in them.

Ada and Lady Prescott became separated in some way from the countess, and concluded it was best to wait until some of the guests passed down into the saloon before attempting to arrange their toilets.

They sat down in a little recess behind a marble pillar with their wraps still on.

Two other ladies were standing on the opposite side of the pillar, with their backs to the recess, and had not seen either Ada or her companion as they sat down.

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"I suppose you have heard the news regarding the beautiful ward of Count Shirley," said one. Ada started violently, and laid her hand upon Lady Prescott's arm, signifying that she wished to move away from the spot. She feared something might be said which would prejudice her ladyship against her, but they could not move now without attracting attention, and she whispered to her to sit still,

"No, I have not heard anything new," returned the person addressed.

"Well, it is rumored quite generally that she is really engaged to the distinguished-looking stranger who is visiting the family—Prescott, I believe, is his name.

"Indeed; and is he a good match?"

"Exceedingly, I am told; but why the affair is not allowed to be made public I cannot comprehend. He is very attentive, enough so, I think, to warrant the report; and I suppose it must be true, or it would have been contradicted before this."

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"Are you acquainted with him?"

"Nothing beyond a formal introduction. He is a very fine-looking man, although there is a very sad expression about his eyes. I intend to ask the countess about it the first opportunity I have. I owe her a call, and will pay it at once, for I am getting quite curious over the affair, there is so much said about it."

"They would make a fine-looking couple; don't you think so?"

"Yes, indeed, and I am confident that the girl just worships him, for her eyes follow him everywhere. Come, I see the gentlemen are waiting for us."

The ladies moved away, and the crowd was fast disappearing. Ada sprang to her feet, her cheeks on fire, and her eyes dazzling bright.

Without saying a word to her companion, she darted through the dressing-room to a private room beyond, whither Lady Prescott immediately followed her.

She walked directly up to her and laid her hand on her arm, when, without saying a word, Ada turned and dropping her head upon Lady Prescott's shoulder, burst into a flood of tears.

"Dear child, how exceedingly disagreeable it."

She bent forward and kissed her cheek, saying again, gently:
"I am very sorry, dear, but do not mind."
"It is a perfect shame, when his heart is still so tender. I—I hope nothing of this will reach his ear," Ada said, excitedly.
"You are very thoughtful for him dear," Lady Prescott said, smiling at what she considered another indication of her love for her son, and she made a mental resolve, at once, as to what she would do in the matter.
"I—I wish I might be excused and go home," Ada said, with downcast eyes, and her lips quivered very prettily.
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"That would never do, you know—your absence would occasion inquiry and remark, because there are some here who have already seen you. No, dear, act is if nothing unpleasant had occurred, and it will all come out right in the end!"

They found the count and his wife with Raymond, waiting to conduct them below, and very much to the latter's surprise, Ada immediately stepped to the side of her guardian and slipped her hand within his arm, instead of allowing him to take her down, as he usually did, while his mother accompanied the count and countess. Again Lady Prescott smiled knowingly at this maneuver, and quietly accepted the change in escorts, hoping that matters would settle themselves properly before very long.

CHAPTER XXXV.

MOCKERY.

"Mother, what makes Ada avoid me tonight?

"Mother, what makes Ada avoid me tonight? Have you any idea?"
"Does she avoid you?" she asked, thoughtfully. "Yes," 'Raymond replied; "if I go near her she darts away to another part of the room, with a laughing excuse of some kind, and she has only danced with me once, an occurrence which has not happened before since our coming to London," and Raymond looked exceedingly thoughtful, too.
"Do you suppose that I can have offended her in any way?" he asked a moment later.
"What makes you think that?" demanded Lady Prescott. "Is she cool to you?"
"No; but every time that I have spoken to her this evening the color has rushed quickly to her face, and she has appeared disconcerted—something I never saw in her before under any circumstances—while the fact of her preferring the count to take her down tonight somewhat surprised me."
"I do not believe that you have offended her, Raymond; but what is your private opinion of Adda—of her character, I mean?" his mother asked, with a searching glance at his handsome face.
"I think." he said, looking very grave, "that

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"I think," he said, looking very grave, "that next to—to Sibyl, she is the loveliest young lady! I have ever met."
"Young lady?" repeated Lady Prescott, with a smile at the peculiar emphasis he laid upon

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"Yes, for no one can compare with my mother," he returned, fondly.

"Thank you, my dear boy, but I am glad to know that you think so well of Ada. I admire her exceedingly—more so since seeing her in her own home than I did before—she is so sweet and lovable. But I was very much prejudiced against her at first."

"Were you?"

"Yes. I could not make her seem true. I felt

as if she were dissembling—acting a part for some purpose or other. But that impresson has all worn away, I am happy to say."

"I believe I do remember now of your once saying something about her lack of heart; but why are you so anxious tonight to know my private opinion of her?" Raymond asked, smiling. "Because I have something very disagreeable to tell you, and which will explain, I think, why she has treated you so strangely this evening."

Lady Prescott then related to him what had occurred in the dressing-room, not forgetting to describe Ada's distress and excitement, which appeared to be more on his account than her own.

Raymond was exceedingly disturbed as he lis

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He saw at once how very unpleasant such a report was going to make it for all parties, and for Ada particularly.

"Well, Ray," asked his mother, "what can we do about this very unpleasant affair?"

"I suppose something must be done. It would not do to subject Miss Therwin to any further annoyance if we can help it. Shall we go home tomorrow, and let the world think that she has—rejected me?"

Lady Prescott gave him a startled look, but she answered, quietly.

"Just as you think best. Of course, we cannot remain longer as things are now, but I fear our sudden departure would involve some unpleasant explanations to our friends, and poor Ada would feel as if she were in some way to blame for it, and had driven us away. She at at least would understand it all, and it would make her very unhappy, I am afraid," replied Lady Prescott, little thinking how much of truth those last words contained.

"Mother, how much do you like Ada?" asked Raymond. suddenly.

"Very much, as I believe I have already told you a number of times," she answered, smiling.

"But do you like her well enough to be willing to have her for a—daughter?"

"Do you care for her enough to make her my daughter, Ray?" she asked.

"Frankly, no, I do not. I can never love another as I love Sibyl even now," and the pain in his voice testified to the truth of his words.

"My poor boy! But time will soften your grief in a measure, and—you must marry some time."

"Time can never soften or alleviate my sorrow," he said, almost passionately; "and if I must marry some time, as you say, it will have to be some one who will please me better. Still, I do not love her. I can never love her. But I have been the cause, though unwittingly, of placing her in this very awkward position, and if she will accept me, knowing all—"

"I am not mistaken. I think Ada regards you with very favorable, I may say even tender feelings," interrupted his mother.

But he was so silent after her reply that she looked up with something of anxiety to observe

nim.

His face was almost convulsed with pain.

"My dear boy, your heart is almost broken—
how I wish I could comfort you," she cried, in
sudden sympathy. "You must do as you think
best, my boy, but remember that time is a great
healer, and I believe that comfort will come even
to you."

to you."

He had no answer to give her, but with a very white face he got up, and excusing himself, hastily quitted the room.

After breakfast the next morning, Raymond, with a pale, resolute face, requested a private interview with Count Shirley.

It was, of course, readily granted, and the young man in an open, straightforward manner asked the privilege of addressing Miss Therwin with the view of making her his wife.

There was no reason why this request should not be granted; for any one might be proud of an alliance with the son of Sir Athelstone Prescott.

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But in his heart Count Shirley regretted that Raymend professed a desire to marry his ward, for he believed him to be a true and noble man, and admired him exceedingly; while he feared that Ada would make his life miserable. He feared, in spite of the apparent change in her since her return from Dumfries, that she was only acting a part to accomplish this very end.

With this permission ebtained, Raymond immediately sought Ada. The matter must be

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OMFORT has already given ideas on Hallowe'en decorations and if "Farm-erene," and others will refer to previ-ous October numbers they will find the declared information

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Nature has practically solved the decoration problem and the stores hold nothing prettier or more appropriate than brilliant autumn leaves, golden corn and grinning Jack o' Lanterns, and late marigolds, asters and chrysanthemums from the flower garden, and the same lavish hand has provided nuts and apples for games and decorative purposes. The stores may be visited for black paper for witches and cats and even marshmallows to toast, but doughnuts or pumpkin pie and coffee are the customary Hallowe'en refreshments, not forgetting crisp, buttered pop-corn.

buttered pop-corn.

Tell us about your Hallowe'en party and how it differed from other parties.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTEMS:
Simpshine, this is the way I wash our clothes.

Dick out the finest pieces and wash them first and then the next finest and so on, boiling or scalding in turn. It is not necessary to wash through two waters before boiling unless the clothes are extremely dirty. The best way I think is to have the water just past lukewarm when putting the clothes in the boiler. After taking the clothes out, add a pailful of cold water so the water won't be too hot when the next hot is added, as any solded parts you did not get off will set in the boiling water; then add enough cold water to the clothes you have just taken out so they can be handled. Ringe in clear water, and then bluing water, starch and hang out. How many of the sisters know that corn-starch makes good starch for clothes? Make it the same as any other starch. As it is a substitute for flour, I get it sometimes and it saves flour for those who use librarch.

Miss. H., surely you can do something to overcome

know what I would do without them. They are a great help too, now that school is out for the summer. As I said before, I have joined the Red Cross and we meet every Thursday. There are only a few of us but we turn out a good deal of work and I enjoy doing my bit, which I think is every true American woman's duty to do. If she can't attend the meetings, surely she can do something at home and it doesn't hart any woman to give a little of her time to help the boys who are giving their lives for us. Now a few lines of poetry for the benefit of Mrs. H. and others.

"If our boys over there can whistle
And take hardships as they come,
Can cheerfully face the shell fire
And mock at the bursting bomb—
If our lads can sing in the trenches
And go over the top with a grin,
If their lives they willingly offer
That for you they finay victory win,
Then surely you'll aid them by keeping
The home fires bright with your cheer—
If they can smile over yonder,
Surely you can keep smiling here.
So away with your glooms and your grouches!
Despair is the wrong kind of dope;
Henceforth let your face shine with courage,
Spread cheer, optimism and hope!"

Always, CHEERFUL.

SOMEWHERE IN WEST VIRGINIA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND READERS:
Will you welcome a West Virginian into your circle?
I am sitting under a great maple tree whose rustling leaves and cool shade bring relief and content to many a weary city dweller, while all around me are ferns and wild flowers and nearly an ice-cold stream trickles down, forms a spring and flows on down and joins a creek which is great for fishing (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7.)

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

HE Hallowe'en idea is better carried out, for the Hallowe'en party, if the refreshments show witches, cats and pumpkin faces. Chocolate cookies with these figures traced in white frosting delight the taste and sight and the Orange Surprise, shown below, is a delicious dessert for the Hallowe'en supper. Black cats, ensity cut from black paper and made to perch on cups of coffee, add to the scheme of things.—Ed.

Pickled Beets.—Select the smallest beets and cook until tender. Put in cold water and remove skins. Pack in glass jars and cover with hot vinegar to which has been added a teaspoon and a half of salt and the same quantity of sugar, for each quart jar.

Beet Relish.—One quart of chopped beets, cooked, one quart of chopped cabbage, raw, three quarters cup grated horseradish, one tablespoon salt, one tablespoon black pepper, one and three quarters cup of sugar, and one quarter teaspoon red pepper. Cover with vinegar and put in cool place.

Grape Marmalade.—Pick over, wash, drain and remove stems from grapes. Separate pulp from skins and put pulp in preserving kettle and heat to boiling point and cook slowly until the seeds separate from the pulp. Rub through a fine sieve and return to kettle with the skins. To this add equal quantity of sugar and cook slowly twenty-five or thirty minutes.

Baked Stufferd Tomatoes.—From the stem end of large, smooth tomatoes, cut a thin slice. Remove soft pulp and seeds and mix with an equal amount of



BAKED STUFFED TOMATOES.

buttered cracker crumbs seasoned with sait, pepper, sugar and onion juice. Fill the cavity with the mixture, heaping well at the top and cover with bread crumbs. Top with a small piece of butter, place in an agate pan and bake in hot oven until crumbs are brown. Serve at once.

BAKED TOMATOES.—Wash tomatoes, cut in halves and lay them in buttered pan. Dust with buttered crumbs and bake till brown.—Mrs. J. A. LOVETT, Monroe, La.

WAR COOKIES.—One half cup sugar, one half cup molasses, one half cup shortening, two eggs, one teaspoon soda, one half teaspoon cream of tartar, one half teaspoon each lemon and ginger. About equal parts rye and barley flour and a little rice flour to roll. Use rice flour on board.



CREAM PART.—Boil one cup of sweet milk, and stir into it one heaping teaspoon of flour and one egg, with enough milk to moisten it, and stir until cooked. Season with lemon and sugar and spread between layers.

Brown Bread.—One cup of brown sugar, one cup of sweet milk, one cup of sour milk, one level teaspoon of soda, one cup of flour, one teaspoon of baking powder, two and one half cups of graham flour, two teaspoons of melted butter and add one cup of raisins or chopped nut meats.—Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Ionia, Lova

Iowa.

ROLLED OATS PUDDING.—One egg, one cup sweet milk, one cup cold cooked oatmeal, and two table-spoons of brown sugar. Beat well. Add nutmeg or lemon, as preferred. Cook slowly one half hour. Let brown. Serve with sugar and cream or whipped

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CORNMEAL PUDDING WITH APRICOTS.—Pour three cups of scalding hot milk on one cup of sifted corn meal. Stir in two tablespoons of sugar, one teaspoon of powdered ginger and one half teaspoon of salt. Now add six apricots, sliced thin. Bake one and one half hours in a moderate oven. Garnish with slices of apricot and serve with sauce made from the juice.—Mrs. James Spirkway, Billings, Mont.

Fairy Gingeerbread.—Four level tablespoons sugar, four level tablespoons shortening, one half level teaspoon soda, one level teaspoon ginger, one level teaspoon soda, one level teaspoon soda, one level teaspoon bearing powder and one cup of flour. Beat egg for two minutes and add rest of materials in order given. This makes one dozen gens or it may be baked in cake tin.—Offila Charles, Norman Sta., Ind.

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COFFEE FRUIT CAKE.—One half cup of butter, one half cup of sugar, two well-beaten eggs, one cup of cool, strong coffee, one cup of molasses, one pound of seeded raisins, one half pound of shredded citron, one tablespoon of ground allspice, cloves, cliniannon and ginger and three cups of flour—Miss L. Rose, Illinois.



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EGGLESS COFFEE CAKE.—One cup of sugar, one half cup of cocoa, one teaspoon of vanilla, two tablespoons of lard, one and one quarter cups of strong, cold coffee, one and one quarter cups harley flour, one quarter cup white flour and two heaping teaspoons baking powder. Cream sugar and lard together, add vanilla and cocoa. Next add coffee and flour alternately and last the baking powder, sifted in a little flour.—Mrs. W. L. W., Idaho.

Diverging Cover with soling water and cook five minutes. To prove the course of sugar little governments.

PINEAPPLE CAKE.—One and one half cups of sugar, one half cup of butter, yolks of three eggs, one cup of pineapple juice, two and three quarters cups of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder and whites of three eggs beaten and added last.—CAROLINE SCHUMACHER, Cushing, Iowa.

SWEET PICKLE FOR BEEF,—Mix together one gallon of warm water one pound of brown sugar, one pound of coarse salt and half an ounce of saltpeter. Have this thoroughly mixed and pour over meat. This is sufficient for ten or twelve pounds of meat.

OATMEAL MOLASSES COOKIES.—One cup of molasses, one cup of brown or white sugar. Put in large pan and bring to boiling point but do not boil. Add one cup of butter or lard; when melted, take from stove and add one heaping teaspoon soda. Mix well and let cool. Then add one half teaspoon each of cloves and ginger and one teaspoon of cinnamon, two eggs, two tablespoons cold water, two cups water and flour enough to roll. These keep a long time and improve with age.—Mrs. Fred Fetaner, Falls City, Nebr.

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Baked Apples.—Take sound, large, ripe apples, moderately sour, and remove core with apple corer or a sharp penknife. Then wash and place them in a baking pan and fall the cavities with sugar and butter; put a cupful or more of water in the pan and bake in a moderate oven until they are soft all through, no longer, else they are apt to become a shapeless mass. Take them out with a spoon and arrange tastefully on a glass dish and dip the syrup, that formed while baking, over them and set aside to cool. Just before serving, sprinkle with powdered sugar.—MINNIE MACKINTOSH, San Diego, Cal.

CEEAMUR CELENY—Cut for medium sixed stalks of

CEEAMED CELERY.—Cut five medium-sized stalks of celery into small pieces, cover with salted water and let simmer until tender. Drain. Put one cup of rich milk into a sauce pan with two teaspoons of butter, and when hot add the celery. Season with salt and pepper and let cook a few minutes, then add enough corn-starch, mixed in a little cold water, to thicken. Stir thoroughly and serve very hot.

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soldier suffer."

"Oh, Germany, hate now! Arm thyself with steel and pierce with thy bayonet the heart of every foe, no prisoners!—lock all their lips in silence; turn our neighbors' lands into deserts," writes Vierordt. Isn't that exquisitely humane and beautiful? Nietzsche exorts the German people thus: "Ye shall love peace as a means to new wars and the short peace more than the long." Frederick William IV in his speech from the throne, April 11, 1847, said: "All written constitutions are only scraps of paper." No wonder Germany invaded Belgium, and tore up the treaty which made her responsible for its protection.

Now just for a few more words from the Kaiser, the "Christian gentlemen" who hear the

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RIDGEWAY, OHIO.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:

I go to Ridgeway public school. Am in the sixth grade and eleven years old. I like to go to school very well, and I also like my teacher. I have been reading the letters of the young folks in COMFORT for a long time, and thought I would write a few lines. I have one sister and one brother. I have twenty-five dollars in war savings stamps. I have light hair and brown eyes and live three miles southwest of Ridgeway.

Your niece, JENNIE FISH.

relatives. If all little girls and boys of your age had done as much as you have to finance the war, the whole terrible conflict would be more than half won. When Billy the Goat gets mad with me he calls me a "poor fish," but as long as you hang on to those war savings stamps, Jennie, no one will be able to call Jennie Fish a poor fish. Tell your brother to hurry up and get into the army, for as he is a Fish, he would be able to swim to France and save Uncle Sam a whole heap of money for transportation charges. Incidentally he might catch a few submarines going over. Three cheers for Jennie Fish. Now all you boys and girls, take a lesson from Jennie. It will cost a lot of money to whip the Kaiser, but remember all the money you loan Uncle Sam he will repay you with interest. No matter what the cost in blood and treasure, it will be the best investment humanity ever made.

LA CROSSE, 629 Rose St., Wis.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
My school closed today. I am twelve years old.
I'm not one of the smartest boys of my age, I guess
the smart wheel was left out of my head. I have
two brothers, but they are not old enough to go to
the war. I have three sisters and I am the baby of
the family. I hope we are going to win this war
soon so that my brother will not have to go. I composed a parody on the song, "On Wisconsin." We
shall win this war.
Your loving nephew,
Archie H. Scriener.

On Wisconsin, on Wisconsin, Wisconsin's right in line, Shoot the ball clear round old Germany, bring her down this time.

On Wisconsin, on Wisconsin, fight on by the score, Fight, brave soldiers fight, and we shall win this war.

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Thank you, Archie, for your pottery and your letter. You are lucky to have had the smart wheel left out of your head. Unfortunately the smart wheel was not removed from my cranium and my head has been smarting and has kept on smarting for some half a century. If your brothers are not old enough to go to the war, maybe your sisters are. I have two of my old Billy the Goats over at the front. One is driving an ambulance, and the other who in my story book tells how she met me, is doing war work in Paris. The army needs nurses. You girls should get the smart wheel into your heads so as to acquire sufficient education to enter a training school and become nurses. In some sections of the country the school year is so short—a few miserable weeks—that it is a wonder the hospitals can get any nurses with sufficient brains to take care of a sick grasshopper. I've only space for one verse of your patriotic pottery, Archie. From the fact that you hope your brand of patriotism. In one of the first sections of your pottery spasms you say: "Shoot the ball clear round old Germany." That line would tickle the Kaiser all to bits. What we want to do is to shoot not only one ball, but a billion balls clear through Germany. Shoot the muntil Germany looks like a Swiss cheese, a reproduction of Belgium, Serbia and other lands that she has crushed beneath her iron heel. Not until Germany gets a dose of her own medicine will she and her people's homes is fine sport, but when you get your own home smashed and your own blood spilled, the joys of home smashing are not quite so appealing. For three years the Germany looks like a Swiss cheese, a reproduction of Belgium, Serbia and other lands that she has crushed beneath her iron heel. Not until Germany looks like a Swiss cheese, a reproduction of Belgium, Serbia and other lands that she has crushed beneath her iron heel. Not until Germany looks like a Swiss cheese, a reproduction of

MUNDEN, VA.

Jean Uncle Charlie:

Jean ten years old, in the fifth grade. Have two sisters and one brother. We live on a farm with our mother. Father died some years ago. I have tried to milk our cow but could not get the milk. I can crochet, but cannot knit. I like to read books and papers and love to go to school. Miss Gladys Bane has been my teacher. I want to take music this summer. I wish this horrid war would end and the United States and the Entente Allies be victorious. We have several friends in France or in the Camp Lee training camp.

ETHEL CARROLL.

Ethel. I am sorry you have been so unsuccessful in procuring milk from your cow. There is an idea prevalent in many sections of the country that cows give milk. This however is not the case, for unless the milk is taken from them in a correct and expert manner, you just don't get it. I have been drinking a quart or more of milk daily for many years, but we get our milk from a horse and wagon instead of a cow. There are many reasons of course why you may have failed in securing milk from your cow. Maybe you do not understand a cow's geography, and are uncertain as to the exact location of the region from which the milk originates. Maybe too, now that Grade A milk is seventeen cents a quart in New York, your cow has become a millionairess and has retired from business, or has sold all her milk and converted the money into Liberty Bonds. Again, the cow may be pro-German, a bovine slacker, and declines to do her bit in winning the war. If you will send the four-legged lady up to me by parcel post, I will have her cross-examined by the Department of Justice and a few other experts, and try and find out what is the matter. I am glad Miss Bane has bane a good teacher, and trust she will continue so. All my teachers were the bane of my life, but they were horrid male things with whiskers, and were not upholstered with such beautiful and romantic names as Gladys. You are a lucky girl, Ethel.

PHOENIX. ARIZONA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl in the sixth grade. I have a fifty dollar Liberty Bond and a baby bond. I have brown hair and blue eyes. I am getting some freckles on my face because I have been going bareheaded so much. They look like those awful Germans on my face. I intend to get them off right away. Wouldn't you? I hope that Billy the Goat does not get my letter.

Your loving niece,

ABBY STEWART.

The treaty which made her responsible for its protection.

Now just for a few more words from the Kalser, the "Christian gentleman" who has made even satan ashamed of his profession: "Upon me the Spirit of the Lord has descended. Those who oppose me I will crush. Looking upon my serven satan ashamed of his profession: "Upon me the Spirit of the Lord has descended. Those who oppose me I will crush. Looking upon my self as the instrument of the Lord, without regard to the opinions and intentions of the day, I go my way."

Do you wonder that Goethe, the great German poet, spoke of the Prussians thus: "The Prussians are cruel by nature; civilization will make them ferocious."

Heine, that other great poetical German genius, had also taken the measure of the Hun. He said: "The Prussians * * Nature has made them stupid, science has made them wicked."

I could fill a whole issue of Comfort with the language of the thug, the murderer, the assassin and the horse thief. Do you wonder that a nation that servilely accepts and cringes under the domination of such sangulary brutes,





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stake is only round steak and costs fifty cents a pound. Now as regards that terrible freckle affliction. Nearly every beauty specialist in the magazines devotes half her space telling ladies, young and old, how to remove freckles, much to the amusement of the freckles, which stay right where they are and grow fat on all the lotions that are designed to effect their destruction. Personally I would rather see a girl's face freckled by the sun, honest and clean, than smothered in six inches of paint procured at the drug store. There are some things in this world that nobody can understand. I've been going bareheaded nearly thirty years and never accumulated a freckle, while you go out in the sun for two minutes and come home with a carload. If these freckles have a Germanic appearance, all you have to do is to report the matter to the Department of Justice, and they will be removed at once and sent to the detention camp. My advice to you, Abby, if you want (CONTINUED ON PAGE 15.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 15.)

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and canceling and is sought by hundreds from the city when the thermometer reaches the 90 mark, for no stream in W. Va. affords a more pleasant bathing

no stream in W. Va. affords a more pleasant bathing place.

The farmhouse sets on a hill and is surrounded by fine old trees and apple orchards. There are five large alry rooms and one room I call my Sunshine Hoom. It is furnished mostly in yellow—yellow curtains, yellow shades, a rug with a yellow and brown center and cream-colored walls. The result is beautiful. Fields of oats and corn surround us and potatoes, tomatoes and beaus, cabbages, onions and pease tender that I often wonder how we ever ate the store vegetables. If I have an unexpected caller there is no running up a store bill for a few extras for the table. The ferns and flowers furnish a bouquet, the garden the edibles in the vegetable line, the cows the rich cream and golden butter and an April hatch of chickens the meat and, to and behold, a meal fit for a king. It is so healthful here that I wish all the ailing sisters could enjoy it with me. There is always a good breeze even in the hottest weather and yet we are only twenty-five minutes' walk from the edge of the city. We moved here in March, so you can imagine how good it seems to us after living in the city with just a small yard. There are one hundred acres here.

Will the sisters tell me how to decorate for Hallow-e'en party and their ideas as to games and refreshments. Something that is not expensive.

A FARMERINE.

DEAR CORNER FOLKS:

For once, I've had a hideous nightmare while reading in our dear Corner. I thought I was a man and a vampire had fastened itself on my chest, and.....

No, I wasn't sleeping; I was wide awake and reading a letter in the July Comfort. Ugh!!! My, but I was glad when I came to, and read the next letter! The sun shone, the birds sang, and life was so grand I wouldn't have missed it for anything—and all because of glorious Pearl Vesey!

My husband and I have come to the conclusion that it doesn't make so much difference where one lives, for there's beauty everywhere, and one can be happy and must work wherever he is. Still, I do wish all of the sisters could enjoy this fine country. We have been here only a few years, but are satisfied with it in every respect. Camp Lewis is quite near us and we visit it often. Mount Ranier, with its inspiration to "come up higher," stands in plain view, on perpetual guard. The boys like the life, but in their desire to get at the Kaiser, some of them laughingly quote the Indian who said, "Too much salute; not enough shoot?" We looked over the books and magazines in the Y. M. C. A. reading-rooms, and found that they need Comfort, so I enclose a sub.

So many good suggestions are given by the sisters that I feel ashamed of coming empty-handed. But when I rummage in my mental storehouse ("scrapbag" is more correct), I find very little that is new. Here is a remedy for that discouraged, blue feeling that sometimes comes to the strongest of us—but it is old, too, for I got it from my grandmother, who always advised, "Do something for somebody, quick!" Her life was full of misfortune and bitter grief, and yet she lived chieerfully through it all by following the advice she so often gave to others.

'If you like persimmons, you will be glad to know that they can be kept until spring by putting them in layers in stone jars, sprinking each layer with a generous handful of sugar.

The question of a wife working outside of her own home has not yet been discussed by the sis

Mrs. E. H.—Thanks for giving us something new to talk about and such an interesting something too. I feel sure the boys at Camp Lewis will appreciate your gift, as we have received numerous requests for COMFORT from boys at various camps. Needless to say, these were complied with promptly.—Ed.

BURLINGTON, KANS.

HELLO THERE, SISTERS : IELLO THERE, SISTERS:
I didn't know it would make a person so excited
write a letter that may (?) be read in all parts
the United States.
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My parents took Comport for a number of years and I've taken it since I was married, more than two years.

First of all I want to say I think this corner fine. I have got lots of help from the hints and recipes. Now for Lula. I'm going to start at the top of her letter and chide her to the end.

Well, well, so you don't love your husband? That's not strange, since from the tone of your letter it is plain to see you do not love anyone but yourself. If you would look around at some other men who do drunk and gamble and notice how their wives have to get along maybe that would awaken love spark No. I. What in the world have you got to fuss at him about? He does the work Sunday, is a good provider, doesn't talk back and doesn't drink. Why don't you meet him at the door and kiss him or if he isn't sentimental, greet him with a cheery, "Hello, old pard! How did work go today?" He would more than likely say something pleasant in return. Keep that up a while and here comes spark No. 2. Now pray tell me, if you haven't any children and aren't sickly, why you want to rest on Sunday? Seems to me poor old Hubby ig the one to rest after working all the week. I think you have an angel or a fool for a mah, to take all you pile on him and not even peep.

I'm not any better than the common run of women but here's how we spend Sunday. I do my baking on Saturday (we are common farmers, I forgot to mention) and also get some canned or fresh fruit, have a chicken baked or meat of some kind, and we have a cold dinner if we don't have company or go somewhere. While Daddy does his chores I make my beds (sweeping and dusting done the Friday before, Lula) and while Daddy and Trudge (that's our girlie) drive around while he looks at the fences and crops, I wash the dishes and when they get back the porch is fixed with rugs and pillows and a stack of magazines and books. In the afternoon someone most always comes or we go visiting and to church in the evening. When bedtime comes Daddy has forgotten the "bad times" the week before and is f

spending a Sunday or two that way and behold, love spark No. 3.

Here's the awful part of your letter, Lula—"I never would consent to give birth to a child." Are you the one to hold such a wonderful, mighty thing as motherhood in your hands? Where then, do you place the Savior? Didn't He give women that divine privilege and how shall you answer to Him if you willfully abuse that privilege? And think what you are missing. I'd rather give up every earthly pleasure than miss the soft, dimpled hands around my neck and sunny, trustful face lifted to mine. She toddles through the house, pulling things down to be replaced later and she makes lots of washing, ironing and sewing, but the little kisses more than pay it back. Yop'd be surprised too, to see how a really good husband would treat you. Daddy would hardly let me move before Trudge was born and the first thing he said when he came home at night was, "Have you made any more doil clothes?" Now they are the best of pals. Try it Lula and the first thing you know your heart will be brimming ever with love for your husband and you'll be sighing for your wasted yoars. or cheer.

I have several old light summer dresses, from which place the Savior? Didn't He give women that divine privilege and how shall you answer to Him if you willfully abuse that privilege? And think what you are missing. I'd rather give up every earthly pleasure than miss the soft, dimpled hands around my neck and sunny, trustful face lifted to mine. She toddles through the house, pulling things down to be replaced later and she makes lots of washing, ironing and sewing, but the little kisses more than pay it back. Yoff do surprised too, to see how a really good husband would treat you. Daddy would hardly let me move before Trudge was born and the first thing he said when he came home at night was, "Have you made any more doil clothes?" Now they are the best of pals. Try it Lula and the first thing you know your heart will be brimming over with love for your husband and you'll be sighing for your wasted years.

I'' tell you about our country and climate. This part of Kansas is smooth and rolling. The summers are rather droughty and the winters generally dry and cloth All kinds of grain are raised but just now it is the wheat craze and everyone raises wheat and I am glad of that for I want our boys over there to have all they want to eat.

Daddy and I kint for the soldiers last winter. I am got to the Red Cross meetings, of which we are both

members. We have bought a Liberty Bond and are trying to do our bit.

Do you want to know how I look, Lula? I know, she has a long nose, false teeth and a long stongue and I'll bet she's skinny. But I haven't and I'm not. I am five feet, two inches tall, weigh 110 pounds and have brown hair and sort of blue-blackgrey eyes, round face, pug nose and a big mouth. No body thinks I'm pretty but Daddy.

Fearl Vesey, I'm going to write to you some of these days. I wish I lived near you.

Good by.

Mas. N. F. G.

Mrs. G.—Come again and tell us if Trudge is your girlie's real name, for someone will want to know. I should like to visit you some Sunday afternoon and enjoy the comforts of your cozy porch, but Kansas is too far away for afternoon calls.-Ed.

your cozy porch, but Kansas is too far away for afternoon calls.—Ed.

Thorett, Tenn,

Dear Comport Sisters:

I am an interested reader of the sisters' letters and have thought of writing but somehow the time has slipped by and a new Comport comes and each time the letters were so much better than I could have written that I'm glad I did not write and now it is Lula's letter that prompts me. Her letter is the very limit. Sisters, do you think she deserves the kind treatment her husband gives her? Judging from her letter, she does not. You know the old saying, "Love is blind," and it is true in this case. Maybe she is trying to joily us and we will hope so until we hear from her again.

Pearl Vesey, I would like to shake hands with you. You write such cheerful letters. These hot days make one glad vacation time is here and by the time this letter reaches you I will have taken mine and gotten back home again. Do you know, sisters, the real good of a vacation is not so much that it rests your mind and body as that it makes you satisfied with your lot. It is good to go away but it is great to come back. I suppose the psychology of the thing is that most of the time we stay too closely at home to realize how beautiful our blessings are. We have to get far enough away to get the right view of them. I always spend my vacations with my grandmother, as my father and mother have both paased away. She lives in a pretty little country village and has the traditional vine-wreather covery contonal pirty of the same work of the place where things have begun to get on my nerves and I have only once and the property of the same work of the place where things have begun to get on run nerves and I have commenced pitying myself and wondering if I didn't make a mistake when I married the nice little farmer who proposed to me when I was sixteen years old. I have begun to get on run nerves and I have commenced pitying myself and wondering if I didn't make a mistake when I married the nice little farmer who proposed to me when I was si

Jimmie.—Your letter afforded me a good laugh. It is so true to life that almost any woman can see herself in it. Come again.—Ed.

FIFIELD, WIS.

Dear Old Comforters:

Because I love Mother Nature in all her moods—
providing there's a setting of tail timber for her to
"mood" in—I love you the more and wish you could
spend the day around our campfire—mosquito smudge—
while we listened to the wood sounds and—slapped
mosquitoes. The kiddles got the long end of the
wishbone, and I must be content with a perch in
our Corner which just now means to me—Ladles'
Aid, Church, Club, Library, Friendship League and
all the rest that goes with social life here.
Your personal letters made me twice glad. Some
of them nearly leaped from the envelopes to pat me
on the back, and my long neck would get several
inches shorter—sort of bowed up with pride. Then
would come one which I could hardly drag from the
cover, and it would be full of biting sarcasm and
my rubber-like neck would attain its natural length
and leave me five feet, nine and one half inches long,
again. This time I won't tell you a thing about raising
again. This time I won't tell you a thing about raising
again. This time I won't tell you a thing about raising
at all. They are mannerly and good, because
we are mannerly and good to them. They sing and
play as the birds do and run as wild as the deer
in the Slashings. I think it as cowardly for a woman
to strike a child as it is for a man to strike a woman
there is too much "power" about it, and not enough
reason. I find that "power" lasts only while the rule
is present, while loving explanation of the whys and
wherefores lasts for a lifetime, allowing for little sidepaths through childish "forgetteries," which aren't
deliberate disobediences at all. Let us stop "raising"
the children, letting them just grow up, while we
make.

Friend husband—in the plurality—doesn't needscolding at all. They wrote me several of above mentioned "pat" letters, in which they told me all about
it. I had a sneaking belief that more than one
masculine eye perused our columns, and now I know it
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masculine eye perused our columns, and now I know it. The only sarcastic "Brother's" letter was typed, and stated by way of argument that women of today cannot cook, and that the writer is getting to be a woman hater. If Henry will send me his address, I will mail him my recipe for flapjacks, that he may fire that cook and live after the fashion of woman haters in general. I shall not argue with him, for two reasons: First—I'm Irish and I might say something that would cause him to "vote" against me. Secondly—I'm a wee bit leary of my own culinary abilities since I began Hooverizing.

Tonight Jack Frost reminds me that Santa Claus will soon begin packing his gifts, and I am going to put my money where it will either have to fight or cheer.

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opening for latest paper, glasses, pipe and tobacco. Lula may not like smoke, but we do! Smoke smells like "Dad." Dad smells like smoke, and they both smell like the home-fires. If poverty really is the mother of invention, we must cultivate her more. She knows how to give a personal touch to her gifts that any amount of cash cannot bring, and just now Uncle Sam needs all the money we can spare. I was once a designer, and though I no longer work at it, I am not entirely out of practice. If you need help in putting your favorite flowers, fruit or scenery on your gifts, and will furnish suitable paper and stamped envelope, I will gladly draw them for you, "free of charge." I must ask you not to send me money or gifts—only cheerful letters. I am not in a position to return favors—much as I would like to. I, too, think it is better to give than receive, hence that big ache in my liver—for I have received several boxes of candy, also magazines, pictures and the pretitest white apron I ever saw. Thank you all, and remember—no more presents to be sent. I think most of you cah make belts, handkerchief boxes, slippers, splashers and the many kinds of crocheted and fancy gifts. I will close with the suggestion that you paint a lot of tomato cans, and start slips in them now. Where your gifts are not to be shipped, they are the best ever.

You will hear from me occasionally, when I think of something to say. My heart being in the woods, I will send the Big Woods full of love to "you"—the only sisters I have.

Pearl Vessy,—When I faced the four hundred

Pearl Vesey.—When I faced the four hundred or more letters which it is my pleasure to receive every month, I said: "I wonder if there is a letter from Pearl Vesey." and when I found it I was as delighted as your admiring sisters will be when they see it in print. No, I've never kissed the blarney stone, though my grandmothers may have. Never mind the knockers, but come again.—Ed.

TACOMA, 19 Bridgeport Ave., WASH. TACOMA, 19 Bridgeport Ave., WASH.
DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:
Seeing what one sister says about dancing, I cannot help but say a few words. No, I do not believe in dancing.
I have four girls, aged thirty, twenty-six, twenty and sixteen, and they have never danced. The two oldest are married and have little families. They say

oldest are married and have little families. They say their girls shall never get the dancing fever either. When I was a girl I danced and found no harm in it, but my husband was raised a Baptist and would not let the children dance. I now thank him for it, as we have ten children and they are all an honor to our name. Many of the girls of my acquaintance dance and during the fifteen years I have lived here, most of the girls who have blighted their lives, left home or made bad marriages, spent their Saturday evenings dancing and Sunday mornings in bed.

When I was a girl I danced and found no harm in to ur name. Many of the girls of my acquaintance dead conting here it was worse. I have two sons and a son-inlaw in camp and it worried me to see those lone-some boys with no place to go but with a tough crowd. After talking to my son, who explained a soldier could not scrape acquaintance with decent people on the street, I decided to have some of them come to my house when in town. I have a boy of eighteen at

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THE GIRL HE LOVED

By Adelaide Stirling

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cook give me."
"What trousers?" said the prosecuting attorney, and the next second was sorry he had

what the next second was sorry he had spoken.

"The torn ones he was dressed up in, that he'd stolen from Captain Gordon," said the witness stolidly. "He told me Captain Gordon had give them to him, but I knew he took them, because I saw him coming out of his room with them, and I knowed he'd no call to be there. When there was that fuss about them he made me put them on in the posting-shed and wear them up to London. The got 'em on now"—simply—"and I found these two letters down the leg," producing the Umbrella's useless, well-meant warnings.

"Why did you write from London that you were happy?" said the prosecution sharply.

"Me?" said Towers. "Lord, sir, I can't write." In a dead silence the Umbrella's letters were read out, the letters that proved it had been past and not present meetings for Lady Levallion and Adrian Gordon. And then, with damning proof against Carrousel and against the missing Hester Murray, it was shown that Towers' supposed epistle and the letter from the pension in Boulogne were both in the same writing. And the telegram found in the mouse-hole fitted in with both—for if Adrian's detectives had not found Hester Murray they had found that she had never been in Boulogne at all, and that the Pension Bocage was kept by Carrousel's sister. Adrian's letter of inquiry had been forwarded to him, and his answer posted in Boulogne. Sir Thomas Annesley swore bostively that the clean-shaven Carrousel was the man he had seen in the wood and taken for Gordon. He had known him in Paddington Station before he followed him to Bethnal Court. then up to London. I've got 'em on now"—simply—gand I found these two letters down the let," producing the Umbrella's useless, well-meant warnings.

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and capital.

Lady Annesley, having worked much evil, had wiped it out. Yet her stepdaughter never saw her after that day in court. A few lies, a scrap of india-rubber, had cost two men's lives, and a woman's good name.

Levallion "had been kind," had died indirectly because he chose to marry her. Ravenel turned from the dock and went away with Tommy and the duchess, knowing that in a way the dead man had been dear to her, neither as lover nor husband, but as a friend whose love had passed knowledge.

And Adrian Gordon let her go; let the pass till Tommy was in the service and Mr. Jacobs fighting with all the dogs in Aldershot. And one day in May could wait no more.

By the lake at Avonmore she was sitting when, at the sound of his step on the gravel, she looked up and saw him.

"Adrian!" ske said, forgetting that for this many a day he had been Lord Levallion. But she got no further, for the look in his eyes that were on her face.

"May I come and speak to you?" he asked quite simply, as a child does, but his mouth had the same look as his eyes. "You've traveled a long way without me, Nel. Won't you—come home?"

And she knew what he meant. There was only

long way without me, Nel. Won't you—come home?"

And she knew what he meant. There was only one home in the world for her, in Adrian Gordon's arms. Perhaps she had no pride, for without a word she went there.

In the May sun he looked at her, as in one May two years past. There was no change—but there was! He had never dreamed she was so beautiful. But as he would have kissed her she pushed him away.

"It isn't fair to you!" she cried. "People will say things if you marry me."

"We won't hear them," he returned, and in so much the manner of the dead and gone Levallion that she cried out.

"You never half-knew him, Adrian! He was good to une."

"My sweetheart," he said, with a queer understanding of her loyalty to the dead.

"He was a botter man than you," she cried, and her eyes filled with tears. "But, oh, Adrian, I loved you best."

THE END.

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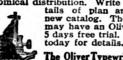
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According to the Food Administration, for a church supper, a political rally, a Sunday school picnic, or a "company dinner," it is far more patriotic to use food stuffs out of the home or local gardens than to eat the food freighted into town, because transportation is the greatest problem of the war and shipping space the most precious thing in the world.

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Keeping Back the Cuticle

HAVE so much trouble with my finger-nails," writes Evelyn. "The cuticle is so hard and dry I have tiny hangnails, which I can't help pulling or biting, and my nails are getting thick and hard."

The fact that the cuticle about one's nails is dry indicates that the whole body is a little bit out of order. For such a condition one should eat fruit and vegetables, drink plenty of water, see that all the bodily functions are regular, and soon the entire system will begin to show improvement. In the meantime, to keep the cuticle about the nails soft, vaseline or a little olive oil should be applied each night, rubbing around the base of the nail and even upon the nail itself.

Strong soaps should be avoided, the hands washed only as often as necessary to keep them clean, and a hand lotion applied immediately after washing. Soap, of course, removes the natural oil of the skin and if used many times a day, a dry cuticle is a quite natural result.

It will do no harm to use vaseline on the nails and surrounding cuticle in the daytime, only of course it must be applied very sparingly. Hangnails will flee before this treatment, but if they appear before a change has had time to take place, never bite or tear them. Take your manicure scissors and clip them carefully.

There is a new method of removing the cuticle where it has grown on the nail. Little rubber discs just about as large around as the end of a lead pencil and a quarter of an inch thick, are clasped tight in a tweezer-shaped instrument, the nail smeared with a nail-cream to which powdered pumice has been added, and the little rubber wheel used to rub the entire surface of the nail and to push back the cuticle at the base. An enterprising young friend of mine used a slice of the eraser from the end of a leadpencil, held it in the tweezer she uses to get rid of an occasional obtrusive hair on chin or lip, and added powdered pumice-stone to ber own nail-cream. The result was perfectly satisfactory, although the little outfit sold for this purpose is less trouble,

for this purpose is less trouble, since the tweezer clasps shut.

Try the suggestion. Even pumice-stone in your hall-cream will work wonders if you pad the end of your orange-wood stick with cotton and use it as a "pusher." By this method the cuticle is more easily kept back, and there is very little clipping with the manicure scissors. By the way, girls, you know, do you not, that you should not cut your finger-nails, but file them? And that your manicure scissors are really to remove hangnails and trim the edges of the nail where it grows into the fiesh, and not to shape the nail itself? Use a very thin flexible file, and be sure to cleanse under the nail with an orange-wood stick, after filing. The nail-cream plus pumice-stone is excellent to cleanse under the nail, but be sure to get it all out afterward. Here your nail brush and soapy water will do the deed.

Always rinse the hands in clean water after using soapy water, and apply a hand lotion. If you follow these suggestions, girls, I should like to see your finger-nails a month from now.

Answers to Questions

Miss May—For large knuckles, massage is the best remedy. Before going to bed, on arising, and at any other time in the day that you can manage, use a little olive oil, and with the fingers and thumb of the other hand gently work the knuckle up and down, pressing at the sides of the knuckle-joints. Keep the body in good condition, and use a hand lotion or hand cream on the hands before going to bed, to keep them soft and white. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, and do not eat too much red meat. Drink quantities of water that all unhealthful deposits may be removed from the body. Keep the pores of the body open by dally body-baths, deep breathing and plenty of fresh air—this for the same reason as the water taken internally; to rid the body of unhealthful deposits. When you wash your hands, always, in



USE THE ORANGE-WOOD STICK AS A PUSHER.

drying, massage the knuckles at the side of the pressing with the thumb on one side and wiffirst or second finger on the other.

Roll Film Cartridge and a complete Instruction Book. The just the thought on one side and with the first or second finger on the other.

Eprik.—I am sorry that it is against the rules of this department to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and to any people have exactly the same problem to solve, and the same problem to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to solve, and the same problem to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to solve, and the same problem to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to solve, and the same problem to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to solve, and the same problem to answer letters by mall. So many people have exactly the same problem to solve, and the same problem to answers are printed break are in a day, and more days than there are in a day, and more days than there ar

follow these directions, face, neck and hands will soon begin to grow magically white. Too hot water, or too frequent applications of hot water will also make a neck look, as you express it, "grained." Hot water should never be applied to the face except for curative purposes—tepid water is better. Where there are blackheads, it is desirable to use hot soapy water at night, but thoroughly rinse thereafter; but in the daytime when the skin is exposed to different temperatures indoors and out, tepid water is the only kind to use. Here is a formula for a hand lotion:

To Whiten the Hands

Rosewater, two ounces; orange-flower water, two ounces; borate of soda, one fourth dram; spirits of benzoin, one half dram; bruised almonds, one half

ounce.

Add the bruised almonds to the orange-flower and rosewater, and let stand for twenty-four hours, strain, add the sods, shake well, and when this is dissolved add the benzoln, a drop at a time, shaking continually. Strained honey can be used in conjunction with this. Always apply after washing the hands, and add an extra application before going to bed.

Mas. M. E.—The surest way of removing superfluous hair is by the electric needle. I am not permitted to name firms or business places in these columns, but there are several large beauty shops in Chicago, at any one of which you could have your hair removed. The treatment costs five dollars an hour, and the ordinary person can only take about fifteen minutes' treatment at a time. Fifteen minutes dis-



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poses of quite a number of hairs. Do not go to an unskilled local operator—your face can be scarred by so doing. When you reach Clicago, inquire at the Information Department of Marshall Field's and they will tell you of some large beauty shop in the neighborhood. In the meantime, you can do much to reduce the unsightly hair by using the French treatment, applying peroxide of hydrogen to the hair one day, mopping it on and letting it dry; then ammonia the next day, in the same manner. If the skin becomes irritated after a few applications, discontinue the treatment for a day or two, rubbing in a little cold cream, then go back to the peroxide and ammonia. The former bleaches the hair, so that it is not so noticeable, and the latter, in time, kills the roots so that the hair falls out. This will remove superfluous hair, but it is a very slow process, and requires patience and perseverance.

BLACK BRAUTY.—I should be very careful what I

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BLACK BRAUTY.—I should be very careful what I used on those few black hairs on my lip. I imagine they are not at all noticeable, except to you. Try looking at the other girls, and you will find that almost everybody has a little hair on the lips. In the meantime, however, you can use peroxide and ammonla, which is the only safe treatment for hair on the face (except the electric needle in the hands of a skilled operator). See answer to "Mrs. M. E."

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E. H.—See the first sentence of answer to "Effie." You say you perspire too freely under the arms. Of course, perspiration is necessary to health, so we do not want to stop it, but I understand how uncomfortable it is to perspire so excessively. Take a sponge bath every morning, rubbing the body over quickly and vigorously. Unless you have a warm room to take this in, in cold weather, only expose a small part of the surface of the body at one time; sponge it, then dry it with a rough towel; cover, and proceed with the next fraction of body surface. In this way you will not take cold. Remove the hair from under the arms by using a depilatory. It will return, of course, but you can remove it as frequently as is needed. The hair holds the perspiration, besides causing it by making the armpit warm, so just this one precaution may help you greatly. Then make yourself a bag of corn-starch—using loosely-woven flannel. After bathing, dry the armpits, then with a cake of white soap, barely damp, rub the armpit over, gently. Use your flannel bag afterward and shake against the armpit surface. This will check perspiration. Wear shields in all your dresses, and wash them daily—otherwise they become offensive. Anybody who is troubled with excessive perspiration—needs to be even more careful about bathing and changing clothes than other people—always put on perfectly fresh underwear before going out in the evening, and see that the dress itself is perfectly fresh. Sponging the armpits of a dress with alcohol (not wood alcohol) will cleanse and freshen it without destroying the color. Alcohol is so high now that this makes an expensive cleanser, Gasoline can be used, however, and the dress thoroughly aired afterward. Quince-seed lotion may be used on the hair before putting up on curlers; it is not injurious. You say you have quite a little dandruff; do you take your hair

it will answer all your questions.

M. E.—See answer to "Mrs. M. E." Be glad that you have a comparatively small bust, for if you knew how many women had to struggle with the opposite condition, you would not change with them for the world. Your weight indicates that you are not bony and scraggly, and I should imagine your bust is prettier as it is than it would be larger. However, if you want it larger, I suppose I must help you. Buy a cake of cocoa butter at the druggist's, and anoint the breast with it, holding the butter over a lighted candle to soften it, then rubbing it round and round, following the outline of the bust. Do not do this vigorously, as the breast is sensitive. Arm exercises, such as I give in Compour from time to time will also develop the bust, so practice them daily.

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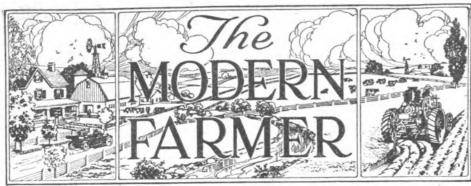
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Bumper Crops

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Europe Wants Bread

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Corn Shows Bio Gain.—Corn, too shows a big gain—over 3,000,000,000 bushels now being harvested, or about ten per cent more than the average crop. In other words, all cereals that are now being used for human food have shown an average increase of about ten per cent over the past five years. Surely this is something for which to be thankful. Most inspiring of all is the fact that this splendid showing is due most largely to the favorable season for growing crops, with which we have been blessed.

MEAT AND DAIRY SUPPLIES SHOW LIKE INCREASE.—From all data now available a similar increase of ten per cent will be shown in our meat and dairy products.

We have passed the crisis and with proper use of substitutes and careful saving the United States will not only be able to take care of its army and navy and keep our boys well fed and in fighting trim, as well as supply the food needs of our Allies, but also accumulate a food reserve against the time of need, as an insurance against crop failure, labor shortage or other disaster.

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Surely the Lord has favored us, for which we should with the greatest appropriateness render unto Him our heartfelt thanks.

Insure Your Corn Crop

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The best way to insure a come copy is to keep the years' supply of seed on hand. Had this rule been generally practiced we would not have had the difficulty we experienced last spring in getting good seed corn. Despite the hard time we had in finding seed corn, one of the biggest corn crops in the country in the country in the country of the control of the standard of the corn crops in the country of the country in the country of the country in the country of the corn between the ones who saved the day.

Seed Conn Must B Delen — our experience last year clearly proves that seed corn must be done of the steam from cooking, washing and so on. In the attic or furnace room away from the corn by use of fire as soon as picked. It will not do to dry it over the kitches are considered as necessary as the band the corn between the ones who saved the day. Seed Conn Must B Delen — our experience last year clearly proves that seed corn must be do pick in the field and immediately hung it upin a drying room were the ones who saved the day. Seed Conn Must B Delen — our experience last year clearly proves that seed corn must be to pick in the field and hang the corn up on strings in the wagon-shed or on a proch of under a roof where it will be provided the corn is thoroughly ripe it may be safe to pick in the field and hang the corn up on strings in the wagon-shed or on an experience last year clearly proves that seed corn must be done of the side of the house of the steam from cooking, washing and so on. In the attic or furnace room the windows s

"Discount" wheats worth two cents to sever cents per bushel less than ordinary varieties

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How Grades Are Fixed

What constitutes No. 1 wheat? There several factors which decide the grade. Firs weight per bushel. For common varieties No. 1 must weigh 60 lbs, per bushel. No. 2 " " 58 " " " " No. 3 " " 56 " " "

Next comes the moisture content-something which the farmer can't determine. A sample of wheat is thoroughly dried and its loss in weight during drying is moisture content. For common varieties

No. 1 must not contain more than 131/2 per cent

of moisture.

No. 2 must not contain more than 14 per cent of moisture. No. 3 must not contain more than 14½ per cent of moisture.

Next come impurities such as dirt, weeds, seeds and damaged kernels. For common varie-

for silage should be cut when the seeds are ripe and hard. Rather let the sorghums suffer a touch of frost than cut them into the silo too green. If corn is allowed to become too ripe and dry it cuts up into fluffy stuff that will not pack properly into the silo. Such loosely packed silage spoils from molding, as air pockets occur in the mass. Dry silage must be wetted to make it pack and all silage should be well tramped in the silo, especially around the walls. Silage tends to fall or shrink away from the walls as settling occurs and air then gets in and moldiness results. The faster the silo is filled the firmer must the silage be tramped and as help is scarce this year it would be best to fill slowly and allow the silage to settle daily, then tramp well just before adding more silage. When a silo is rushed full, and the outfit leaves the farm, settling occurs quickly and many feet of the silo is left unfilled. It would be better to fill slower and tramp better if it is impossible to refill that part of the silo left empty by settling. Silage must be well wetted if it does not pack well under foot. Experience will tell the right "feel" of the silage when tramped upon and dry silage must be made to have that right feel by addition of water, which is best added by allowing a stream to enter the blower.

Perfect distribution and spreading of the cut corn is absolutely necessary. In many instances the tendency is to have most of the corn fall in the center of the silo. Try to have it spread well over the surface by having it delivered in the silo by a tube of jointed sheet metal attached to the top of the blower pipe and hanging down far into the silo and with a canvas pipe at the down end. Keep the cut corn higher at the wall than in the center, the opposite of the rule for stacked building, but keep the edges well tramped. When the silo has been filled cover the cut corn with a layer of wet oats, or hay, or straw. Some people even use strawy manure, but clean hay or straw is better. The object is to keep the a

Beware the Drug Faker!

Reports come in every day of dishonest men going about the country humbugging and cheating the farmer by selling him unnecessary and often wholly useless concoctions, dopes and alleged cures, preventives or remedies for real and imaginary ills and diseases of animals. Prices for livestock are so high that the farmer is, more than ever before, anxious to prevent losses; then, too, he has more spare cash than usual to invest in anything that is highly recommended or that "looks good" to him. The medicine faker knows these conditions and is taking advantage of them to make a "war profit" and is not concerned as to the outcome as regards anyone other than his selfish self. Give such men the "cold shoulder" and the "marble face" and no "glad hand." If they are peddling a hog cholera "cure" better turn the dog on them or scare them good and proper in the quickest and easiest way possible; for such men often carry cholera infection on their boots and clothes and the dope they sell is useless. There is no cure for hog cholera and no preventive other than vaccination, which is an emiment success if properly done by a trained veterinarian, using reliable serum. Waste no money on cholera "cures" and beware the dope pedler as a very probable source of the disease.

Neither is there a cure or preventive in the shape of a drug or combination of drugs for blackleg, anthrax, hemorragic septicemia, tuberculosis, rabies, glanders, contagious abortion, influenza, distemper, pink-eye or any other contagious or infectious disease. Some of these diseases may be prevented by vaccination, the first three named, for instance; while scientific diagnostic agents have been perfected for some of the other maladies of our list, notably, tuberculosis, abortion and rabies; but only the graduate veterinarian can safely be trusted to deal with such diseases and the agents indicated for their control or detection. Money spent for alleged cures and preventives for such diseases is wasted: nor is there any profit in doping animals with condition p

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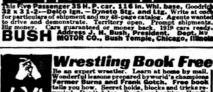




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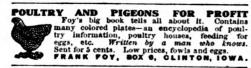
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BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

Help Beat the Huns by Keeping Hens. Profit Even in Small Flocks

Profit Even in Small Flocks

VERYBODY that possibly can should keep a few, for it small yards should keep a few, for it foed the people of our country and time, and now, when we have to let our pork and beef go over the seas to feed the men who are fighting for us, we home folks are more than ever dependent on eggs and poultry, for to a great extent these must serve the purpose of meat on our own tables, to keep up additional time, and now, when we have to let our pork and beef go over the seas to feed the men who are fighting for us, we home folks are more than ever dependent on eggs and poultry, for to a great extent these must serve the purpose of meat on our own tables, to keep up and depleted by the scarcity of butcher's meat. But the high price of meat bars it from the ordinary family table almost as effectually as an absolute embargo would. We must have eggs, for they form part of most of our made dishes, and are the most nutritious and easily digested whome table with eggs and chickens is doing a good bit to aid the general welfare of our country and a threatened shortage, in consequence of house, with the high side of which the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter. This means that the prospect of reaching unprecedented heights the coming fall and winter th

Today the writer looked up the wholesale New York quotation on high quality eggs, and found it fifty cents per dozen at almost the first of August, and the price continues to climb. Many who have kept poultry for years are not getting alarmed. It is certainly a time at which the poultry keeper should think things over and leason things out carefully. Do not forsake the poultry flocks in a hurry, and repent at leisure. Hold on to them, for in most cases this advice will prove good.

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In many articles that have been published in the last few weeks, much has been said about starting into the poultry business for those people who have never tried it, but who are in a position to make a beginning. The main reason advanced for this is that a small flock of chickens could be maintained in back yards and on small places where heretofore none has been raised. This could be done with small chances of loss, but with great advantages to those doing it. And it is undoubtedly true. The writer has seen several such new poultry flocks started of late, and the owners are going to benefit from them. There are thousands of people employed in the cities and living in surburban or small towns, who have available space and spare time with which to take care of a small flock of chickens. There are good reasons why poultrymen have advised such people to start this year. The small flock of from ten to thirty-five or forty birds, if given good care, will produce eggs for the family through this coming winter, eggs that are fresh and good. This point alone seems a sufficient reason. Fresh eggs will be high priced and hard to get, without a doubt. These eggs can be produced mainly on table scraps and kitchen refuse which would otherwise go to waste. A small amount of time morning and evening will take care of the small flock. A small house and yard will provide an environment in which they can thrive, summer and winter. Then besides the eggs that will be furnished for the table, if one or more proves to be a poor layer. But the fresh eggs are the things of paramount importance.

How Many Eggs Can One Expect from a Hen?

This is a perfectly fair question, and one upon which every one starts his figuring, when thinking about a flock of chickens. The average good hen should produce in a year around one hundred eggs. The average production for hens on farms in general is not that much, and on the other hand, on good poultry farms it exceeds that figure considerably. But under average conditions one hundred eggs is a fair number to expect from a hen. Put your expectations between ten and twelve dozen, but do not criticize her too severely if she doesn't go far over a hundred, for the chances will be that she was not to blame. Taking the wholesale price of eggs quoted above, for August first or thereabouts, and the value of one egg is over four cents. The retail price at the store for that same egg is five cents or more. These are New York prices, but though lower in some places eggs are high everywhere. One hen ought to give you, if you do your share, from two and a half to five dollars' worth of eggs in a year. Supposing that you figure on ten hens or even twenty? Then for safety's sake figure that three or four of these hens do not prove more than half as good as others. You still have a lot of eggs to count on.

How Much Will It Cost to Keep a Hen?

Again a fair question, and one upon the answer to which much depends. Under normal grain prices it usually costs a large poultry raiser something in the neighborhood of one dollar and seventy-five cents to feed a hen for a year. But it must be remembered that he has to buy all the food for her, and table scraps form but a small part of the feed item, if they figure in it at all. For the small flock, concerning which this article relates, the use of waste table scraps costs nothing and will in fact be a saving. Some grain and some mash may be fed with benefit and profit, but the majority of food for such flocks will come from the kitchens. Under such conditions, with even the prevailing high grain prices the cost of feeding a hen would not come up to the average on a poultry farm. The cost of keeping her, even though it did equal the market value of her eggs, would and should not

prohibit her from appearing, for the advantage of having fresh eggs at all times would counter-

How Could One Start a Small Poultry Flock?

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The answer to this question will vary with different localities and with different situations. In general, the best thing to do after one has provided a place to keep the chickens is to look around and inquire about the possibilities of getting a few pullets from reliable poultry raisers. It is a mistaken policy to expect to find good layers in the open poultry market. The culls are those which are marketed. Take a little more time and trouble to look up a good poultry raiser and try to get pullets from him. Get the pullets; birds that were raised this past spring and that are getting ready to lay this fall and winter. Old hens won't pay the small flock keeper. A pullet is always the one to get. Get a well-developed one and a good healthy one. Be willing to pay from a dollar and a half to two dollars at least for a good pullet.

When Will a Hen Start to Lay in the Fall?

floors, in which they can scratch. Exercise is es-Exercise is es-sential to health.

Correspondence

USEFUL COOPS WHICH CAN BE USED AS BROODERS

FOR SMALL FLOCKS.

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B. H. W.—With only an acre of land it would not be advisable to try raising any number of turkeys. You have been overfeeding the young ones. They should have nothing for thirty-six hours after they are hatched, and then only a piece of cottage-cheese mixed with sharp, clean sand. Divide a tablespoonful into five parts, and feed one part five times a day; this is enough for the first three days. After that mix crushed wheat with finely chopped hard-boiled egg (chop shell and all). Add charcoal and sand in equal parts, and feed about the fourth of a teaspoonful to each bird five times a day until they are a month old. Give them all the sour milk they will drink after they are thirty-six hours old. Most of the discases which attack young turkeys are transmitted from old birds by means of microbes and germs in the droppings, so if the old birds can be thoroughly cleared of worms and their intestinal troubless before there are any young ones around, they have a much better chance for existence. During the winter I use permanganate to a gallon of water, and stir thoroughly until it is all dissolved, then add one tablespoonful of the mixture to every quart of drinking water as it is a wonderful germ killer. I add half an ounce of permanganate to a gallon of water, and stir thoroughly until it is all dissolved, then add one tablespoonful of the mixture to every quart of drinking water as good purifier and should be given to the birds regularly. We give it to young ones from the time they are hatched. To make a good insect powder at home, slake one peck of lime, and add two ounces of capbolic acid; mix it very thoroughly, then add as much tobacco dust as you can stir into it. Let it dry, and then roll down to a powder. Keep it in jars or cans with air-tight lids. Another good home-made powder is gained by mixing equal parts of very fine coal ashes and tobacco dust, and then moistening th

G. P. E.—For the last few years it has been getting more and more difficult to raise young turkeys, owing to the wide spread of the disease known as blackhead. Sour milk is one of the best aids in ohecking the germs of the disease. Please read answer to B. H. W. I think it is a mistake to breed from young stock year after year. I prefer hen turkeys between two and five years of age; toms from fifteen months to three and four years.

O. K.—As the turkey hens and tom are not related, you could keep them another year and then get a younger male bird. Please read answers to B. H. W. and G. P. E.

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Mrs. C., Florida.—Undoubtedly worms and lice are the cause of the diarrhea, and from your account I should imagine that the whole flock and house are in a very bad condition. First of all, to get rid of lice and mites, clean the inside of the house. If the nests and perches are movable, carry them out of the house, pour a little kerosene inside of the nests, and over the perches and then set fire to it. Let them burn until well scorched, then beat out the fire, and when cold whitewash. Swab the walls and celling of the house to remove all dirt and dust, and apply a thick coat of whitewash made of fresh lime and boiling water. Add one cup kerosene, one ounce crude carbolic acid, to every pailful just before the lime stops boiling. To purify chicken houses, the whitewash should be as thick as heavy cream, and instead of an ordinary whitewash brush use an old swabbing broom. It is safer, and it enables you to spread the whitewash into all cricks and crevices. If the perches are put back in place, wrap the ends where they touch the sides of the house in an old woolen cloth, and saturate it with kerosene every afternoon, se that any lice which may be on the birds can't get back onto the walls of the house. For the birds themselves get some good insect powder; put it into a flour dredger or a tin that has holes pierced in the lid; then hold the walls of the house. For the birds themselves get some good insect powder; put it into a flour dredger or at in that has holes pierced in the lid; then hold the walls of the house. For the birds themselves get are not the walls of the house. For the birds themselves get as for the house in an old woolen cloth, and saturate it with kerosene every afternoon, se that any lice which may be on the birds can't get back onto the walls of the house. For the birds themselves get in that has holes pierced in the lid; then hold the walls of the house. For the birds themselves get fre

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Goddess o'the Harvest Ceres appeared, drawn by two splendid white horses. He was greeted by the villages Their hands met in a most charming girl,

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Alice Lovell

ESTLEY Thompson came slowly through the field of yellow stubble, wending his way absently around the noble shocks of corn. He was big of body, handsome and bronzed, a fitting figure for the scene about him. Virility was in his every line, and in his of one whose close communion is constantly with There was a look of anxiety not to say

They had reached the town. Everywhere were signs of the coming Harvest Festival and Home Coming Week. On the street corners, great shocks of corn were erected and over them trailed graceful grape-vines. Festoons of corn, wheat and other grains were looped from column to column placed at set distances along the streets. These columns supported horns of plenty, loaded with pumpkins, squashes and other offerings of a bountiful harvest.

The street decorations were all designed and placed under the direction of Archibald Breneriton, an actor and adept at such things. He also was directing the rehearsals of the Harvest Pageant which was to be produced nightly at the Town Hall during Home Coming Week.

As Westley walked toward the Town Hall with Alice, a hate for the beauty of nature displayed all about him arose. A mean harvest would have tabooed this waste of nature's gifts, there would have been no thought of a Harvest Celebration, Brenerton would not have been hired and Alice would not have suddenly developed this wild desire to go on the stage.

The Town Hall was filled with the young people of the village who were to take part in the Pageant, all costumed, for tonight was the dress rehearsal.

As Westley and Alice entered, Brenerton stepped from the wings clad in sombre magnificence as "Pluto, God of the Lower World." His robes were draped about his naked throat and shoulders, he wore sandals upon his feet. The graceful manner in which he carried himself denoted the finished actor.

"Now, young people," he began, as he threw aside his mantle and stood forth in an undergarment fashioned on the style of a Grecian hoy's costume, "hurry and we'll commence. Ah, Goddess Ceres" (noting Alice), "we are waiting for you."

Alice hurried to the dressing-room.

Westley did not take part in the Pageant. It is true that Brenerton had raved over his splendid physique and asked him to take the part of "Pluto," but Westley hadn't the first instincts of an actor and declined flatly, and since there were none of the young men wil

were Home great doing it.

Monday morning came, the first morning of Home Coming Week. Crowds of people came on the trains, and many motored or drove in. Fakirs were crying their wares, and the side-shows were opening up. All was bustle and holiday spirit.

warm clasp.

turned to Alice, and with a big smile of happy content on his face, he opened his arms to her, and the next moment he held her close.

"This is no place for me," Brenerton laughed gently, "you'll pardon me if I go?"

"But you must not go until we assure you of how much we appreciate what you've done," Alice said.

Again he laughed, albeit a little tenderly. "Don't I know what you'd sacrifice if you gave up love for ambition? I have experienced the joy of love and I've a wife and darling baby. But I mustn't let it be generally known. My work of the past few weeks is my manner of harvesting for my loved ones. Congratulations and good luck," he finished, and shaking their hands, he departed.

"Who would have believed this of Brenerton?" Alice said. "One would never have suspected this side of his character. Get my cloak, West, and take me home. Never mind my costume. Let it be crushed. It hasn't half the attraction that a cover-ail apron will have in the future. Come."

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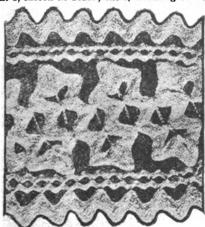




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Little Children on the Farm

By N. F. Milborn

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UCH is said and written about making farm life attractive to young people, but there are few persons who realize that the training of our future farmers and farmers' wives must begin in early childhood.

One of the principal reasons for dissatisfaction and unrest among country young folks is that older persons have the habit of talking much about the hardships of a farmer's life, inveighing against the weather, fretting over loss of animals, failure of crops, etc. This constant complaining creates a very harmful atmosphere. In consulting several city dwellers, who are working in different occupations, as to why they left homes in the country, they have almost universally declared it was because their fathers constantly complained about the hard work, etc. Nothing was ever said about the absolute security the farming people have against want, the independence of being one's own boss, the joys of country life, the beauty of the woods and hills in changing seasons, and the interest of the growing animals and crops!

The value of fresh air, pure, wholesome food, plenty of room outdoors for play or exercise, tranquility of mind and communion with Nature, in raising a family of children, far outweighs any advantages of education, chances to make money, or amusement facilities which are found in the crowded, busy city.

Why not impress these things upon the plastic, attentive minds of children? It pays to cultivate the habit of cheerfulness, hopefulness and patience in any situation of life. In dealing with the uncontrollable forces of Nature, the farmer should hold fast to reason and philosophy and never grumble.

Optimism becomes a habit if one persistently looks on the bright side. I have a friend, Anna B., who has suffered from long-continued ill health, financial misfortune, anxiety, and deep sorrow. Yet she is always cheery, sunny and pleasant. It is needless to say that her society is eagerly sought, that she has many warm friends, and that she is a power for

of capability and efficiency in manhood or womanhood.

As soon as a child can toddle about the house, the mother should teach it orderly habits and usefulness, by telling it kindly to pick up its own toys and put them in a box or basket, should allow it to carry small articles from room to room for her, and pick up chips for the kitchen fire. The dear little one will be happy to think it is "helping mother." Children should be taught to be self-helpful and to help others. A child of three or four years will be proud to partially wash and dress itself and then help wait on the baby; to bring towels and soap for washing, to help dress it, buttoning its apron, lacing its shoes, etc.

At this age, a child can have a small broom and dustcloth and assist in tidying up the rooms. When mother washes dishes, it can wipe teaspoons, pans and saucers, and put them in place on the table. One tactful mother makes household tasks a round of games for the little helpers. They play being automobiles while carrying dishes from kitchen table to cupboard, play being brownies or fairies and make beds, sweep hearths, dust furniture, etc.

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as nails, hammer, small saw, etc. They will soon learn to mend small breaks in fences, make chicken coops, dove cotes, rabbit traps, etc.

All children love animals. Pet dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, tame rabbits, squirrels, etc., are sources of never-failing delight. The habit of regularly caring for pets, bringing them food and water at appointed times, supplying them with fresh straw, etc., is valuable training for children.

Dangerous pitfalls should never be permitted on a farm, and the fences should be secure against roving cattle. This ensures peace of mind for the mother without constant recourse to "Don'ts," which are very difficult for an active, enterprising child to remember.

It is very easy to keep a young child quietly entertained. A pile of clean corn-cobs will afford occupation and anusement. It can learn to make walls, log houses, fortresses, fences, etc. Corn-cobs can be dressed in scraps of calico to make dolls for little girls. Odd-shaped gourds will serve as different kinds of animals. Acorn cups can be doll dishes, and hickory-nuts serve as heads for dolls made of corn-husks. There is an infinite store of treasures to be found in the woods and fields. Moss and wild flowers can be transplanted and made into fairy gardens. Bright pebbles or queerly shaped stones can make tiny rockeries.

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a child's pertinent questions about Nature's wonders.

Of course, all ambitious parents take an interest in the progress of their children in school. Father and mother should consider it a duty to lay aside their own reading or sewing in the evening to help the little ones with their studies. It is worth while to revive one's knowledge of arithmetic and grammar and keep in touch with new school methods.

All sorts of home occupations and innocent amusements should be encouraged by parents.

If the mother and father can join in candymaking, popping corn, cracking nuts, playing checkers, singing choruses around the piano, reading aloud and telling stories, they will be laying up stores of happy memories and rivet the chains that bind the children to country life and the old home farm.

On account of their isolated situation, many country lads and lassies are oppressed with a sense of bashfulness and awkwardness, when meeting strangers.

There is no need of this peculiarity, however. Careful, kindly, home training will eradicate such tendencies and give ease of manner and proper speech.

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I have known of two families of agricultural people who were deservedly popular and much admired because of their cordial, courtly be-

admired because of their cordial, courtly behavior.

Both of these families were descended from several generations of country dwellers. In each home, from the days of infancy, the little ones were shown the correct way to express themselves in speech, proper table habits, polite forms of greeting, etc. There is nothing more pleasing than to hear a little child lisp "Thank you" or "Excuse me" readily and naturally. A timid little tot should be led by the hand to visitors and told to say "Good morning."

Cheerful morning greetings should be exchanged in the home. In a household where hospitality abounds, the children have ample opportunity to become accustomed to well-bred social conduct.

There is no better preparation for success in life than a foundation of self-respect and good manners.

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Physical culture tends to eliminate muscular awkwardness. Simple gymnastics can be practiced at home as well as at school. Turning poles, dumb bells, Indian clubs, trapezes, swings, etc., can be made and boys will greatly enjoy cultivating their strength and muscular control in the big barn on rainy days.

One wise mother as soon as her children are old enough to go to school, allows them to invite one or two schoolmates to spend the afternoon or entire day on pleasant Saturdays. Each child has its regular tasks every day. On Saturday these are quickly accomplished in anticipation of the company. When there is extra work, the little girl guests must think it great fun to help wash dishes, and churn butter, while the boys help husk corn, or weed in the garden. A plain country dinner is served at noon, and before the children leave for home, a simple, wholesome lunch of bread and butter and a glass of milk is given to each one of the hungry, happy band.

In the country, the Sabbath still retains its primal significance, as adder of the country in the country of the same of the country is a day of the country in the same of the country is a day of the country is a day of the country of the same of the country is a day of the country is a

dishes from kitchen table to cupboard, play being brownies or fairies and make beds, sweep hearths, dust furniture, etc.

Singing familiar songs while working lightens all labor.

Of course, young children should never be allowed to carry heavy loads, or work at tasks until fatigued. "Just a little" of several different duties is the best way to train them.

Out-of-doors children love to follow a kind father about, and if controlled properly need never be in the way. The sharp ears and bright eyes will learn much of agricultural methods and store up useful knowledge.

Country children should never be allowed to have miniature truck and flower beds of their own.

Boys should be given a few essential tools,

Ten Golden Rules of Health

HE Ten Golden Rules of Health, as pre-scribed by the Minnesota Division, Woman's Committee, Council of Na-tional Defence, and Minnesota Commis-sion of Public Safety, are as fol-lows:

Iows:

I. Play hard and fair. Be loyal to your team mates and generous to your opponents.

II. Eat slowly. Do not eat between meals. Chew food thoroughly. Never drink water when there is food in the mouth. Drink water several times during the day.

III. Brush your teeth at least twice a day. Rinse your mouth out well with water after each meal

each meal.

IV. Be sure to cultivate regular daily habits.
V. Keep clean body, clothes and mind. Wash your hands always before eating. Take a warm bath with soap once or twice a week; a cool sponge (or shower) bath each morning before breakfast and rub your body to a glow with a rough towel. rough towel.

VI. Try to keep your companions, especially young children, away from those who have contagious diseases.

VII. Use your handkerchief to cover a sneeze or cough and try to avoid coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose in front of others.

VIII. Study hard, and in study, work or play, do your best.

IX. Sleep: Get as many hours in bed each night as this table indicates for your age. Keep windows in bedroom well open.

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Home Dressmaking Hints Forecasts for Fall Fashions

By Geneva Gladding



terial and the body of the coat of serge.

The new motor coats are fashioned after trench coats. One smart model of mohair is leather trimmed and warmly lined, so as to afford ample protection in cold weather.

Broad-soled and low-heeled shoes will be correct for the coming season—and that in black or brown.

Tailored waists and dresses have standing collars in a variety of effects, though others continue to have the comfortable front opening with collar in shawl or other eutline that rolls high at the back and continues over the front as far as the bust or below. as the bust or below.

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Cut in four sizes; six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 years requires three and one fourth yards of 44 inch material.

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2264—House Coat for Men. This model has fronts and collar cut in one. It is suitable for serge, cheviot, double-faced mixtures, broadcloth, drill

cneviot, double-faced mixtures, broadcroth, drift and alpaca.

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2297—A Simple, One-piece Model. Satin or serge with braid or embroidery could be used. It is also nice for velvet and crepe, cashmere or gabardine.

Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires seven yards of 36-inch material.

2302—A Pretty Frock for Mother's Girl. The model is also nice for taffeta, velvet or corduroy, for linen and other wash materials.

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2314—A Popular, Practical Garment. Serge, drill, khaki, gingham, gabardine, fiannel and cashmere are good materials for this model.

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would be nice, too. The pattern for this neat
little dress is easy to develop.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10
years. It requires three yards of 44-inch material for an eight-year size.

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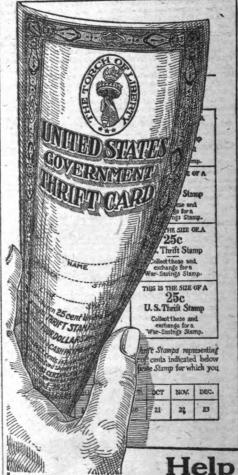
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What I Did with Ten Cents' Worth of Dye

By Elizabeth Firth

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HREE pretty faces looked disconsolate. The order 1 'd gone forth that economy must rune the wardrobe. This was a domestic tragedy, for the girls dearly loved to be well dressed, as all normally constituted young people do. So they put their heads together to see what could be done to remedy the unfortunate state of affairs.

"I have an idea," exclaimed the blonde after thinking for a minute or two. "Let's all dye." "Are you crazy?" said the brunette. The girl with gray eyes just looked at her in surprise. "Oh, you stupids," said the blonde. "I don't mean d i e—but d y e. If we dye some of our old clothes a different color, everybody will think they are new. Suppose each one of us sees just what we can do with ten cents' worth of dye."

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Now the blonde knew that there were going to be a great many little festivities in the village during the winter, so she thought she would try to make a new party dress out of the pale blue silk that she had worn for two seasons. For several years she had longed for a pink silk frock, but it seemed always just out of her reach. Filled with the confidence inspired by her new idea, she ripped all the white lace trimming from her old frock, and she purchased a ten-cent package of the pink dye intended for silk and woolen materials and studied very carefully the directions on the envelope. She learned that the first thing to do was to remove all grease spots with soap and water and then, after preparing the dye, to test its color with a sample of the material before submitting her dress to the tender mercies of the dye pot. In her case, this was an old dish-pan. After a search through her piece-bag, the blonde found a small bundle of silk scraps that were left when the dress was made. She plunged a bit of the pale blue silk into the boiling dye and was delighted when it came out a lovely coral shade. So she put in the dress and lifted it up and down with two sticks so that the dye would penetrate thoroughly each part of it and there would be no streaks, but a clean, even color. When it had boiled the required time, she hung it up to dry and then rinsed it according to directions to remove the "free dye" and make the color fast. When she had pressed it she was delighted with the result. Next she washed the white lace carefully with warm water and white soap and pressed it while still a little damp. When this was put back on the frock and the whole set off by a touch of black velvet, the result was charming.

The blonde was enthusiastic until she remembered that her party slippers were blue and so were her very best stockings. But she did not let this discourage her very long, for she

knew the answer was the same as it had been in the case of the dress,—dye!

The stockings could go in the dye-pot, and in her enthusiasm along with them went a white chiffon cloth scarf that had become too yellow and dirty to wear, together with some faded ribbons and an old white silk necktle. These all-came out satisfactorily, so next she tackled the slippers. She purchased at a garage five cents' worth of gasoline. This she mixed with a little of the dye powder until she got the exact shade of the frock. Then she took a paint-brush and painted the satin tops of the slippers, being careful not to stain the leather soles. Gasoline can always be employed to color silk or satin in this way without spoiling the luster of the material, but it must be used in a room without artificial light or fire, as it is very explosive.

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The brunette's experience was just as fortunate. She set her heart on a new mustard-tolored crepe waist to wear with a certain white corduroy skirt that was her special pride. Packed away in a trunk in the attic she had an old very pale pink crepe gown that she had not worn for years because it had faded such an ugly color it would not pay to make it over. She brought it out, ripped it apart and found that though there was not enough for an entire new frock—it was made with a very narrow skirt—she had plenty and to spare for a pretty blouse. The silk was washed and then dyed very satisfactorily. Into the same dye-pot she also dipped all her old light-colored ribbons and a faded pale blue silk belt. The result was so good that she bought another package of cardinal dye intended for cotton and dyed an old white cotton voile bright red. With a satin belt this would make a pretty house-dress and could also be worn to informal parties.

The girl with gray eyes could not afford to buy a new suit and her winter suit of three seasons ago had such a narrow skirt she was ashamed to wear it. But she had a white serge suit that was up-to-date in cut but was sø dirty from last summer's outings that she had despaired of ever getting it clean; besides she needed a dark suit. So she purchased a package of navy blue dye and followed the directions to the letter. The result surpassed even her expectations. Then she put through the same process a dirty white silk blouse and painted an old white felt hat dark blue with dye and gasoline.

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when the suit was pressed it was found that it had shrunken a little and as it had always been a bit too big, this only improved the fit. Worn with a white organdic collar and cuffs, it made a very smart suit. The blouse was of course exactly the color of the suit and so was the hat, which, when trimmed with a wing and a tough of ribbon, most attractively completed the costume. the costume.

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When the three friends next met and enthusiastically related "What I did with ten cents' worth of dye," it was unanimously decided that henceforth dye should every season aid in refurnishing the wardrobe.

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HORTON SUMMIT, VA.

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I am sixteen years old and live on a farm in the southwestern part of old Virginia, in Scott County. Uncle, what do you think of the world's war? People think it will end this year, what do you think about it? I hope the United States and the Allies will give the old Kaiser the whipping he deserves. I have a brother in training at Chickamauga Park, Ga. My brother reports that he is getting along fine. It pleases me to see our boys volunteer and show their patriotism and not wait until they are drafted into the army. I hope to be a soldier myself in the near future and trust I may see the time when Germany will be driven back and made to stay on her own soll. God help all our boys who are fighting for victory and humanity. With love to Uncle Charlie and all the cousins,

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLE:

My belief is that the war was bound to come and that there was no way of avoiding it. I believe when nations become overpopulated, a war will come some way or another, as it always has down to the present time. Who knows but what wars are the Almighty's methods of harvesting souls. It may be part of His divine plan of which we do not understand the meaning. War thins out overpopulated nations when they become too thick to thrive. Here's hoping Germany's population will be greatly decreased. If they are civilized what good is civilization doing when a whole nation will suddenly revert to the barbarians of the darkest ages. I believe the U. S. A. has got a lot to do in the affairs of the world in the near future.

ROY E. HARPEE. DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

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Roy I think your belief that the Almighty uses war as a means of harvesting souls and trimming down the population of over-crowded countries, is entirely wrong. In harboring such beliefs you are putting the Almighty on a par with the Kaiser's bloodthirsty tribal war god. What would God gain by hurrying millions of young men in the prime of life into eternity? The harvest of souls is His anyway, as all men and women die sooner or later. I have told you time and again in these columns that Germany willed this war and planned it. Her own statesmen admit it, though it is still necessary to humbug the masses of the German people and make them believe they were attacked. The present war is simply the logical development of the policy of conquest and expansion that Prussia has pursued for five hundred years. If my word is not sufficient to convince you on this point, send to the Bureau of Information in Washington, to the National Security League and the American Defense Society, New York, and get their pamphlets. Most of these pamphlets are free and the largest only cost a few cents. Germany was not overpopulated. She had plenty of room. She was so prosperous that emigration had dwindled to nothing, and she had to import labor from Russia and Italy to gather in her harvests, so busy was she in underselling all other countries in the markets of the world, and in dumping cheap goods with the familiar "Made in Germany." The birth rate before the war was declining in nearly all civilized countries. It was even decreasing in Germany, in spite of the fact that the government was doi all in its power to make its people breed as much cannon fodder as possible, for as civilization advances the birth rate declines. The world is not overpopulated. There is plenty of room. Once we get the Butcher of Berlin muzzled, war in all probability will be a thing of the past, and as we become more civilized, t

been won by the sacrifice of our brave boys, of asking such people to move on. She does not want to lose one of her children, but like all of her kind she is mighty glad to take advantage of the sacrifices of others. Why should I give my boy to make the world a safe and comfortable place for Mrs. Olderen (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18.)



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The Boy Trappers of Beaver Bend

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CHAPTER II.

OLD weather came and muskrat trapping began to get poor. The animals were not very active and we had practically cleaned up our grounds. True, we could have made our sets farther down the stream, but if we had done this we should not have had the time to look after things properly, for we were going to school. Hence, we pulled up our traps and looked around for signs of mink, raccoon, opossum and skunk. Our reading of all articles about trapping gave us information of great value. In the first place, we knew in a general way where to look for fur bearers, and then signs. Through a neighbor we learned the use of a flash-light which enabled us to search for tracks we should otherwise have passed by. Again, when we were dubious about a den which might be that of a skunk, all we had to do was to throw the rays into the hole and if we saw black, white, or black-and-white hair, we knew we could arrange our traps with a surety of getting fur.

Our folks gave us positive instructions not to trap skunk. Yet the price lists we received showed that it were did, and the result was a lure that proved reliable.

We caught skunk almost every day, with balted and unbaited sets. In fact, we had no trouble whatever in getting them ready for market without odor. We were about to devote all our time to taking this animal when the unexpected happened.

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The first set we made was in a weed patch, at the entrance to a burrow. No bait of any kind was used. While we caught three animals and killed them with a club, there was practically no odor. We early learned to staple our traps to some object which was too heavy for the animals to move or carry into the holes. A long pole proved effective, as did a piece of brush. As soon as we discovered this we had no trouble in moving our sets.

before and went home sorely puzzled. The hired man on our farm—he had done some trapping—gave us a clew. "You're fine ones," he said. "Don't you know that crows and hawks got the flesh? Go right back at once and cover the pens with a thin layer of weeds or brush."

Jack and I did so!

We had no trouble whatever catching skunk, for we found that the animals seemed to have no fear of the traps and would actually step into bright, new ones. Experience taught us, however, that if we hid our sets right, we could expect once in a while a mink or raccoon. They would not approach a bright new trap.

We learned that the proper way to conceal a set was to dig a small hole just large enough for the trap, so that when it was set the jaws were slightly below the surface of the ground. For a covering, the best thing was something that grew nearby—that is, green grass ought that grew nearby—that is, green grass ought of yrgound. If dust or sand were used, we had to put a wad of cotton or wool under the pan so no foreign substance would hinder the trap from springing. Further, in digging the excavation we had to locate this so that the water did not drain into it and freeze. When this happens the trap is useless.

Jack wanted to try prepared scents.

"It's easy," he said. "All you have to do is to get some small fish and cut them up fine."

Leave these to rot in the sun and use the oil.
The bait is good for all flesh-eating animals."
"We'll make some," I agreed.
This we did, and the result was a lure that

"Let's get Towser?"
my companion suggested, referring to a
dog that David Jones,
another neighbor, owned.
I agreed—and yet dibiously. I knew Jones
was particular about
this half-grown pup.
"You go," I suggested.
"Naw!" Jack rebelled. "Anyway, you
can whistle louder. Just
sneak behind his corn
crib and call the dog."
So I started off while
my partner watched the
skunk.
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"Try this," said Wallace. "Let's build small
three-sided pens where
there are skunks, and
we'll guard the lure
with one or more traps.
I read that if we did
this we could take several pelts, from the
same than the proper way to conceal
we made the pens according to directions. For a
decoy we used pieces of rabbit flesh.

We were up bright and early. Disappointment
stared us in the face. Four of our traps were
not sprung, yet the bait was gone. What got
it? Neither of us knew. We baited again as
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"You're fooling us," Jack retorted, hopefully.
"You think—"

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"Nothing of the sort. The air has carried the smell into your clothes. Now you two kids go out into the corn crib and get some gasoline. Soak a cloth in it and then go over your duds. After that, walk down to the further meadow and drive up the cows. The fumes will be evaporated by that time and I hope all the smell. And say," he added, "be sure you have no matches in your pocket."

Wallace and I followed directions. When we returned, the hired man pronounced us all right.

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"She would not even wash in common water," somebody wrote of the scorned princess that first dared to use a fork at her home in the Turkish capital during or about the eleventh century, "but had the cruelty to compel her servants to collect rain-water for her. But, what is most monstrous, this wicked creature would not eat with her fingers. She had her food cut into small pieces by her attendants, and then she actually conveyed them to her mouth with certain golden two-pronged forks."

Thomas Coryate introduced the fork into England in 1608, but he was roundly roasted for his trouble and called "that miserable fork-bearer."
The custom was stigmatized as "an insult to Providence who has given us fingers."

A certain metal-worker later pretended that the forks he had for sale were made from a statue of Charles I, and the Royalists eagerly purchased them. Thus forks became popular in England.

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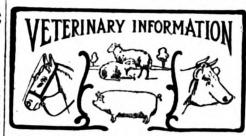












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LAMENESS; OBSTRUCTED TEAT.—I have a heifer with her first calf. When she brought it her hind feet were sore between the toes. When the calf was one month old her right hind teat appeared to be sore and gave very yellow, thin milk, and a growth seemed to be in the teat extending into the udder. Do you think the sore feet caused it?

G. V. L.

A.—Perfectly cleanse the feet and cut away any horn that is loose or rotten, then immerse for a few seconds in a solution of two ounces of sulphate of copper (bluestone) to the pfnt of hot water. Afterwards bind upon the affected parts oakum or absorbent cotton saturated with a five per cent solution of coal tar disinfectant and to be kept in place with bandages. Renew the dressing once daily. (2) The teat trouble was not caused by the foot trouble. The condition described is incurable. Dry off the milk secretion in that quarter or let the calf suck.

Short Teats.—My cow, two years old, came fresh

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SHORT FEATS.—My cow, two years old, came fresh tici last February. I was not able to attend to her and it its sedious, as her teats are short. Is there anything I could rub on teats and udder to make them I could rub on teats and udder to make them I could rub on teats and udder to make them shore. If she is a good milker, it would be best to let my her suckle calves. The teats cannot be lengthened by such means as you suggest.

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ARTHRITIS.—My mare, six years old, has been lame in one of the fore fret for six months. She became lame while working in the fields and I did not work her. For three months it did not show at all and then the ankle began to swell. I cannot find anything wrong with the hoof. Can you suggest what I shall use or do?

A.—Deep-seated inflammation apparently is present, and may not prove curable. Keep cold wet swabs or bandages constantly upon the joint. If not better in a month, better have the joint and tendons line-fired and blistered by a qualified veterinarian, but not while the weather is very hot.

Chorac.—My doep had distemper, got better of its

weather is very hot.

Chorea.—My dog had distemper, got better of it and then worse again. He has had hard work to get his breath and can't sleep. He jerks his shoulder. If you can, tell me something to do for him. A.-T. A.—The dog has chorea or St. Vitus' dance, which often results from a weakening disease such as distemper and is incurable. Some improvement may take place if you feed well and allow him to live an outdoor life.

oor life.

DISEASE OF GOATS.—I lose three or four goats every car from some disease. They take it by hanging the bend and frothing at the mouth their eyes turn whitish color, and the tongue swells, hanging out the mouth. They appear to have the blind stagers and refuse to eat or drink, living about four or we days.

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A.—You should have the local graduate veterinarian investigate, as an examination is absolutely necessary to a correct diagnosis of such a disease. We suspect, however, that the disease may be hemorrhagic septicemia, which is incurable and contagious and best preventable by vaccination. Takosis is another contagious disease of goats, concerning which you can obtain a bulletin from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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Quidding of Feed.—My five-year-old horse is in medium condition, a good traveler and I feed corn and grain. When given grass, green, or hay, will chew and eject it. Tell me complaint and remedy.

A.—Have the teeth attended to by a traffed veterinarian, as the cause is there. A split or diseased molor tooth or milk tooth crowns that have not come away, or even sharp points, often cause quidding.

Pink-bye.—Will you give information regarding the following cow disease now prevalent in this district. The cows seem to get lame, then blind, a scum forming over the eyes. They get very poor, but rarely die from the disorder. It takes a long time for them to get over it.

A.—Contagious ophthalmia sometimes is termed pinkeye, but does not cause lameness. We suspect that the trouble you refer to is cottonseed poisoning, as you live where cottonseed meal and hulls commonly its fed to cattle. When made a well-nigh exclusive ration for a period of 100 days or more, it causes lameness and even paralysis, and the eyes show a blood-red ring around the pupil. The trouble subsfites after a time when other feed is generously supplied. If cottonseed is not fed, then the disease no doubt is contagious opthalmia, the treatment for which is to bathe the eyes night and morning with a saturated solution of boric acid and every other day dust the eyeballs with a mixture of equal quantities of finely powdered boric acid and calomel or iodoform.

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A.—The vocal cords are paralyzed or there is general inflammation and swelling of the glands of the throat. As tuberculosis would be probable cause, have a veterinarian apply the tuberculin test. The intradermal test is preferable in hot weather. Tuberculosis is incurable and contagious and makes the milk dangerous for use by man or animals.

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GARGET.—My husband has bought out a dairy and has many pure-bred Holsteins. When the cows freshen, their udders cake and he does not know what to do. Send me any information you can. Where can I get good reading on the care of dairy cows? Miss. C. B. G. A.—Apply to the agricultural experiment station of your state for free literature about care of dairy cows. When the udder becomes enlarged and caked, milk it out clean every two hours, massaging it each time, and two or three times daily bathe it with hot water. At night rub a mixture of one part each of turpentine and fluid extracts of pokeroot and belladonna and five parts of melted lard, sweet oil or soft-soap. Give the cow a pound dose of epsom salts in three pints of warm water and then twice daily two teaspoonfuls each of powdered saltpeter and pokeroot in soft feed.

WARTS.—I have a steer that has warts on his face.

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DEATH OF COW.—I had a cow. She breathed hard for seven weeks. A few days before she died her head swelled and a discharge came from the mouth. All I could find was in her neck and head. There were two big bunches the size of a man's fist. What was the matter and what should I have done?

R. E. S.

A.—Your description indicates that the cow either had tuberculosis of the glands of the throat and jaws, or actinomycosis of the same parts. You could not have done anything to save the cow, but if it was not a case of tuberculosis, an operation for liberation of pus might have given relief. Some cases of actinomycosis (lump Jaw) are curable.

Thin Cows.—I have two cows, two and three years old, that have worms on their tongues; they look like small red and black pimples. The disease is hereditary. (2) Another cow has a growth on her left side about the size of a hen's egg. It is sore. She has had it four years.

A.—We know of no such condition as you describe that is hereditary. It is quite possible for a cow to have worms or maggots in her tongue as the result of a wound or to have foreign bodies lodge in her tongue, or to have "wooden tongue" from actinomy-rossis of the organ. Without an examination it would be impossible to determine what is wrong, but we sus-

pect that tuberculosis may be the true cause of the thin condition. Employ a qualified veterinarian and he will, if necessary, apply the tuberculin test. (2) The tumer should be dissected out by the veterinarian. Meanwhile, paint it with tincture of iodine every other day.

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SIDEBONE.—I have a horse twelve years old. His left fore foot seems sound, but in tretting, on rough road, especially, he limps, and if he strikes it against anything he hops. When I stop him he stands with that foot stretched out, and when he makes a crooked step he tries to walk on the toe of that foot. He limps slightly all the time. There is a hard gristle in the back part of his foot.

A.—Have the blacksmith cut away some of the wall of the hoof at the ground surface under the side-bone at the quarter near the heel and then put on a bar shoe. Afterward keep cold wet swabs constantly upon the hoof-head for a month, or let the horse run for a month in a low, wet pasture, if that is possible. If lameness then persists, clip the hair from the hoof-head and then blister two or three times with a mixture of two drams each of biniodide of mercury and powdered cantharides and three ounces of lard. Rub the blister in for fifteen minutes. The horse up short. Wash blister off in 48 hours. Then apply lard daily. Repeat blister at intervals of two or three weeks. Don't blister in very hot weather.

Sibyl's Influence

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12.)

senseless gossips, and the thought of being an unloved wife is torture to me, yet—oh! Raymond Prescott, I have learned to love you to idolatry! What shall I do?"

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"Ada, can it be possible?" Raymond cried, at once startled from his apathy, and speaking in tones of deep regret.

There was a long silence between them, which Miss Therwin improved by weeping softly.

"If what you say is true," he said, gravely, "there is then but one thing for you to do: you must be my wife, and—perhaps the future may bring us more of peace than we can anticipate under the circumstances. Shall we call it settled, Ada? May I tell the Count that it is all right between us?"

"Yes—and—Ray, I will yet make you love me," she said, looking up through her tears.

"God grant it for your sake as well as my own," he answered, and raising her hand he touched it gently with his lips, and went away.

CHAPTER XXXVI. ADA'S DILEMMA.

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Sir Athelstone Prescott had been duly notified of the consummation of his secret hopes, and, leaving his patients in the care of his assistant, he made for himself a holiday and came to London to rejoice over the good news.

He was very anxious that the marriage should not be delayed, for he saw that Raymond was very sad and depressed, notwithstanding that he made a great effort to appear cheerful and content whenever he was in the presence of any one. The countess demurred somewhat at this, saying a month was hardly time for the necessary preparations; but the doctor overruled all objections, and finally the wedding was set for the thirtieth of June, just a month from the day of his arrival.

A day or two after the party given in honor of the engagement, while the ladies were at lunch, a note was brought in to Lady Shirley.

She took it, broke the seal, and read it, and a slight expression of annoyance clouded her fine face for a moment afterward.

"This is quite unfortunate, coming just at this very busy time," she remarked, thoughtfully.

"What is it, auntie?" asked Ada.

"Lady Allstone has been called suddenly to her daughter in Manchester, and she wishes me to take charge of her poor people for a few days. We often exchange in this way, when one is called out of town or is sick," she explained, turning to Lady Prescott.

"But, auntie, you cannot do it now, when there is so much else to be done. We shall never get through unless we give all our time to prepare for the thirtieth," Ada replied, impatiently; and Lady Prescott. looked up in surprise—she had never heard her speak in that tone before, and it jarred upon her heart.

"Sibyl would have said, "Go by all means, auntie," she thought; and she was the more surprised, since Ada had "always been so deeply interested in the poor."

"I know, dear, it is very trying to have any interruptions just at this time,"

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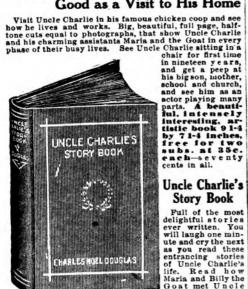


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E. M. Fowler, Kans.—Why do you think that either yourself or this department knows more than your mother? At fifteen you are most assuredly too young to "go with a young man." (2) All shades of brown, green and red should prove becoming to you, but black is the most suitable color for a girl who thinks of disobeying her mother.

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K. S., Lynchburg, S. C.—We think you would do better to wait one or two years before marrying, unless you are exceptionally unhappy at home. And be sure that this young man you think of wedding is capable of supporting you properly, or you will be preparing more trouble for yourself than that you think you have now. (2) Yes, you may kiss him once a month, and you may also arrange your hair in whichever way is the most becoming and convenient.

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A. L. B., Marietta, Ga.—You should return from the party with the same boy who escorted you there. You must not write to unknown soldiers.

D. J. Y., Kennesaw, Ga.—No expensive gifts should be exchanged before engagement. If you are no longer friends with the young man that gave you this ring, you should return it. (2) You should not write a first 'love letter' to a boy.

A. M. Y. Kennesaw, Ga.—You may shake hands or

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A. M. Y. Kennesaw, Ga.—You may shake hands or not when you meet a boy, but it is pleasanter to do so. (2) This department has stated many times that there should be no kissing before becoming engaged.

M. G. T., Bailey's Switch, Ky.—You need not be surprised that this young man—whom you met at a plcnic for the first time—did not accept your invitation to call. Men are fickle creatures, and he had probably had his picture taken many times before with other girls just as foolish as you were. But we would not worry about it, or give it any more thought than he has done. We do not think that either etiquette or your heart has been seriously injured.

L. E., Hulbert, Okla.—Now that you have recovered

your heart has been seriously injured.

L. F., Hulbert, Okla.—Now that you have recovered from your illness, you are certainly wise in wishing to make up your lost time at school. We do not understand why your parents should object to this. You will never regret having made the effort to gain all the education possible. (2) Continue to decline the attentions of any boy who you are certain drinks and whose father is a drunkard.

A. G., McBride, Mo.—You may kiss your sweetheart good by when he leaves for France.

P. B., McBride, Mo.—You may go to your local dances if your parents do not object. (2) Do not go motoring at night unless some older woman is along

Sweet Yellow Tulip, Belle View, Mo.—Why should you hug and kiss a boy because he may be called to war "at any notice?" Do you think this will make him fight any better? Do not cheapen yourself by accepting any such familiarities before you become engaged.

H. H., Thatcher, Ariz.—Your fiance should give you an engagement ring. You receive your wedding ring at the time of the ceremony. You need give no ring to your future husband.

X. Y. Z., Depart, Texas.—Of course you could not think of marrying this high school girl of sixteen. When she is three years older, if you still love her and believes that she cares for you, there would be no objection to your commencing to pay her serious attention. You will not be too old at that time. But do not make love to her now. (2) Your writing and spelling is most creditable.

N. H., Paducah, Ky.—No thirteen-year-old girl should ever go out at night with a young man of twenty-one. What does your mother say to this? (2) Do not worry about the attention any young man is paying to a "widow of forty." What you should worry about are your school books and your own silliness. You need a good spanking.

M. B., Exenia, III.—You are sensible to know that you should not be receiving the attentions of young men at your schooligirl age of sixteen. (2) If the automobile has only an entrance on one side, it would be necessary for the young man to enter first and take the wheel rather than to pass in front of you after you had entered the car.

Car Lover, Camo, Miss.—A girl of fourteen should

had entered the car.

CAT LOYER, Camo, Miss.—A girl of fourteen should regard herself as a schoolgirl, and not be thinking about the attentions of a young man of twenty-four. (2) A gentleman offers his arm to a lady when this courtesy is necessary. The lady may take it or refuse.

PEGGY, Dunkirk, Ind.—It would not be proper for you to "speak to a boy first" if you had never met before. (2) If you have a friend who is leaving to take part in the war, it would be permissible for you to say that you would be glad to have news of him when he is gone.

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lie's department and his answers to the letters. I have all his books and would not take any price for them. I consider him the Greatest Man on Earth. Long may he live to enlighten us, and may his strength be equal to his task.

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had forsworn allegiance to the Fatherland, more German than the Germans themselves. Thus it is that the Germans have settled in colonies, forming hundreds of little menacing foreign islands in the sea of our national life. These foreign communities have, thanks to coddling by axe-grinding politicians and the evil influences of the German language press, come to think they own the entire country. For America and its institutions they have nothing but contempt. The authorities have been wickedly lax in allowing this sort of thing to grow. Those who uphold Germany in this struggle should be notified that immediately war is concluded their farms and other property will be confiscated, and the same should apply to all other German sympathizers of foreign birth, and the whole bunch should be shipped to the lands from whence they came. Oh, what a howl there would be when they had to go back to their old ways of living—the poverty, the poor food, the long hours of labor, the bulldozing of a million officials, the goose-stepping and the drill master. Fat rolls of bills would no longer be in their pockets. It would be wooden shoes for travel instead of automobiles, and hot dogs instead of porterhouse steaks. I have scores of devoted friends of German birth who love and appreciate America in spite of all its shortcomings, and their contempt for the American Kaiser rooters is unbounded. The pacifist and the enemy alien are all ready and willing to profit by the sacrifice that we must pay in the blood of our sons for that liberty and freedom which are the most precious of all human possessions, and while we fight for them, they revile us and plot to destroy us. If Mrs. Olderen and others, who, through ignorance, prejudice and enemy poison, still believe this an unjust war, let them write to the Bureau of Information, Washington, D. C., the National Security League, and the American Defense Society, New York City, where an enormous amount of free literature regarding the war can be had.

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CURLY, California.—Give him your friendship but not your photograph and don't take him back if he fiirts too much with other girls.

A MOUNTAIN GIRL, Pennsylvania.—If your mother doesn't object to the young man bringing you from school in his car, I don't see why I should, particularly as you seem to be a sensible sort of girl, as was evidenced by slapping his face when he tried to kiss you. Slap it twice and harder if he tries it again and then don't ride with him; but the fact that he hasn't tried it again shows that he is the right sort and understands. Your penmanship is excellent, Wish I could do as nicely. could do as nicely.

TROUBLED, VIRGINIA.—I don't think you are taking any more of a risk, if indeed as much, in marrying a man whose family is not respectable—provided they aren't degenerate—but who has risen above them and is all right himself, than to marry a man whose family is respectable but whose own life isn't clean and decent and who hasn't lived up to his early teachings. You are young, so wait a year or two and in the meantime tell him just why your father objects to him and give him a chance to show that he is worthy of you by working harder than he ever has before. Since "Father" objects so strongly, perhaps it would be best not to see him very often for a while, but if you really love each other you won't mind that, provided it is only for a while, and if you don't love each other it is better to find it out now than when it is too late.

HEART-BROKEN WIFE, Oklahoma.—Without doubt your

is better to find it out now than when it is too late. Heart-broken Wife, Oklahoma.—Without doubt your sickness has made you nervous so that you notice little things that you otherwise wouldn't and brood over them until they seem worse. Perhaps your husband acts differently because he is worried over your sickness. Don't accept his mother's statement that he doesn't love you any more as final, but have him come where you are and talk the matter over with him alone and don't consult a third party about your personal affairs. Stop worrying and you will get well much quicker.

Brown-EYED Twin, Idaho.-If you were a maiden BROWN-EYED TWIN, Idaho.—If you were a maiden lady of forty-two summers, and goodness knows how many winters, I might possibly understand your desire to grab the first man that offered himself (though that is a foolish thing to do for there's lots worse things than being an old maid), but when a pretty seventeen-year-old American girl shows as little spirit as you do, it is utterly beyond my comprehension. If I had been in your place and it came time for the man to propose to me and instead he informed me that because his folks and mine were planning our wedding dinner he wasn't coming back any more, I certainly wouldn't have let him come back and I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man on earth. Seventeen is too young to marry anyone, least of all such a conceited person as he is.

SOLDIER'S GIEL AND SHY MAID, Georgia.—I know

seventeen is too young to marry anyone, least of all such a conceited person as he is.

Soldier's Girl and Shy Maid, Georgia.—I know the language of flowers but I don't know whether white silk hose signify love and black is knose indifference or whether white coldness on the part of the giver and black a warm feeling as black is warmer than white. Better find out if he hasn't given some other girl a pair of red silk hose and, if he has, I should say that he loves her most, for red is certainly warmer than black or white. It does signify, however, extremely bad taste on his part to make such a present and equally poor taste for you to accept it. Books, candy and flowers are permissible as gifts but not such intimate articles of clothing as silk hosiery, though I must confess I like 'em. (2) Uless it is understood that the dinner or supper is to be "Dutch" it is usually taken for granted that when a man invites a girl into a restaurant he expects to pay for what she eats, but have a heart and don't order the most expensive things on the menu just because someone lese is paying for it —even if he can afford it—for it shows a grasping, mercenary spirit and is often bad for the digestion.

O. O., White Plains, Ky.—Since you didn't tell me

J. M., Lapel, Ind.—Two wrongs never made one right and it was wrong of you to cheapen yourself just to get even with someone else, even if that "someone" did go out with another girl after promising you he would not. I haven't the slightest doubt in the world that you are a perfectly good girl, but sometimes it takes quite a while to convince a fellow of that fact after a girl lets him "pick her up," no matter if she did it just to get even. He didn't know why you did it and judged only by your actions, so don't do it any more, will you?

C. H. Lorena, Texas.—If you are engaged, it is

more, will you?

C. H., Lorena, Texas.—If you are engaged, it is perfectly proper to kies your sweetheart when he leaves for the army. (2) How can you tell when a boy loves you? You can't. (3) Certainly it is all right to go with a boy who is engaged to another girl if you are both unfair and dishonorable enough to do such a thing—all right for her if she finds it out and is wise enough to let you have him. Three questions are all I'm allowed to answer, so come again with the others.

TEENY AND WEENY, Manchester, Ohio.—Your Cousin Marion may be a stupid old thing, but when "two wonderful, beautiful young girls," try to jolly her as you were trying to do, she sees through the little joke in a minute. Thought you were smart, didn't you, but I like you for it.

BLUE EYES OF OHIO.—Don't worry about your height. You won't be too tall even if you grow three or four inches taller and it is fashionable to be tall and willowy. Read the Beauty Department for your other

HELEN AND DOROTHY, Arizona.—If your mothers do of object to your going to a show unchaperoned and

then for a ride with your best friends, it is perfectly all right, 'provided you get in before 2 A. M.''—at least four hours before that time.

There, that's all I have room for this month and I hope I have helped some of you and if I've been harsh and stern, just remember it is because you need to be talked to that way and if I didn't make my advice emphatic the first time it might be too late the second time.

Sincerely,

Cousin Marion.

Poultry Farming For Women

Conducted by Cousin Marion

In writing this department always sign your true name and give your address; if not, your letter will receive no attention. Name, will not be published.

There is something in the Autumn that is native to my blood—
Touch of manner, hint of mood;
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time.

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry Of bugles going by.
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.

—Hovey.

No, my dears, that isn't original. I only wish I were able to express my thoughts in such a charming manner, for then I could scold you all you deserve to be scolded but in such a poetical way that you wouldn't realize you were being scolded. In other words, I'd sugar-coat my scoldings just the way doctors (some doctors) do their pills. Isn't it a dear little poem and wouldn't you know that it meant October, which, as I have told you before, is my favorite month, but I'll forego its beauties long enough to answer your letters.—Ed.

Trixey, Anson, Texas.—Nature pages meant and series of the birds are most probably suffering from the broder they have anything to eat in the morning give each bird way that you wouldn't realize you were being scolded. In other words, I'd sugar-coat my scoldings just the way doctors (some doctors) do their pills. Isn't it a dear little poem and wouldn't you know that it meant October, which, as I have told you before, is my favorite month, but I'll forego its beauties long enough to answer your letters.—Ed.

G. R.—The chicks are most probably suffering from chill. Are you careful to clean and air the brooder every day? Brooders become very damp and unsanitary from the droppings and moisture which collects from the body, and heat of the birds. This is especially so in fireless brooders. On the other hand, the trouble is of weak or unhealthy breeding stock. Chickens hatched from eggs laid by hens that are overfat, or have suffered from roup or any of the kindred diseases in the past, are liable to contract sore eyes or cramp on the slightest provocation, and doctoring small chicks is almost useless work.

W. I. G.—It the skin has only become hard and thick

most useless work.

W. J. G.—If the skin has only become hard and thick on the bottom of the bird's foot, a few applications of iodine will reduce it, but if it is much swollen and looks as if there was any pus under the skin, it must be opened with a fine, sharp knife, the pus squeezed out, and then cleansed by washing with warm water to which carbolic acid or some other good disinfectant has been added. When you are sure it is quite clean, bind up the foot to keep out dirt, and put the bird in a small coop with a deep layer of straw on the floor. After about a week you will find it has healed, and he can be allowed his freedom. Bumblefoot is caused by an injury of some sort—a bruise which stops the circulation of the blood, causes the skin to thicken and pus to form. A cut from broken glass or a splinter will allow dirt to get in under the skin and cause the same condition.

D. J.—I am not quite sure of the points of the

D. J.—I am not quite sure of the points of the Speckled Sussex fowl. They have only been admitted to the Poultry Standard quite recently, but I will get in touch with some of the recognized importers and breeders and publish history and description in later issues.

R. R.—Young ducks must have a dry sleeping place and plenty of shade from the noonday sun, otherwise they are apt to be affected in the way you describe. Their drinking water should be kept in dishes deep enough to permit them to entirely submerge their heads, as the two small holes at the base of the bill are very liable to become clogged up with mud or soft food, and unless the birds can rinse them out constantly, they get stuck, and frequently die for want of being able to breathe freely. Mature hens carry the germs which cause white diarrhea in hens and chicks, but they do not have the disease in any active form. Perhaps your hens were attacked by cholera in the past, or the diarrhea was caused by worms. Read answer to Mrs. C., Florida. . Florida.

C. A. A.—There is no difficulty about killing and dry picking. Professional poultrymen use what is called a French killing knife, which has a narrow blade, sharp at both sides. Open the bill, and stick the bird in the roof of the mouth, giving the knife a sharp turn to sever one of the arteries. I think an amateur can do better and more merciful work with a sharp hatchet, for one quick blow severs the head, so there is no danger of a mistake and causing the bird suffering. To dry pick, you must commence as soon as the first flow of blood commences to stop. Hold fhe bird on your knee, the head hanging down. Take a few feathers in the fingers of your right hand holding the bird with your left hand, and give a quick pull, turning the feathers back from the tail to the neck. It takes some little practice and skill not to tear the skin, and for canning it is quite satisfactory to dip the bird in hot water before commencing to remove the feathers.

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MRS. C. McC., Tex.—About forty years ago phremotory had a considerable vogue and having one's "head read" was a favorite diversion. Modern science, however, refuses to admit the claims made by the followers of Gall, who was the discoverer of this so-called science. There are numereus books on the subject which can be procured at any library or bookshop. Not the least interesting of the literature upon the matter would be back numbers of the "Phrenological Magazine." Bound volumes of this are often seen in second-hand bookstores. There is a periodical called the "Phrenological Era," which is now published at Bowerston, O. If you are interested, send for a sample copy. (2) All of the large cities and many of the smaller ones contain shops which purchase second-hand clothing. In the larger towns the addresses can be procured from a classified telephone directory, or secured by making proper inquiry. Such shops, as a rule are gathered in one section of the city. In New York, for instance, there is a section devoted to this trade on Seventh avenue below Thirty-fifth street.

Mrs. Frank Stark, Richmond, Mo., is desirous of

Mrs. Frank Stark, Richmond, Mo., is desirous of procuring a book entitled "Anna Strong." We cannot help her. Perhaps some COMFORT reader can.

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F. G., Greensburg, Ky.—We cannot tell you to what use the government will put the cantonments now established when the war is over. This will be a matter for Congress and the War Department to decide, and this column cannot register any guess upon the emblace.

subject.

A. N., Seabrook, Tex.—It takes more than the desire to write short stories to accomplish the feat of turning out marketable literature. In these days all of such work is done by trained writers who have labored long and carefully at their craft. We cannot encourage you—a girl of sixteen—in believing that you can write stories which would sell. If you wish practice in working with your pen, try making contributions of some sort to newspapers in your vicinity.

M. B., Milan, Ind.—We do not believe that there is any school for nurses where a high school education or its equivalent would not be necessary for entrance. If you have lacked this advantage, we would suggest that you take up local nursing in your vicinity. The profession of a trained nurse is an important one, and requires a high order of ability and intelligence.

Mrs. C. C. H., Barboursville, W. Va.—Submit your

Mrs. C. C. H., Barboursville, W. Va.—Submit your piece of mineral to the laboratory of your state Department of Mineralogy at Charleston.

ment of Mineralogy at Charleston.

W. C. A., Hanceville, Ala.—It is true that dogs consume a great deal of food which is worth thinking about in these days of conservation and starving nations. Not only that but very many dogs are nuisances because of sheep-killing and other destructive habits. Yet Congress would find it difficult to enact a law to kill all "useless dogs" as you suggest. For every owner of a dog would think his own at least useful enough to love. Dogs are filthy animals and spread disease germs. Unquestionably the country would be benefited by killing half the dogs.

Mrs. A. M. W., Murfreesboro, Tenn.—The prophecy of Mother Shipton you write about is as follows:

Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe.
Around the world thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye.
Through the hills men shall ride
And no horse or ass be by their side.
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
In the air men shall be seen
In white, in black, in green.
Iron in the water shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
Taxes for blood and for war
Shall come to every door.
The world then to an end shall come
In Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-one.

The true name of Mother Shipton was Ursula Sonthiel and she was born in Knaresborough, England, in 1486. She acquired great reputation as a prophetess during the reign of Henry the Eighth, and has to her credit many oracular utterances which were remarkably fulfilled. She died in 1561, after having predicted the time of her death.

F. A. Rockport, W. Va.—Bookkeeping would be profitable for you to follow as a profession if you made yourself skillful enough at it to be able to secure the salary that a competent accountant can command. As in every other line, the best salaries are earned by the best men—who know their job best.

G. F., Obion, Tenn.—If you desire work as a waitress in some Y. W. C. A., write to the Employment De-partment of the Y. W. C. A. in the nearest city to your town where a branch of the organization is main-

tained.

Mrs. B. M. W., Conneaut, O.—You could make but very little addressing envelopes, even if you were successful in securing such work. If you are a good sewer, as you state, we believe you would do much better to attempt the making of some fancy articles at home, and selling them through a "Woman's Exchange" in some nearby city. We know of many women who have made children's caps, embroidered luncheon sets, handbags, and other articles, and derived a considerable income from selling these. If you can get an introduction to a few wealthy familles and your work pleases them, you will soon have orders for all you can make.

Mrs. P. D., Watertown, N. Y.—See above answer

Mrs. P. D., Watertown, N. Y.—See above answer to Mrs. B. M. W. to Mrs. B. M. W.

J. C. S., Pontiac, Mich.—Write to the Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C.

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answered; "but I do not like to fail Lady Allstone, for she has often obliged me in the same way. Besides, she speaks particularly of a young person whom she hopes I will not neglect to see every day, as she is extremely delicate. She has been thought to be in a decline, but seems to be gradually recovering now, and it is necessary that she should have close attention and a very nourishing diet. She feels particularly interested in her. Her other charges will not need so much attention, she adds."

"It is exceedingly provoking when we need every moment of time to ourselves," Ada continued, petulantly; then, catching sight of Lady Prescott's raised evebrows, she added, laughing, "I believe I must be getting nervous, or I should not feel such a slight interruption as this. Of course, you cannot refuse Lady Allstone's request, auntie, and we will get along without you, while you are away, as best we can."

"I shall have to go at once, then, in order to get home for dinner. I am really very sorry, Ada, when we were intending to do considerable shopping today."

Lady Prescott offered to assist Ada in the shopping, if the countess would intrust it to her, which she was perfectly satisfied to do; and that matter being settled to Miss Therwin's

satisfaction, Lady Shirley departed to seek Lady

Satisfaction, Lady Sanda Allstone's protegoe.

Driving to one of the poorer sections of London, she found the street and number indicated in the note, alighted from her carriage, and ascended to the second floor, as directed.

Here she knocked on the "third door at the left," and a weak though sweet voice bade her "come in."

left," and a weak though sweet voice bade her "come in."
Lady Shirley obeyed, and found herself in the presence of a lovely young girl, who was sitting in a large, comfortable easy-chair, by a sunny window.

She was actually startled at finding any one so beautiful in such a place, and did not wonder at the interest which Lady Allstone manifested in her protegee.

She went forward and presented her card, explaining why she was there, and she was still more surprised at the composure and grace with which the girl asked her to be seated.

The card simply bore the name "Lady Hortense Shirley."

Shirley."

"Have you been ill long?" the countess asked, noting the large, mournful eyes, the transparent hands, and the delicate, almost hueless lips.
"I had a very severe illness last fall, and have never wholly recovered from it," was the sad

never wholly recovered from it," was the sad reply.

"And do you think you are really getting better and stronger now?"

"Oh, yes; since the days have grown warmer, and Lady Allstone has been so kind to me, I have been improving rapidly, and I hope soon to be able to work and do something for myself instead of being a burden upon others."

Lady Shirley saw the pale lips quiver slightly as she said this, and her heart was strangely stirred with sympathy for this lovely girl, whose name she did not even know.

"You must not think of work for a long time yet," she said, with a pitiful glance at the slender hands. "What do you intend to do when you get strong?"

"All that I can do is to teach, I suppose," answered the maiden, with a suspicious trembling in her tones.

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"Have you ever taught?"
"Oh, no."

"Have you ever taught?"
"Oh. no."
"Pardon me, but teaching is considered very laborious, and you do not look as if you were accustomed to work of any kind," said the countess, wondering how one who had apparently been so delicately reared, happened to be in such a place as that.
"No, I do not know much about work," she said, with a sigh, as if that were a fact to be deeply regretted. "Do—do you believe I should be able to get any pupils without references?" she asked, with a wistful look in her great eyes. "I fear that would be rather a difficult undertaking, dear; but do not be troubled about it yet a while—it will be some time before you are strong enough to do anything of the kind, and meanwhile, we must do everything to make you strong, and bring the natural color back to your cheeks and lips. Do you live here alone?" "Oh, no, I live with a middle-aged woman, who takes care of me."

She did not mention any name, and the countess did not like to ask the question.

She remained some time longer, talking upon various subjects, and was greatly surprised at the intelligence and refinement which Lady Allstone's protegee manifested. She left her basket of delicacies, promising to come tomorrow, and went away deeply interested, and very glad she had come.

As the door closed after her, the young girl

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The woman started on beholding the counters, as evidently she had not expected to encounter any one. She then bestowed a searching and closer look upon the stranger, when, with a sharp cry of fright, she dashed past her, springing up the stairs, and my lady heard a door above suddenly closed with a loud noise.

"Strange! who could that creature be?" mused the countess, with a puzzled look.

After her return to Shirley House, it was observed that she appeared very absent-minded, and looked wearied and pale.

Ada rallied her about her "extra duties," and declared they should have her sick, with those added to all the other things which engrossed them; but the countess replied, very gravely, that she was glad she had heeded Lady Allstone's request, and said she should go every day until that lady's return. And so the subject, for the present, was dropped.

Three weeks went rapidly by, and the preparations for the wedding were nearly completed.

The week preceding the wedding, Lady Prescott, destring something from home for the occasion, dispatched a telegram, bidding one of the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 21.)

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went away deeply interested, and very glad she had come.

As the door closed after her, the young girl sowed her head upon her hands, with a low cry, and fell to sobbing bitterly.

A strange incident occurred below as Lady Shirley was about leaving the place.

She had reached the bottom stair, and was about leaving the house, when she was suddenly confronted by a little, wrinkled, sallow-faced woman, clad in a brown-stuff gown, with a streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.—Adv.



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nousemaids pack what she wished, and bring it to her, as she should need her assistance during the few remaining days of her stay in London. This girl, Melissy, was exceedingly capable and smart, very ingenious, too, and could turn her hand to almost anything.

When Miss Therwin became aware of this arrangement, she objected to it, and seemed greatly troubled; but the message had been sent, and nothing more was said or thought about it at that time.

The day that Melissy arrived, and only three days before the wedding was to be, the countess gave a dinner party to a few intimate friends and relatives, who were deeply interested in Ada's future prospects. future prospects

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Mes. B. M. L. Oklabama—Under the laws of

property would go to the widow.

Mrs. B. M. L., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a widow and more than one child, his widow would receive one third of his estate, the balance going in eq. all shares to the children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parents' share. (2) We think real estate belonging to minors can be legally sold through the proper court proceedings brought for that purpose.

Mrs. G. W. Pennsylvania—Under the laws of

Mrs. G. W., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will, and leaving only personal property, the husband would take an equal share with the children, if no issue the husband would take it all.

MRS. E. R., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a daughter-in-law would have no interest in the estate of her mother-in-law, unless some provision was made for her by will.

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K. F., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surriving widow, but no child or descendant, the widow would receive all of the community property, subject to the community debts, and one half of his separate property after payment of debts, the balance of the separate property going to decedent's father and mother, if both survive. If there be no father nor mother, then one half goes in equal shares to the brothers or sisters, and to the children of any deceased brothers or sisters by right of representation; the kindred of the half blood inheriting equally with those of the whole blood in the same degree; we do not think a stepmonther would have any interest in his estate, unless some provision was made for her by will.

Mrs. S. I., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your

Mrs. S. I., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a husband can be compelled to provide separate support for his wife in case his ill treatment of her justifies her in leaving him, and provided she has no separate means, and is unable to provide for herself; we think that a court action or proceeding may be necessary to establish these facts.

F. F., Missouri.—We do not think there is any iw prohibiting the use of a pen name by an author

Mas. E. M., Ohio.—We think that if your husband desires you to collect checks made payable to him. he should execute a power of attorney to you for that purpose; we do not think your husband is liable for the debts contracted by you before marriage; we think that if you desire to terminate your subscription for a newspaper, you should notify the publisher and refuse to take same from the post office.

subscription for a newspaper, you should notify the publisher and refuse to take same from the post office.

M. M., Missouri.—We do not think you should enclose any written matter in mail sent to the soldiers at newspaper's rate of postage.

A. M., Montana.—We think that marriages between first cousins are prohibited in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and possibly one or two other states.

Mas. J. B., Mississippi.—The proper place to probate or prove a will is in the probate court of the county in the state of which the decedent was a resident at the time of his death; without any of this information you are liable to have a long and expensive search for the will you wish to find.

Mrs. G. C., Michigan.—Under the laws of Kentucky, we are of the opinion that a warranty deed, in fee simple without any reservation, signed and executed by all the parties in interest of the land you mention, would convey all mineral rights in such land.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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nearest his belief, as I try to teach my children to respect all churches. My three children have been carrying on this program for nearly a year and no harm has come of it. The girls have lost their love of the uniform and try to judge the man who wears it. My boy has gained self-confidence and can entertain anyone now while before he was rather bashful. But best, the soldlers got a chance to judge between home life and clean entertainments and the dance halls and so far as I know the boys who visited us never took up with the street set and most of them accepted our invitation to come again and we introduced them to our friends, and a great many of the with a lot of the good people of this city. Several of the girls in these families have become engaged to soldlers.



Your sister, MRS. JOHN McDONALD.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Iodine stains can be removed with liquid ammonia Rinse in cold water. Salt in the oven under baking tins will prevent the cake from scorching on the bottom.

In making cake that requires only the whites of eggs beat the cream of tartar with them and it won't fall. Mix a small quantity of finely pulverized tobacco with the earth when you pot your plants and you will not be troubled with earth worms.

Equal parts of turpentine and ammonia will remove paint from clothing. Saturate the garment several times with this mixture and wash in warm, soapy water.

To pick up small pieces of broken glass, thoroughly dampen a woolen cloth and lay it on the floor where the fragments are and pat it and the tiny pieces will stick to the clotti.

A reader gave directions for wall paper portieres. I wish to add a suggestion to her directions which I find makes them appear quite Oriental and more durable. After rolling the beads, put little daubs of gold paint on them and then shellac them with white shellac for light beads or dark shellac for brown glossy beads.

A READER.

Worms.—Dissolve a small piece of assafetida in alcohol and give a few drops in water twice a day or in the evening. It will expel the worms. I. B. L., Arkansaw, Wis.

NAIL WOUND.—When a rusty nail is run into the foot or it is cut with a rusty instrument, mix flour and sweet milk together until like biscuit dough and bind on wound.

Mas. S. B. F., Pa. GOITRE CURE. (Requested.)—Iodine, colorless three drams; alcohol, one and one half drams. Apply

Now sisters, write and tell us how you entertain the with tips of fingers each night at bedtime until the en in khaki. God bless them all and all who help swelling disappears. Avoid heavy lifting.

Cure for asthma.

Cure for granulated eyelids and chilblains.

Recipe for old-fashioned raised Indian corn bread. Will someone send me the songs, "All Night Long."
I've Been Waiting a Long Time, My Darling."
ROSA MIKESKA, Prague, R. R. 1, Okla.

Mrs. Isa Martin, Wolf Bayou, Ark., would like the January, 1916, issue of the Illustrated Companion. Will return paper or send others in place of it.

The numbers of COMFORT containing the poem, "How Paw Raised the Mortgage on the Farm," and "Whea She Had Her Kluona Cut Out." Also another poem entitled "Anastatia," the first few words of which are: "When I was in Australia, a doin' Central Asia, We caught a lovely ostrich fowl and named her Anastatia."

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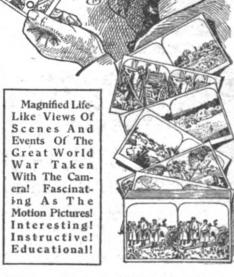
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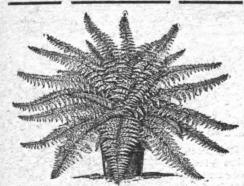
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MRS. J. C., So. Boston, Va.—Cataracts can be removed by operation after they are sufficiently advanced for operation, or in general terms, after one is unable to count one's fingers at a distance of one foot from the eyes. A preliminary operation known as iridectomy can be done at any time, and this will hasten the final operation. Operation is not painful. Hard pulse indicates hardening of the arteries and high blood pressure. You should have your blood pressure taken before you are operated on and, if found high, this should be lowered by appropriate medication before your cataracts are operated on. For your indigestion, take a compound cathartic pill two or three times a week. Also take American oil with your meafs to counteract the accumulation of gas in the intestines. Of the oil, take two teaspoonfuls with each meal.

Mas. M. A. W., Dodge Citv. Kansas.—Paralvais

MRS. M. A. W., Dodge City, Kansas.—Paralysis is due to hemorrhage in the brain due to weakened blood vessels and a high blood pressure. It is incurable in the main. The loss of eyesight is also due to the same cause. You should have your husband take cathartics daily, eat sparingly of simple foods, avoiding heavy meats, and have him also drink plenty of good spring water.

Mr. C. C. T. Denmark, Ark.—You probably have an enlarged prestate gland. You should consult a good genito-urinary doctor and have a local examination made of the affected parts. In the meantime drink plenty of some good alkaline water, such as Vichy water.

MR. CHAS. T., Dearaborn, Mich.—The only cure for rupture is an operation. We do not recall any prescription for the cure of rupture appearing in COMFORT at any time.

Mrs. J. D., Santa Anna, Cal.—There may be some local trouble that causes these night terrors in your sister. Look after her bowels; have her eat little and very simple food at night; keep her from meat, sweets, etc., and have her exercise in the open air daily until she is very tired. A cold douche to the spine before retiring, followed up with a stiff rub would be beneficial.

Mr. B. B., Jetmore, Kansas.—You can get Dobell's solution at any drug store. It is an official remedy and every druggist has it on hand.

Mrs. X. Y. Z., Fredericksburg, Va.—You are entirely used up from repeated pregnancies. You should be examined and ascertain whether or not you have been torn externally and internally during labor. All your symptoms seem to point to such a condition.

MR. G. M. G., Monticello, N. Y.—Only a doctor has the liquid snow mentioned in COMFORT, and only a doctor should use it. We do not know of any liniment such as you describe.

Miss M. W., Ashville, N. C.—The condition described is called purpura, and is due to thin blood. The only remedy is iron in some form. Ask your doctor for an iron tonic. Basham's mixture taken in tablespoonful doses in water might help you.

Mr. L. J. G., Bessemer, Ala.—Consult a good dentist about your teeth and gums. You probably have so-called Riggs' disease, which needs immediate treatment. Your rheumatism probably comes from the absorption of pus from your gums. Have them treated

MRS. G. S., McArthur, Ohio.—Your child has, no oubt, scurvy. Give him the juice of one orange per ay with his food.

MRS. M. C. S., Stillwater, Okla.—Comfort has several times given a remedy for incontinence of urine. It was Petuitrin extract. This must be prescribed by the doctor and its action watched by the same doctor. The remedy is held to be almost a specific in this condition. We don't think the water the child drinks has anything to do with the bed-wetting.

Mas. A. C. C., Bowersville, Ga.—You should have your throat examined for so-called adenoid growths. If present, have your throat operated on. In the meantime you can use Dobell's solution as a gargle and spray. The worms mentioned are known as pinworms. An enema of salt and water taken just before retiring will remove them. Use about one half teaspoonful to the quart of water.

MRS. J. H. C., McDonough, Ga.—Have the of-fending tooth removed at once. Many cases of pro-nounced heart trouble have come from pus infection due to an abscessed tooth. This may account for all of your general symptoms as well as the local heart trouble.

heart trouble.

"Workled," Whistle, Ala.—The discharge at or in the navel is possibly due to a short sinus. It should be probed by a competent surgeon and properly treated, either surgically or by some remedy that will cause the sinus to close up from the bottom. You should not do any strenuous exercises at all until you have ascertained the exact condition of the navel, for in the end you may develop a hernia in that region.

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We wish to call the attention of subscribers to the fact that letters addressed to this department unaccompanied with the full name and address of writer, will not be answered. Three letters this month have thus been deposited in the waste-basket.

Chinatown Behind the Trenches

By Carl Schurz Lowden

CHINESE lecturer recently remarked:

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"China could send several million men to France to work; and China wouldn't miss them if they never came back." Already two hundred fifty thousand coolies have formed a city of their own back of the lines, helping the Allies win the war.

What can the Chinese do? In the first place they are the most intensive farmers in the world; they can work in munition factories and they can dig. Thus every peaceful Chinese in France liberates one fighting man to go to the front. This is one way that China jets about five cents a day working in the rice fields. On this he has to support a family. One day he is offered many cents a day for a period of three years, working in France, while his family is paid at home for letting him go. Chow has his doubts at first but finally is transported free of charge over to France, where he is fed, insured, given all necessary medical care at the government's expense. He in turn is to work eight hours a day at any work assigned him.

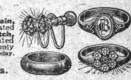
Chow Ching is taken to Chinatown, where his finger-tips are impressed and compared with those obtained when he enlisted in Canton. His finger prints are indexed and Chow is thus identified. The Chinaman then gets a work-card, on which the boss marks the hours he works or shirks. At the end of each month he is paid; at the end of his contract he will be transported back to the rice plantation from which he came, with no cost to himself. He is fed well while he works in France and should he die his family would receive his insurance.

Chinatown is near a sleepy little French village, in whose streets there is no trace of the coolie; but once inside the bounds of the compound the visitor imagines he is in the Orient. Acres upon acres are covered with white tents in which live the Chinese workingmen. There are Chinese policemen and Chinese guards; no-



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tices in Chinese are placarded everywhere; and coolies dressed in their home-togs pass to and fro with bamboo poles and bamboo baskets the same as if they were in Mongolian territory. There are Chinese stores and Chinese paraphernalia wherever the eye glances. Few white men are seen about this transported Chinatown back of the lines.

of the lines.

This camp though has organization that only the English can give. The Chinamen work, to be sure, under bosses of their own race, but these bosses are in turn responsible to English officers. Although there are thousands of humans in the camp, here all records are kept with machine-like accuracy. A wonderful organizing system it is. No great industrial concern could handle such a problem with more sympathy, tact, fairness and efficiency.

An officer in charge of Chinese labor in the British army zone said of the coolies:

"They are well behaved and have not given the slightest trouble. They seem to stand the climate first rate, but we shall take special care of them during their first European winter."

When Misfortune Becomes Good Fortune

Sometimes misfortune turns out to be good fortune. Generally considered, deafness is not a thing one would wish upon himself, and yet there are times when it becomes a veritable blessing to be deaf. Edison accredits his great power of concentration to the very simple fact that he cannot hear well and can so easily shut out all distracting noises. A well-known composer was once heard to say that he considered Helen Keller most fortunate because she never had to hear Wagner played on a hurdy-gurdy.

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Wagner played on a hurdy-gurdy.

In this class of people to whom deafness can prove a relief and a blessing, is Queen Alexandra. She has a most wonderful energy and interest in things, and she never appears bored, no matter what the entertainment or what the company. She is very deaf. She only has to look; seeing never wearies one. She doesn't have to listen—it's listening to things which one wishes he didn't have to hear and from which he cannot politely get away from, which bores.

Lucky for Queen Alexandra at this war time that she is deaf, because no entertainment given, of any import at all, for the benefit of the soldiers and war sufferers, can be a success without her. She attends them all—but she has little to say and practically nothing to hear.

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Just how each workman is chained to Just how each workman is chained to his job may be realized when it is known that he can not change positions without the written consent either of his employer or of a board of seven members appointed by the military authorities. The boards of seven include an army officer as chairman, two Government officials, two employers, and two workingmen. The workingmen, therefore, not only have small representation on the board, but are denied the opportunity of choosing their own representatives, for that is undertaken by the War Office.

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the War Office.

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meat and cheese.

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German Diew of Christianity

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Frederich Wilheim Nietzche was one of the most noted of modern German philosophers. How much has his philosophy affected the views and character of the Germans of today? Is not the answer written in the blood of the women and children, the old men of occupied France and Belgium? Are not the Lusitania victims witnesses to German adoption of Nietzche's faith?
Here is his indictment of Christianity: "With this I conclude, and pronounce my sentence: I condemn Christianity." To me it is the greatest of all imaginable corruptions. The church is the great parasite; with its anemic idea of holiness it drains life of all its strength, its love, and its hope. The other world is the motive for the denial of every reality. I call Christianity the one great curse, the one great intrinsic depravity, the one great instinct of revenge, for which no expedient is sufficiently poisonous, secret, underhand, to gain its ends. I call it the one immortal shame and blemish upon the human race."

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Easily Seen Through

He was fond of playing jokes on his wife, and this time he thought he had a

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"My dear," he said, as they sat at supper, "I just heard such a sad story of a young girl today. They thought she was going blind, and so the surgeon operated on her and found—"

"Yes," gasped the wife breathlessly. "That she'd got a young man in her eyel" ended the husband with a chuckle. For a moment there was silence. Then

For a moment there was silence. Then the lady remarked, slowly: "Well, it would all depend on what

sort of a man it was. Some of them she could have seen through easily enough."

Wise Beyond His Years

Teacher (of geography class)—"John-nie, how is the earth divided?" Johnnie—"Nobody will know until the European war is over."

The Force of Habit

Customer-"Have you any three-cent stamps?"
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In Loving Memory

Availing herself of her ecclesiastical privileges, the clergyman's wife asked questions which, coming from anybody else, would have been thought imper-tinent.

"I presume you carry a memento of some kind in that locket you wear?" she said.
"Yes, ma'am," said the parishioner.
"It is a lock of my husbaud's hair."
"But your husband hasn't gone," the lady exclaimed.
"No, ma'am, but his hair 'as!"—Boston Post.

Just Like a Man

All day a man will wait for a bite In a dinky boat—the sinner—But he won't sit down in an easy chair
Possess his soul in patience there And wait for a bite for dinner.

—Yonkers Statesman.

All day a man will walk o'er the links
And golf till he's nearly dead,
But his energy fails when he's asked
to go
To the store, tho' it's only a block
or so,
To purchase a spool of thread.
—Judge.

All day a man will be polite,
And you will find him debonair.
He's nice as pie to his business
friends
But when he gets bome his jollity
ends
And he acts like a grizzly bear.
—Portland Express.

Comedian—"The Kaiser is crazy to get all the watermelons he can." Soubrette—"What for?" Comedian—"To feed his soldiers on the Rhine."

Gladys—"He said he would kiss me or die in the attempt." Gwendolyn—"Well?" Gladys—"Oh, he was too young to die."

Who Lost It?

The train was held up by robbers, and all the passengers were told to come out, line up together and hold their hands above their heads. Moses and I key stood together with their hands up, when one of the robbers came to search them with a loaded revolver in his hand. Said



Moses to the robber: "May I put my hand in my waistcoat pocket von mo-

ment?"
"Yes, and look sharp!" was the reply.
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Moses put his hand into his pocket,
pulled out \$50, and turning to Ikey said:
"Here is the \$50 I owe you."—Louisville Herald.

Once He Had It on Her

"See this string on my finger? My wife put it on to remind me to mail a letter for her."

"And you forgot, I suppose?"
"No, she forgot to give it to me."

After the Service Minister—"I was sorry for your wife his morning. She coughed so incessant-



during the sermon that she attracted attention."
Pewholder—"Don't worry. She was wearing her new spring bonnet for the first time."—Portland Express.

Also Thrift Stamps Buy

Swat the fly, shoot the spy, cut out the lie, swear off on pie, quit drinking rye and never say die.—Fort Wayne News:

Easily Explained

"Pop, what are the silent watches of the night?" "They are the ones which their owners forget to wind, son."

Mistakes

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When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

When a coro makes a mistake he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.

When an electrician makes a mistake he blames it onto induction; nobody knows what that means.

But when an editor makes a mistake—Good Night!!!

A Chance for You, Girls

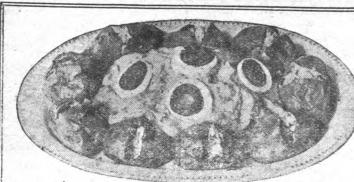
WANTED—a housekeeper under 30 years of age. If suitable, will marry. (Name omitted.)—Advt. in Rutland, Vt., Herald.

Nor in Maine Either

A young woman has been arrested at Los Angeles on a charge of conducting a school of firting. Such educational facilities are not needed in Indiana.— Indianapolis News.

Won't be Any Over There

"There'll be some new names in Who's Who in America after this war is over," says the Portland Evening Express. The revision of Who's Who in Germany will be more important.—Boston Globe.



WAR **ECONOMY** IN **FOOD**

TRIPE WITH STUFFED POTATOES

WITH

SUGGESTIONS AND RECIPES

By Violet Marsh

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ORE and more we are getting the feeling that all food belongs to a common store to be distributed to meet the needs of the hour. Directions are given from time to time for such voluntary shaping of our diet as will conserve the necessary supplies. As conditions change, the directions are modified. They are stiffened in one line, relaxed in another.

neutrals must not be abandoned to starvation; and finally our own army in France must never lack needed food. There is just one way in which these requirements can be met. North America must furnish the food. We have already sent over much more than our normal surplus, and this excess created by our savings has saved the situation and made possible the succession of victories in which our brave soldiers have borne a glorious part. But there is need of yet greater saving of food to meet the growing needs of war.

We do not need to starve ourselves. There is plenty in America, and it is the firm policy of the Food Administration to retain for our people, by its control of exports, a sufficient supply of every essential foodstuff. Nobody in our country ought to eat less than is necessary for good health and full strength, for America must have the full productive power of all its people. Much of the needed saving can be effected by substituting one kind of food for another. But the time has come to put aside all selfishness and disloyalty. The time has come for sacrifice.

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War-Time Economy

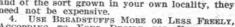
Choose food wisely. Store it properly. Cook it carefully. Serve it attrac-

4. Serve it attractively.
Don't give the new dishes a black eye by having too many of them at once. Use all the ingenuity you have to make them both taste and look well. Food habits like other habits are not easily changed. Lead gently into the new realm.

Five Rules for Wise Buying

1. DON'T BEGIN TO SAVE ON MILK.—Childrenmust have it; adults ought to. Milk builds bone and muscle better than any other food.

2. Spenn at Leasen.



family dietary better; if purchased in season and of the sort grown in your own locality, they need not be expensive.

4. Use Breadstuffs More or Less Freelly, According to Your Desire for Economy.—
They are usually the most economical of all the foods. The Food Administration does not ask you to use less bread but less wheat in your bread.

5. Be Sparing in the Use of Meats.—
These are usually the most expensive of the staple foods in proportion to their food value, and are not strictly necessary when a proper amount of milk is used. Meat may be decreased with less harm than any other of the other foods mentioned. The amount spent for meat may decrease as the amount for milk increases. tions are for such voluntary for such voluntary as will conserve the necessary supported as conditions change, the directions are modified. They are stiffened in one line, relaxed in another.

The food situation in Europe is critical—far graver than when the first reckoning was made of the world's supply for this year. Harvests fell below estimates, the shortage of shipping has grown more acute, remote markets have become inaccessible.

There is simply not enough food in Europe, yet the soldiers of the Allies must be maintained in full strength, their wives and children at home must not face famine; the friendly neutrals must not be abandoned to starvation; and finally our own army in France must not be nead and finally our own army in France must not elack needed food. There is just one way in which these requirements can be met.

America must further the properties of the strength and preparation and peas for the army instead of food for my family?

2. The exchange of milk, cheese, eggs, fish, game, beans, nuts and peas for beet, mutton, pork?

3. The use of barley, buckwheat, corn, oats, potatoes and rye instead of wheat?

We have

CAKE.

Substitution of the vegetable fats whenever possible?

6. The substitution of honey, molasses, corn syrup or other syrup for sugar so far as possible?

7. Meals adapted to the season and pocket-book? Have they character and flavor?

Recipes

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The Allies ask us to meet only their absolutely imperative needs. They are restricting the consumption of their own people to the minimum. They are controlling their food by drastic government regulation. There is privation a mong their women and children; there is star-

ens and cook for five min-utes. Pour over fish and garnish with lemon slices.

corn Dodgers.—Pour one and three quarters cup of boiling water over two cups of corn meal, one teaspoons of fat. Beat well and when cool form into thin cakes and bake one half hour in a hot oven. These crisp biscuits are good served hot with butter or gravy.



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teaspoon of soda and two teaspoons of baking powder. Bake in layer cakes or in two loaves for forty-five minutes.

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TAMALE PIE (Serves six).—Make a mush by stirring two cups of corn meal and one and one half teaspoon of salt into boiling water and cook forty-five minutes. Brown one onion in one tablespoon of fat; add one pound of beef after it is put through the food-chopper, and stir until the red color disappears. Add two cups of tomato, one third teaspoon of cayenne pepper, or one small chopped sweet pepper, and one teaspoon of salt. Grease a baking dish, put in a layer of corn meal mush, add the seasoned meat, and cover with mush. Bake thirty minutes.

SMOTHERED RARRIT—Dross one relabit and

oes, and season with fat, sait and peppers, it he cases with this mixture, brush with k, and bake for eight or ten minutes in a oven. Potatoes may be stuffed in the mornand heated at noon or in the evening for ner.

DATMEAL MUFFINS.—Heat one and one half so of milk and pour over two cups of rolleds and let stand for forty-five minutes. Add water to cover and simmer for one hour. Strain and to each cup add three rolleds and let stand for forty-five minutes. Add water to cover and simmer for one hour. Strain and to each cup add three rolleds and let stand for forty-five minutes. Add water to cover and simmer for one hour. Strain and to each cup add three rolleds and let stand for forty-five minutes. Add water to cover and simmer for one hour. Strain and to each cup add three rolleds and none beaten egg. Beat well and add one beaten egg. Beat well and add one cup of flour to which four teaspoons of baking powder has been added. Beat hard and bake half an hour in gem tins.

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2. SPEND AT LEAST AS MECH FOR MILK AS
FOR MEAT.—Remember that a quart of milk is
equal in food value to a pound of steak.

3. SPEND AT LEAST AS MUCH FOR VEGETABLES
AND FRUITS AS FOR MEAT AND FISH.—Fresh
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DRIED PLUMS.—Cover plums with boiling water, let stand twenty minutes, drain and dry in mouth of oven or in the sun. Useful for winter marmalade, sauces and puddings.

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Dutch Apple Butter.—Boil cider down one half. Pare, quarter and core sound, sweet apples, using about half the amount of apple that there is boiled-down cider. Put apples into boiled cider and cook over rather a quick fire, stirring very frequently to prevent burning. When the apples are reduced to a smooth pulp, add a palatable flavoring of powdered allspice, and put the butter in earthen jars. If kept closed from the air, it will keep indefinitely.

DRIED PUMPKIN.—Cut into half-inch strips and pare. Plunge into boiling water for three minutes and then in cold. Remove surface moisture and string the same as apple. Dry in the sun or over the kitchen stove.

Furs in War Time Rise Sharply in Price

meat stock or thickened grayy, one tablespoon of lemon juice and one bay leaf and continue cooking in the oven about one and one half hours.

MAKE YOUR OWN CORN-STARCH.—Take ripe but not dried white field corn. Grate the kernels down to the cob. Place in a bowl, cover with water and let the pieces of husk rise to the surface, then skim them off. Stir the corn and water well, then let it stand several hours.

Drain off the water, and fine white sediment will be found in the bottom of bowl, which is corn-starch. This will soon dry and can be put away in bags or boxes. Use to thicken soups and gravies, and to make into puddings. Also makes an excellent starch for clothes.

Home-Madde Fruit Vinegar.—Use apple cores and parings, pulp from jelly-making, skins and stones from pulping plums and other fruit, berries, etc. Add water to cover and simmer for eups of water and one tablespoon of molasses. Put into a creck. Tie a piece of cloth over the top and let it make in the sun from four to six weeks.

PLAIN TOMATO PASTE.—Stew the tomatoes unfine as fine sieve to take out the skins and woody portions of the pulp and woody portions of the pulp place what passes through a fine sieve to take out the skins and woody portions of the pulp place what passes through a fine sieve to take out the skins and woody portions.

Repairing Soldiers' Garments

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Hundreds of women are now being employed by the government in the work of repairing the garments of soldiers and also in the laundries of cantonments. The former work is said by the mattermaster general's office to have cut down the issue of new clothing and new shoes from thirty to forty per cent in some instances. In employing the women, preference is given to the wives, sisters and mothers of men in the service.

The plants where the mending is done are run in connection with forts and camps by the camp quartermaster. When a soldier tears or rips a garment, he turns it in to his supply officer. In turn it is taken to the repair shop, managed by the conservation and reclamation officer. When in order the garment if possible is returned to the original owner.

The same methods of thrift are being used in conjunction with camp laundries. By paying one dollar a month a soldier is entitled to a weekly bundle of laundry of which the number or articles is not limited. In almost all instances women operate these laundries. They also mend and repair all garments before they are laundered.

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